

Elsewhere Barrio Consent Guide and Tools

Care, Responsibility & Harm Reduction

Welcome to the Barrio Consent Guide!

This guide provides practical tools to help barrios cultivate strong consent culture before, during, and after the event. It outlines responsibilities, support structures, reporting pathways, and ways to integrate consent into daily barrio life.

Consent culture is not provided externally by Elsewhere. The Consent group provides frameworks, education, reporting systems, and support structures. **But the culture itself is created by each barrio and participants.**

For direct community support: Use the **Consent WhatsApp group** or consent@nobodies.team

1. Building a Consent Culture Before Arrival

Consent culture begins long before arriving onsite.

★ Each barrio should actively discuss: WHAT CONSENT MEANS

Consent is a **voluntary, informed, explicit, ongoing, and revocable agreement** to do something specific together. It applies to:

- Physical touch (sexual and non-sexual)
- Entering private spaces
- Borrowing belongings
- Photography and video
- Offering substances, food or drink
- Task allocation
- Build and strike participation
- Sexual activity
- Public-facing interactions
- Emotional labour and leadership expectation

★ Establish your barrio's consent norms

Each barrio defines its own micro-culture. Clarify:

- What behaviours are welcome
- What requires explicit check-in
- What spaces are private
- Sexual activity norms (if applicable)
- How visitors should engage with the space
- How concerns can be raised safely

★ Build consent into work allocation

Consent also applies to **collective labour**. When assigning **tasks, expectations, skills, and risks should be clearly communicated, participation must always be voluntary, and people must be able to decline without pressure.**

Breaks and rest should be normalised, and attention given to **preventing overload and burnout**, while remaining alert to subtle coercion through leadership pressure, social expectations, fear of disappointing others, or informal hierarchies.

2. Legal Responsibilities

To keep the event compliant with Spanish law:

Sex+ spaces

Any space where sexual activity may happen:

- Must be visibly signed **18+**
- Minors must be explicitly excluded

If an entire barrio is sex-positive, this must be clearly communicated.

Alcohol-serving spaces

Areas serving alcohol must be clearly marked. Barrios serving alcohol must have plans for:

- Preventing over-intoxication
- Supporting vulnerable participants

3. Educating Your Barrio

Elsewhere provides:

[Participant Code of Conduct](#)

[Workshop Facilitation Guide - Consent Angel Guide](#)

[Consent education presentation you can re-use if you don't have your own materials](#)

Barrio Consent Guide (this document!)

Posters and QR reporting materials

Consent WhatsApp support

Safer Space

Everything beyond that is barrio-created.

★ **Minimum expectation**

Every barrio should provide a short **consent orientation on arrival**, covering:

Consent basics (Definitions and examples) **Barrio specific norms** (How your barrio operates) **Available support** (Where participants can seek help) **Reporting pathways** (How incidents can be documented)

★ **If hosting sex+ events**

Additional safeguards are required: **Sober consent angels**. Decide whether you will provide consent angels to workshop facilitators, or if they will bring their own, but they need to be there.

They remain sober throughout, monitor interactions, notice discomfort early, and intervene when needed, offering discreet support and exit routes.

Participants must know who they are, how to contact them, and that opting out is always allowed. Please check the guide provided below, and make sure workshop facilitators have also read it!

[Workshop Facilitator Safety Guide and Workshop Consent Angel Guide](#)

4. Participant Code of Conduct

Elsewhere does not tolerate:

- Name calling, mental or verbal abuse, bullying, or intimidation
- Physical abuse, hostile behaviour, threatening behaviour, or the use of weapons
- Threatening harm towards oneself or others
- Discrimination or harassment on the grounds of sex, gender, sexual orientation, race, religion or belief, nationality, language(s) spoken, disability, age or any other characteristic
- Sexual harassment, unwelcome sexual attention, or unwanted physical contact
- Sexual activity in public spaces or anywhere not explicitly designated for such activity
- Repeated breaking of Elsewhere's Sound Policy, including breaking of the morning amplified sound curfew
- Any animals onsite (aside from assistance animals with prior written agreement)
- The taking and/or sharing of photographs or video without the consent of everyone captured.
- The use of drones Behaviour that wastes excessive amounts of resources and/or the time of volunteers, or puts the event at risk in any way
- Any illegal activity

All participants agree to this code during ticket purchase.

5. Support Available at Elsewhere

Nomads: roaming support from Malfare

Malfare: safety & interpersonal conflict

Security: access through Malfare

Welfare Enough: general emotional support

Safer Space

The Safer Space is accessible 24/7, either through a Safer Space volunteer present in the Welfare tent or by an on-call volunteer via radio.

SAFER SPACE

The Safer Space offers confidential support for recent incidents, older experiences resurfacing onsite, participants seeking accountability support and Barrio Leads managing incidents.

Safer Space Support for Barrios

- the Safer Space is available to everyone involved in or responding to a consent violation
- a 2nd option of support is someone asks for more privacy after a consent violation, including between barrio members

Safer Space goals:

- Reduce risk of longer-term trauma
- Offer immediate stabilization
- Provide documentation pathways if desired

The Safe Space is a designated safe cabin specifically intended to provide a private place where you can be heard without interruption.

Blue Hat volunteers welcome you to have a confidential support conversation about any consent violation you may have experienced.

