

COMMUNITY PARTNER DESCRIPTION*:

Be the Peace Institute is a registered non-profit community-based organization promoting positive social change by addressing the roots and consequences of violence against women and girls. The roots would include the social, structural and systemic forces, based on centuries of patriarchy, that deny women and girls full equality, security, opportunity and justice. Our ultimate aim is true gender equity, healthy relationships and peaceful communities, schools, workplaces and systems in Nova Scotia that are safe, dignified and inclusive for people of all genders.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

CLARI funding will enable us as part of a larger project, to significantly expand the sample size and research to understand directly from survivors of gendered violence, how they perceive and define justice and particularly with members of vulnerable groups. Eg. African. Indigenous, gender non-binary. disabled or women living in poverty. Current research is thin on this, and practically non-existent within those vulnerable groups. We would partner with researchers to conduct narrative interviews and focus groups with first-voice survivors to document, analyse, disseminate and utilize the data to inform pathways for action with an array of system partners in justice transformation and more responsive. trauma-specific, restorative outcomes.

PROJECTED BENEFITS:

With the first-voice data we gather, we can make more credible claims about the pathways women seek for justice after gendered violence, versus using inference and assumption from service providers and 'experts.' This Will inform our larger 3-year project in identifying leverage points for structural and systemic change with both system actors and community partners in mapping and implementing new and innovative models that will serve as best practice opportunities in Nova Scotia and beyond. This will also make a significant contribution to the body of knowledge about women's experiences. perceptions of justice and the needs and remedies they seek from the system.

* [These are excerpts from the Community Partner's original proposal 01/01/18]