

Forum on Male Victimization: What is ManTalk and How Did it Evolve?

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MANTALK

Are you a man over the age of 19 who has been sexually abused?

Would you like to talk to other men about that shared experience?

ManTalk is a confidential, emotionally supportive group for male victims of sexual abuse. We meet on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday evenings of the month.

We are a welcoming and safe space. GBTIQ, African Nova Scotian, Aboriginal and other men representing diverse communities are encouraged to join.

New members always welcomed.

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Experience at WSP



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Johnny's Story

- 21 year old man on PC Range for SA, and host of other charges from 1 incident
- Attended treatment as a diversion until I “fired him” as a client
- After detailed sexual history was able to make connections between victimization and perpetration
- Revelation: “I don’t think I’ve ever truly had consensual sex”
- Transitioned speedily into offender treatment and transfer

- Almost all men had significant histories as victims of trauma

ManTalk, Fall 2011



MAN TALK

Are you a man over the age of 19 who has had a history of being sexually abused? Do you want to get together with other men to learn about and talk about that shared experience?

A small group of men have developed a professionally supported, educational and emotionally supportive group for male victims of sexual abuse. We are hosting an 8 week, introductory session in Halifax this Fall.

COME JOIN US!

- The Reality of Male Sexual Victimization
- Physical, Emotional and Spiritual Healing
- What to do with your abuser
- Breaking the Silence
- Healthy relationships
- Healthy Sexuality
- Parenting
- Addiction

- Tim M. – got stuck on breaking the silence and group work
- Inspires ManTalk
- Posted ad in The Coast
- Approx. 10 men came
- Range from marginally housed man in early 20's to retired international diplomat
- 8 week group, Fall 2011
- 8 week group, Spring 2012
- 8 week group, Fall 2012 . . .
- ManTalk continued as twice monthly group

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Meet Andrew

The Chronicle Herald

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HELP FOR SEXUALLY ABUSED MEN



Social worker Robert Wright stands near M&Yuk, a support group for men who have been sexually abused. TED FITCHARD • H&M

Andrew DeRose is a childhood sexual abuse survivor. He carried his secret for over three decades.

In 2009, at age 42, DeRose finally disclosed his abuse in a magazine. He'd asked him — when he was rushed to hospital, his face drained to one side — if

A TIME & PLACE TO TALK

on the people he helps, that it still took ten years to come to terms with what happened to him.

After losing one social work job and a failed marriage, DeRose fell into a clinical depression that lasted several months. All he could do was sleep. Later came a

MONCTON SHOOTINGS

'May that healing begin'

Victim's pastor leads emotional church service

KEVIN BASSETT
THE CANADIAN PRESS

MONCTON, N.S. — Five days after the fatal shootings of three RCMP officers in Moncton, the pastor of the church where they were buried held a congregational service for the healing to begin.

Larry Rudolph asked everyone Sunday to pray for the family, friends and colleagues of the three New Brunswick Moncton killed in a gunner on Wednesday.

He told the service at St. Luke's Baptist Church that bad things can happen to good people.

"May that healing begin here today," said Rudolph, standing in front of a picture of them and his wife Kathleen on their wedding day. "Our hearts are broken for the lives of those three Moncton who sacrificed in the line of duty this week."

"Life is a gift to be lived and

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Q&A With Andrew

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