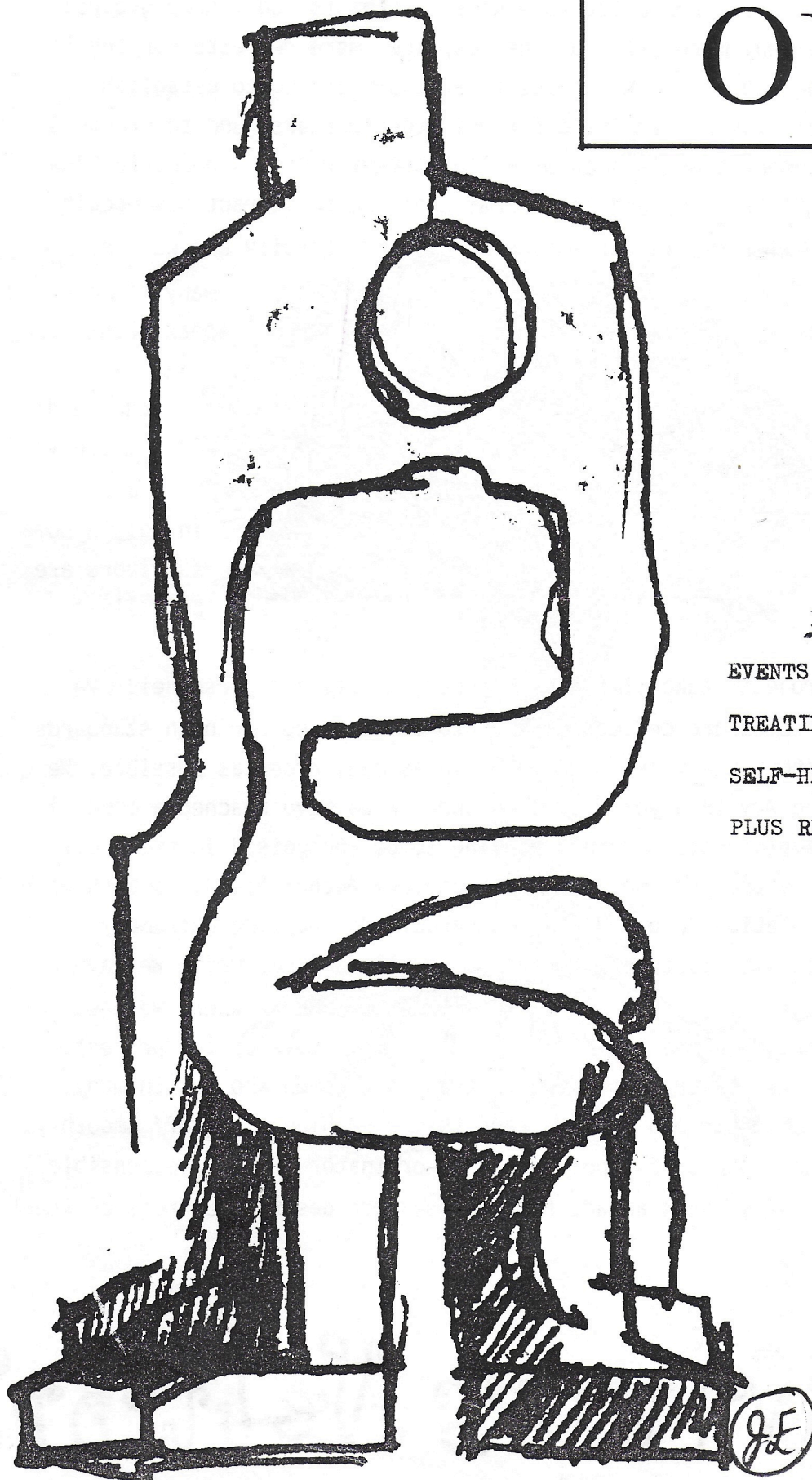


NEWSLETTER OF THE SURVIVORS NETWORK (SUSSEX)  
FOR WOMEN WHO HAVE BEEN SEXUALLY ABUSED AS CHILDREN

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# SPEAK OUT



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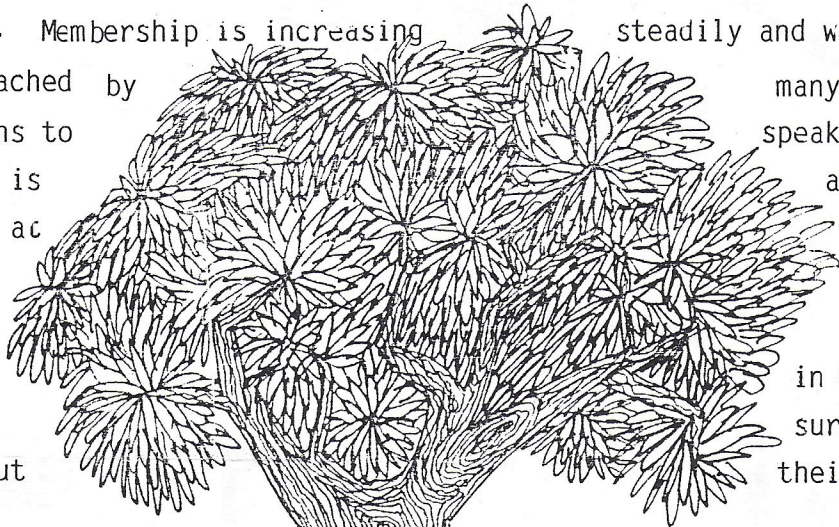
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# Taking Root

As you probably are aware the Survivors' Network has been growing very rapidly lately. There are a lot more women asking for self-help groups; we are getting many more calls on the Helpline; more requests for one to one counselling and so on. Alongside this we are trying to establish recruitment policies and training for volunteer workers, and to create a working environment that is accessible to as many women as possible. The Newsletter is flourishing and the Forums continue to attract new people each month. Membership is increasing steadily and we are

being approached by many organisations to speak about our work. There is an Art Exhibition at the Red Herring Gallery in June and a "Speak Out" women talking about



many speak about our an Art the Red Gallery and a in July - some survivors are their lives.-

All of these projects take time and energy money and personnel! We know that many women are dedicated to maintaining our high standards and want to further the work in as many areas as possible. We have come a long way in a year and now we have reached a crucial point in our development. We are beginning to be recognised in the local community (and by the various Statutory Authorities), as a Charity with a good reputation, and capable of tackling extremely sensitive issues with tact and skill (and humour!) We have reached the stage where we need someone to co-ordinate and develop the project. The volume of work is very demanding on those few women who put in many hours per week of their own time to keep things running 'sort of' smoothly. So we are in the process of appointing a co-ordinator to be responsible for some of the many tasks ahead. Her proposed job description runs to about fourteen pages!

