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Bereavement

Support Group

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- To feel cared about
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- Increase in startle responses

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Each week we discuss and share our feelings and experiences related to the following topics:

- Sharing Your Story
- Impact of Loss
- Guilt and Anger
- Intrusive Images
- Restorative Storytelling
- Honouring the Memory
- Journal Writing/Victim Impact Statement
- Healthy Goodbyes



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- Restorative Storytelling
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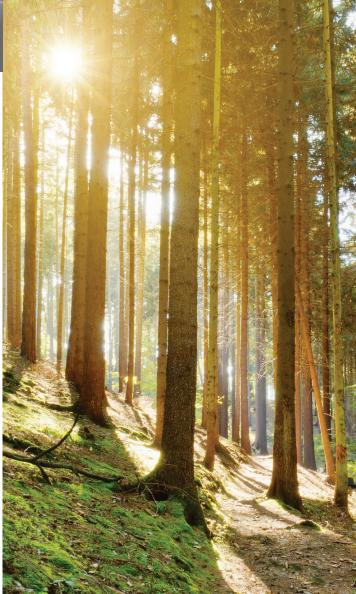
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Each week we discuss and share our feelings and experiences related to the following topics:

- Sharing Your Story
- Impact of Loss
- · Guilt and Anger
- Intrusive Images
- Restorative Storytelling
- Honouring the Memory
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