

# BETTER TOGETHER: LIVED AND CLINICAL EXPERTISE

SafeSide Prevention has a vision of a world where every person is respected, connected, and giving to others.

SafeSide pursues this mission through programs and leadership consultation to enhance culture, practice, and education for suicide prevention.

**Persons with lived experience are central to this vision as we support organisations beyond their safety goals and as we aim towards recovery, health, and happiness.**

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PHOTO: Founding Lived Experience Faculty Member Kristina Mossgraber and SafeSide Founder Professor Tony Pisani

## Our People and Partners

SafeSide has a team of people around the world who are lived experience and suicide prevention experts, clinicians, researchers, and change management professionals.

SafeSide supports organisations in Australia, Canada, New Zealand, the UK, and the USA. In Australia, these include a range of government and community-managed organisations.

**At SafeSide, we believe in continuously learning and evolving — together.**

"SafeSide has had a profound effect on my personal recovery journey.

I live with chronic suicidal ideation, and over the past two years I have experienced the greatest personal and professional challenges of my life.

Despite these challenges, I have grown more in the last two years since receiving the original SafeSide training than in the preceding 25 years. I directly attribute my progress to SafeSide."

**Mark Ellis**

Peer Worker (NSW Australia)  
SafeSide Lived Experience Faculty

National Service Lead SP  
Peer Workforce Support Services  
Roses In The Ocean

## Lived Experience Faculty Members



**Melanie Clark** is a long-time advocate for the well-being of others and has been an active advocate for families as a Family Carer Representative in NSW, Australia.

Mel's passion for suicide prevention is grounded in her lived experience of caring for her brother and acting as his advocate in interactions with health services.



**Sam Fewings** spent twenty years working in Human Resources and Insurance before dedicating himself to suicide prevention as an advisor and facilitator.

Sam has lived experience of suicide and is passionate about stigma reduction and giving a voice to others with lived experience.



**Jack Stem** is a Project Manager at the University of Cincinnati's College of Nursing. Jack is in recovery from opioid use disorder (27 years on March 28, 2022), bringing his own experience dealing with the disease of substance use disorder to bear on his work.

Jack has since dedicated his professional life to helping others with this disease.