



## Peer Support Groups

### Engaging with your online community

#### Mighty Networks policies

Lung Foundation Australia is using the Mighty Networks platform to provide an opportunity for independently run peer support groups to come together online. The offer is available to all peer support groups who are part of our Affiliated Support Group Network.

You can read more about the Mighty Networks policies below:

[Mighty Networks privacy policy](#)

[Might Networks acceptable use policy](#)

#### Lung Foundation Australia user guidelines

The Mighty Networks Lung Foundation Australia Peer Support Network, hereafter referred to as the "Network" is hosted by Lung Foundation Australia. The Network hosts a variety of affiliated but independent peer support groups, hereafter referred to as "Groups."

Whilst Lung Foundation hosts the overarching Network platform, Groups remain independently run with the support of volunteer peer support group leaders. All peer support interaction and activity will take place within the individual Groups. All activity will remain private and only accessible by invited and accepted members of the Group.

Lung Foundation Australia does not monitor or moderate the Groups, allowing them to remain autonomous and peer led.

All Groups are encouraged to discuss and share thoughts without discrimination. We ask that all Groups ensure they adhere to the following:

- Respect the personal privacy of all members and their right to keep personal contact details such as email, phone numbers or other social media accounts private
- do not harass, abuse, or threaten other members in your Group, or in the Network
- be mindful of how comments could impact and affect members before posting them
- do not use obscene or offensive language
- do not post or repeat comments continuously
- do not promote anything that may constitute spam, such as commercial interests, solicitations, or advertisements.
- act in accordance with the peer support model of mutual aid which does not replace medical advice or provide counselling services

If the above guidelines are not adhered to the peer support group leaders may potentially remove comments or remove members from the Group. If Lung Foundation Australia is made aware of content that is affecting the enjoyment of the Network for all members, we will discuss this with the Group/s. Overall, the Network should be a place where everyone feels safe, welcome, and respected. Thank you for taking the time to read this policy.

If you have any questions about this policy please contact

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