### EXERCISE:

**I Have the Power**

- **TIME:** 30 MIN  
- **REQUIRED MATERIALS:** NONE

### SUMMARY:

*This is a seemingly simple, but very moving, exercise to support participants in recognising the power and strength they have within to keep themselves safe and well.*

### KEY EXPLANATION POINTS:

- Each participant sits in the middle of the room on a chair, with the facilitator behind him/her (the facilitator could put his/her hands on the participant’s shoulders to offer support if that is culturally/contextually appropriate—remember that physical touch can be supportive or upsetting, so always ask permission to touch a participant).

- The participant is asked to tell the group the powers they have within themselves.

- When all participants have spoken, the facilitator explains that this exercise is: to remind you of how strong you are, and how much you have within you. So often we hear about power that is scary, destructive; this is about the power to keep ourselves strong and safe.

### FACILITATION NOTES:

- Use this exercise at the end of the day, as a strong and positive closing exercise.

- While it is important not to limit the participants as they describe the power they have, as a guideline, facilitators could suggest they list 3–5 powers.