

# THE CSJ AWARDS 2024



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*...with the corridors of power*

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# WELCOME FROM RT HON SIR IAIN DUNCAN SMITH MP

The Centre for Social Justice (CSJ) was founded to bring practical, political solutions to Britain's social problems. As we celebrated our 20th Anniversary this year, I was reminded of the extraordinary people I first met 20 years ago on my first visit to the Easterhouse Estate and Gallowgate in Glasgow. From those first encounters, the CSJ has been committed to putting the voice of local, community-based charities at the heart of our work – and then celebrating the best of them through our annual CSJ Awards.

We've learned over 20 years that 'getting out there' to speak to grassroots organisations brings insights and experience that cannot be found from sitting at a computer. This makes the CSJ unique among think tanks. Frontline charities are in our DNA. This is why we set up the CSJ Foundation three years ago, to provide an infrastructure and a funding mechanism for the best game-changing charities across the UK.

I want to pay tribute to their unwavering commitment to improving their communities and the people who live in them. Their work often goes unnoticed – by Westminster politicians, by major funders, by the media – but not by the people whose lives they improve each day. For these people, the work of local charities is irreplaceable.

For my part, I remember what I saw during those early visits to Easterhouse and Gallowgate: the poverty, crime and addiction taking place far beyond the gaze of Westminster. I felt I had to do something and came away to do just that.

The CSJ was set up around the five pathways that we had identified as critical to people's likelihood to end up in poverty: worklessness, educational failure, family breakdown, serious personal debt, and addiction. Those five pathways have shaped our research, which has had such an effect in changing Government policy for the better.

Though the CSJ's unique relationship with grassroots charities across the UK, we connect the backstreets of Britain with the corridors of power to improve the lives of the poorest in our society. Recent examples include Universal Support, chronic school absence, family hubs, recidivism, and cuckooing.

That is why I am so proud of the CSJ Awards. They shine a spotlight beyond the Westminster bubble and fix our gaze on the best and brightest social game-changers this country has to offer. Our charitable Alliance now comprises more than 700 grassroots charities, supported by our CSJ Foundation and its six regional offices across the UK.

I am very grateful to my good friend, Rishi Sunak, for inviting us to Number 10 earlier this year to celebrate the brilliance of the 100-plus CSJ Charity award winners over the past 20 years, many of whom are here this evening. It is my hope that their work demonstrates what is possible and will inspire others to follow their lead, as it did me two decades ago.



**Rt Hon Sir Iain Duncan Smith MP**

*Founder and Chairman of the Centre for Social Justice*

# WELCOME FROM LEO NOÉ

Welcome! Tonight is all about recognising successful small charities that are making a real difference in communities across the UK. The charities in attendance, both winners and finalists, are shining examples of the difference small charities can make – how the actions of a few people can create transformational change in the lives of vulnerable and disadvantaged people across Britain.

But these charities usually go unnoticed and underfunded. You may be surprised to know that 85% of all charitable income goes to just 4% of charities – the very biggest ones at the top. Put another way, smaller community-based charities get a very small slice of the pie. This is why we established the CSJ Foundation, to provide a mechanism for philanthropists to directly support the very best local charities.

Every week we are enabling donors to find and fund game-changing small charities right across the UK. And we're making great progress – we've directed nearly £10m so far. But we want to do so much more. We want to dramatically increase the 'slice of the pie' available for smaller charities.

And so if you are a philanthropist – large or small – we are keen to work with you. Thanks to our network of over 700 charities, and our regional offices spread across the country, the CSJ Foundation can help you direct your giving to where it will have the biggest impact. This is why we are working with major private donors as well as established trusts like The Seb Coe Foundation, The Rose Paterson Trust, and Trusthouse Charitable Foundation.

We are focused on directing funding that enables charities to continue their vital work. As a donor myself, I understand the importance of being able to identify high-quality small charities.

When making a charitable donation, it's akin to investing in a business – you want to ensure you'll get a good bang for your buck. Not a financial return, but a social return – knowing that the investment will make a tangible and positive difference.

If you are interested in making your own giving go further. If you want help finding the best poverty fighting charities – like the ones we are celebrating this evening – please let us know. We would love to help you.

Tonight, we are honouring four winners and eight finalists – each of them are remarkable organisations. I hope you will join us in celebrating their incredible achievements. Through the CSJ Awards we hope to not only shine a spotlight on the exceptional work being done by grassroots charities, but also inspire others to support their efforts.