# Survivors Network.

# Network Co-ordinator!

CONGRATULATIONS to our new co-ordinator Sal Norris who takes up her post in June. She was among a number of talented women who applied even after reading the proposed job description! Sal joins the Network at a crucial point in its development and we wish her every success with the tasks ahead. Best wishes too to the others shortlisted for interview who showed such enthusiasm for the Network. We hope to see them all at events in the future. Thank you to all those Management Committee members and others who gave up a lot of time to the difficult decision making process.

Sal's job will include some of the following tasks:

To develop a high standard of one to one counselling

To set up and oversee the organisation of self-help groups

To establish outreach work and interagency projects in the wider community

To develop an education/training programme to promote awareness of the long term effects of childhood sexual abuse

To attend appropriate meetings in the Community on behalf of the Network, to liaise with other professionals and report back to the Management Committee and Forums

To attend to various administrative tasks including compiling statistics and updating policy.

and many more!!!!!!

We hope evryone will get chance to meet with Sal soon.

## Congratulations and Welcome

P.S

IT IS IMPORTANT TO REMEMBER THAT THE SURVIVORS NETWORK IS STILL A GRASSROOTS ORGANISATION, AND WOULD NOT EXIST WITHOUT THE VOLUNTARY INPUT FROM WITHIN THE NETWORK (AND OUTSIDE OF IT).

IF YOU FEEL YOU WOULD LIKE TO OFFER SOME TIME/SKILL etc. AS A ONE-OFF,

OR REGULAR TASK THEN PLEASE CONTACT THE NETWORK: P.O.BOX 188 Btn. BN1 7JW

