

Preparing for Impact:

How we can overcome barriers and cultivate a culture of collaboration, understanding, and respect to achieve impact on survivor support

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Is the evidence base on support for survivors of modern slavery informing policy and the work of practitioners in the UK?



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There are concrete examples of research making an impact, but it is clear that there is room for improvement.

Survivor support research is not informing policy and practice as often as it should.



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Six common barriers to impact

Access, feasibility, funding, preconceptions, relevance, and time

Three values that underpin impact:

Collaboration, understanding, and respect



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Barriers to impact and ways through them

- Access
- Feasibility
- Funding
- Preconceptions
- Relevance
- Time



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Cultivating a culture of collaboration, understanding, and respect

- Collaboration
- Understanding
- Respect



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Recommendations

1. Plan for impact from the beginning
2. Respond to issues on the ground
3. Be realistic and specific
4. Make research accessible
5. Share findings strategically
6. Have an open mind
7. Understand each other's worlds
8. Gain first-hand experience
9. Communicate during research
10. Share emerging findings



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