

Do you have a story that needs to be told? We're listening.

Unedited Voices of the Upper Valley is a project of WISE WAEV (We're Acting to End Violence), a group of WISE supporters who want to give people in the greater Upper Valley opportunities to **work together to end violence**.

Our community and the world need to know the **truth about domestic and sexual violence**. The truth about your experience. Maybe you've been told that it's not important. Or that it's not OK to tell. Or that it's your own fault. Abusers say these things and our society reinforces the messages. Those of us most impacted are often left feeling alone, with shame and embarrassment. This is a chance to change that, **a chance to tell your truth and let it be heard**.

Maybe you want to tell about what he did to you or your kids. Maybe your story is about how you were treated by people you went to for help, or maybe you want to share the experience of a loved one. Maybe you were at Unedited Voices in 2014 or 2016 or had another experience that changed how you think about domestic and sexual violence. We want to hear from you. Submissions can be a **poem, essay, song, artwork, photos or dance**.

We will **publish a booklet of these pieces**, and some of the stories will be shared (with permission) at an **event at the Lebanon Opera House on Wednesday, April 4**. Some will read their own work; some will prefer that others read it.

You decide how you want your piece used. You may want to compose your story and don't want it shared. You may want to share your story but remain anonymous. It is up to you.

You can get a **submission form** by e-mailing voices@wiseoftheuppervalley.org, visiting our website (<http://www.wiseuv.org/join-us.html#waev>), or coming to WISE 38 Bank Street, Lebanon, NH 03766. Please share your submissions **by February 15**. We can also help you get started or help you refine your piece. If your story is not told on paper or if you want more information please email or call 603.448.5922 ext.102.



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<http://www.wiseuv.org/join-us.html#waev>

Unedited Voices of the Upper Valley Submission Form

We are listening for your **experiences with domestic violence and sexual assault, whether you experienced it directly, indirectly or are a concerned community member**. We are accepting written submissions up to two pages in length (**poem, essay**), **art work, photos, paintings, songs, short videos or dance** – whatever way you want to express your experience. All submissions will be considered for presentation at an **event at The Lebanon Opera House on April 4, 2018** unless you tell us otherwise.

Stories can be e-mailed to: voices@wiseoftheuppervalley.org or sent via mail or dropped off at: WISE, Attn: Unedited Voices, 38 Bank Street, Lebanon, NH 03766. Please answer the following questions and **include this page with your piece** so we can understand how you would like your submission included:

1. Would you like help getting started or with refining your piece? Yes No

2. Would you like your piece to be considered for performance or display at the Lebanon Opera House event on Wednesday, 4/4/18? Yes No
 - a. If yes, would you like to read/perform it? Yes No

 - b. Would you prefer to have someone else read it? Yes No
 If yes, we will have people to read but if you have someone in mind, please share their name and contact information:

3. Would you be interested in reading someone else’s piece at the event? Yes No

4. Would you like your piece to be included in a booklet that will be created for the event and may be available after the event? Yes No

5. Would you like your name withheld from all materials? Yes No

6. Please sign below, stating that you give your permission for your work to be included in the ways you have specified. If you would prefer not to be identified, you can sign “anonymous”.

Name

Date

Optional contact information:

Name: _____

Phone number: _____ OK to leave a voicemail? Yes No

Email (if safe to use it for this purpose): _____