Once again, welcome to the CSJ Awards 2024. Let's all raise a glass to these inspiring charities and the difference they are making to the lives of so many. Thank you for being a part of this special evening.



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Leo Noé".

**Leo Noé**

*Chairman, CSJ Foundation*

# HOW THE CSJ WORKS

Our work follows a three-stage process:

## 1. UNDERSTANDING THE FRONTLINE

Through the CSJ Foundation, we regularly consult with, and invite views from, the CSJ Alliance, our network of over 700 poverty-fighting charities and organisations. This ensures our work is experience-led.

## 2. POLICY WORK

Our Policy teams conduct extensive research into the root causes of poverty, supported by expert working groups and advisory boards. This ensures our work is evidence-based.

## 3. DRIVING IMPACT

We advocate for the most disadvantaged in society through our campaigns and in the media. 64 CSJ policy recommendations were included in the General Election manifestos of the main political parties.



Listening to frontline stories



Seeing charities in action



Understanding local issues

Work and Opportunity



Education



Family



Debt & Financial Inclusion



Advisory Boards



Research



Roundtables



Addiction



Criminal Justice



Housing and Communities



Modern Slavery



Meeting policymakers



Making the case in the media



Delivering legislative change

We connect the backstreets of Britain with the corridors of power. We make practical, implementable recommendations that we know will be effective.

# AWARD WINNERS SHAPING POLICY

CSJ Award winners have often been the first to raise the alarm about a particular issue, which then helps to shape our research and policy work – bringing charities’ real-life experience into national policy-making. Together, we connect the backstreets of Britain with the corridors of power to improve the lives of the poorest in our society. Here is a flavour of the many policy wins that CSJ Award winners have helped to make happen.



## **UNIVERSAL CREDIT & UNIVERSAL SUPPORT**

The CSJ’s Universal Credit and Universal Support policies have changed the face of welfare in the UK. Inspired by charities like the Oldham-based Focused Care, and with the backing of many others, these policies provide tailored support for the vulnerable to help them into work. In the most recent budget the Chancellor announced a £240m boost for eight trailblazers to help people return to work.



## **GHOST CHILDREN**

Having uncovered record numbers of students missing from school, the so-called ‘ghost children’, we recommended the introduction of Attendance Mentors to help families and schools to get children back into education. Originally inspired by School Home Support, the Government has taken up this recommendation and last month committed another £15m to reach 10,000 more children.



## **CUCKOOING**

Working with our strategic partner, Justice and Care, we first heard about the growing scourge of “cuckooing” from grassroots charities reporting a rise in the number of vulnerable people being affected. We have evidenced this dreadful form of modern slavery where a person’s home is taken over to facilitate exploitation, and the government is now considering making this a criminal offence.



## **PROBLEM DEBT**

Our Alliance charities alerted us to the growing number of people on welfare struggling to pay large debts to the government. Some of these debts were decades old tax credit overpayments that recipients were unaware of until moving onto the new system and were now decreasing their benefits by 25% per month. We have campaigned for the deduction rate to be reduced, and the recent budget saw a decrease from 25% to 15%.



## **DAY RELEASE**

Work with Alliance charities, including The Recruitment Junction, Tempus Novo and Clean Slate Solutions, informed our research into how to unlock the barriers to work for people leaving prison. The Ministry of Justice has now expanded the use of day release for prisoner work placements as recommended in our report, ‘Unlocking Aspiration’.

# THE CSJ FOUNDATION

Since the launch of the CSJ Foundation in 2021, we have focused on our mission to elevate frontline voices, advocate for forgotten regions, and support grassroots charities.

We have a simple hypothesis: that most social problems are being solved somewhere often by small charities, without fanfare, and on a shoestring budget. Therefore, frontline, community-based charities across the country possess a wealth of knowledge about the best way to prevent poverty, but there is limited infrastructure to get their messages and ideas expressed nationally.

Our growing network of regional offices, rooted in local communities, make sure frontline voices are heard loud and clear in national discussions about poverty. And we direct much-needed funding to frontline charities.

The vast majority of the 170,000 registered UK charities are small; approximately 70% of charities have annual income below £50,000. But charitable funding is skewed towards the very big charities at the top: more than 85% of all charitable income goes to just 4% of charities.