All Blue Hat volunteers are experienced listeners, and some have relevant professional backgrounds.

Volunteers have signed a written confidentiality agreement and are committed to keeping all conversations private.



6. Reporting

Make sure everyone in your barrio knows how to report, or help a friend report, in case of a consent violation. This can be done in person, or online.

HOW TO REPORT ?

Please make reports - even small incidents - as they can help us to see patterns in behaviour or participant agreement breaches.

- The Welfare Enough Reporting box
- The Yellow Tent Reporting box in the Freecamp area



Online reporting form



Available during and after the event.

Please report incidents, including small ones. Pattern recognition depends on reporting.

7. Consent Response

Two Consent Response Leads review reported incidents (CoC breach).

The Consent Response Team uses a **restorative justice approach**. It is not a court. Its purpose is: **Learning / Accountability / Community safety and the sustainability of the event / Behavioural repair**

Possible responses: Statistical documentation, Communicating with relevant people (a reported person, workshop leaders, barrio teams, space holders, infrastructure etc) to explore how we can create more safety at the next event, opening a Consent Session, and in extreme cases making a temporary ban

Consent sessions include:

Reporter contact to ensure there is consent to hold a session → Two online meetings with the reported person (and a buddy if they choose) and a three person Consent Session Team → Participation Agreement (if we agree together that it is possible to safely include the reported person an agreement is usually created regarding their participation which may include onsite restrictions, daily check-ins, avoiding the person who made the report, reflective writing and education etc.) → Post event meeting to reflect on how it went and hopefully move forward without the need for an agreement

8. Practising Consent & Responding to Concerns

Consent requires ongoing attention. **Check-ins should be normalised**, discomfort or pressure should be actively noticed, and **early intervention should prioritise easy exit routes from uncomfortable situations**. Particular attention must be paid to subtle coercion through leadership dynamics or build pressure.

Each barrio ideally should designate at least two consent contacts to provide confidential support, listen without judgement, stabilize situations, and connect people to appropriate resources.

When concerns arise, **immediate safety takes priority**. The response should follow the affected person's lead, avoid assumptions or escalation without consent, and focus on care and stabilisation rather than punishment.

9. Creating a Consent Action Plan for your barrio

We encourage barrios to prepare a Consent Action Plan that may include:

- Welcome or orientation consent talks
- Build & strike wellbeing practices
- Consent signage and shared space norms
- Designated consent contacts within the barrio
- Safer bar, gifting, or substance practices
- Workshops or consent-focused activities
- Consent angels for higher-risk events

Use the template below to outline how your barrio will support consent culture **internally** (amongst barrio members) and **externally** (for the whole Elsewhere community)

Consent Action Plan Template

(Internal) Pre-event communication	What ?	Who ?	How ?
(example) Barrio newsletter.	Short intro about the importance of consent.	Consent Lead	Share useful resources.
(Internal) Build/Strike Management	What ?	Who ?	How ?

& Burn Out prevention			
(example) Monitor the level of competence needed for a task	Competence check while allocating a task	Build & Strike leads	Before the event, identify the risky / dangerous tasks
(Internal) Building infrastructure to support consent practices	What?	Who ?	How ?
(example) Agree on the use of the various spaces in camp and organize signage	Explicit signage added at each space entrance	Consent Lead and camp build team	Create signage that anybody can understand (colors or drawings)
(Internal) Educate barrio members about consent guidelines & resources when they arrive	What ?	Who ? (Norg Consent Leads can help upon request)	How ?

(example) Consent Awareness talk during the Barrio orientation meeting	Consent definitions and guidelines.	Consent Lead (+ help if necessary)	A 15-minute talk about consent in general, the barrio's consent practices, and an explanation of where other consent resources are at Elsewhere
(Internal) Event time	What ?	Who ?	How ?
(example) Well-being check-ins	ongoing mood check	Consent Lead	Informal periodic invites to barrio members to express any concern
(External) Consent-focused Events	What ?	Who ?	How ?

(example) Consent workshop for Respect Day (Tuesday)	'How to Receive a No' workshop	Barrio member	90-minute workshop with interactive exercises
(External) Events, Activities, & Gifts	What ?	Who ?	How ?
(example) The Bar / beverages gifted to the community	Consider how to improve consent practices of the barrio's bar for Elsewhere community	Barrio members running the bar (see shift sign-up sheet)	Create a menu sign with alcoholic options clearly labeled; Train bar staff not to pressure visitors to binge drink; Offer non-alcoholic options as well; Have one person remain sober each shift for safety support.
(example) Orgy event	Consider how to implement proper safeguards for this activity because there is a higher risk of sexual assault if things go wrong.	Laura will facilitate. Clara, Susana, & Mathieu will be sober consent angels. David is in charge of stocking safer sex supplies.	Speak to the facilitator. Confirm that the facilitator will give a consent talk at the beginning of the orgy and point out who the consent angels are if anyone has a concern or needs assistance. The doors will be closed after the event starts so no one can join after the consent talk. Provide safer sex supplies.

(External) Other days	Other Workshops: consent intro, incorporating consent principles	Who ?	How ?

CONSENT/WELFARE INCIDENT PROCESS

Whatever you are doing be mindful of your own nervous system - if you are not calm and regulated you cannot help others and will escalate rather than de-escalate the situation. Ask for support.