The CSJ Foundation provides a platform for philanthropists to give directly to the very best local charities. By supporting the UK's most effective grassroots charities, connecting their expertise to policymakers, and bolstering their work through philanthropic support, we will strive for progress and change for the poorest in our society.

To discover more about the CSJ Foundation, visit [csjfoundation.org.uk](https://csjfoundation.org.uk)

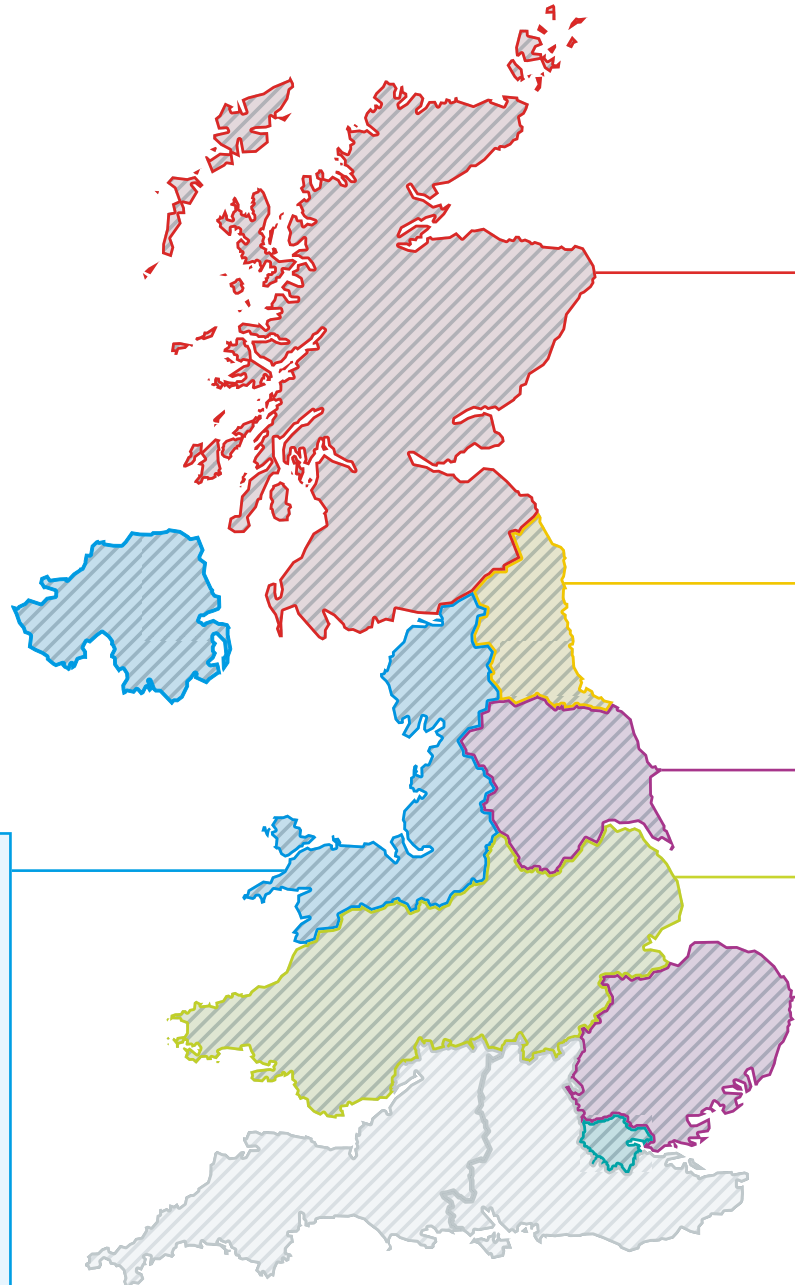
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# REGIONAL OFFICE IMPACT

The CSJ Foundation's regional offices are embedded in their local communities. Our dedicated staff support and develop our Alliance of more than 700 frontline charities. We connect the backstreets of Britain with the corridors of power, making the case for forgotten regions and showcasing innovations and successes, not just highlighting the problems. And we direct much-needed funding to frontline charities.



## NORTH WEST AND NORTH WALES

- ✓ 117 embedded in the community charities are members of the CSJ Alliance.
- ✓ £453,000 of private philanthropic giving directed across the region.
- ✓ 82 of the very best small grassroots charities attended the Big Listen in Manchester.
- ✓ 50 trusts and foundations convened at the Labour Party Conference in Liverpool to discuss supercharging philanthropy.
- ✓ Doubled the number of CSJ Alliance charities in Northern Ireland to better represent the Four Nations.

## SCOTLAND

- ✓ 50 grassroots charities part of the regional CSJ Alliance
- ✓ £280,000 of private philanthropic giving directed into Scotland Charities in the past 12 months
- ✓ The Big Listen Scotland hosted 80 Charity representatives from across the country
- ✓ Hosted the CSJ Chair over 2 days visiting charities in Edinburgh and Glasgow
- ✓ Published "Drowning Not Waving" paper on charity sector in Scotland, "Economic Inactivity in Scotland, The worst of both worlds" and "Where have all the Children Gone?" a paper on the crisis of educational absence in Scottish Schools.

## NORTH EAST

- ✓ 74 grassroots charities part of the regional CSJ Alliance
- ✓ £395,000 of new private philanthropic giving into the region over the last 12 months
- ✓ The Big Listen NE brought 100 social sector leaders together to discuss problems and solutions in the community.
- ✓ The CSJ Foundation Board "Road Trip" brought the leadership for a tour of the region, meeting with some amazing charities.
- ✓ Numerous multi day policy trips, exploring mental health, addiction, loneliness, community and criminal exploitation.

## MIDLANDS AND SOUTH WALES

- ✓ 109 poverty-fighting charities members of the CSJ Alliance
- ✓ £300,000 of philanthropic giving to local grassroots organisations across the region
- ✓ Over 70 embedded charities attended and inputted into the Big Listen Midlands
- ✓ Hosted 11 focus groups for the Addiction, Mental Health and the Isolation and loneliness policy papers
- ✓ Launched a focus paper on the state of the West Midlands in partnership with the Rigby Foundation 'A new Deal for Young People in the West Midlands'.

## YORKSHIRE AND EAST ANGLIA

- ✓ 105 local charities and social enterprises are supported as members of the CSJ Alliance
- ✓ £330,000 of philanthropic giving to local grassroots organisations
- ✓ Over 50 Yorkshire organisations have shaped CSJ projects this year including Golddigger Trust as advisors on the CSJ's mental health project
- ✓ The Yorkshire Big Listen hosted over 70 charities and Launched the start of a series of 7 Big Listens across the country
- ✓ Connected Yorkshire to the corridors of power through presence at party conference panels, evidence to APPG's and attendance and questions asked to the Social Justice Commissioners at the launch of 'A United Nation and when the then Prime Minister Rishi Sunak gave a speech in the CSJ offices.





# ABOUT THE CSJ AWARDS

The CSJ Awards is an annual event to showcase, celebrate, and reward the very best grassroots charities and social enterprises from local communities throughout the UK. These organisations have developed effective and innovative ways of addressing entrenched social issues, and work with some of the hardest to reach people in the UK. The CSJ Awards exist to ensure that those working to tackle poverty around the country are heard by decision makers in Westminster. Previous winners have helped to tackle modern slavery, rehabilitate ex-offenders, improve educational outcomes in deprived areas, and bring isolated older people back into the community.

The impact of winning a CSJ Award is long-lasting and helps these organisations to grow and widen the reach of their inspirational work. Previous winners have been profiled on prime-time television, had their services rolled out in every school across the country, and secured over half a million pounds in additional funding as a result of the exposure that the CSJ Awards gave them. Thanks to the generosity of our sponsors and philanthropists, each winner will receive a cash prize of £20,000 and their work showcased in front of an influential audience of politicians, philanthropists, journalists, celebrities, and policy makers. The platform we provide has been transformational for previous winners.

Please let us know if you feel you can help our Award winners. You can also help to raise the profile of their work by tweeting about the Awards using #CSJAwards.



# IMPACT OF CSJ AWARDS

Winning a CSJ Award is not just about the prize money or the ceremony. It can also be a springboard to significant growth and development for the charities that win. Our analysis of the winning charities over the past 20 years shows that the majority go on to increase their reach and impact considerably.

Analysing data from the year before charities win a CSJ Award and today, we see that on average, winning charities increase their income by over 3 times. In turn, this triggers an increase in their output towards the critical social issues they are seeking to address.

Furthermore, winning charities have greatly extended their reach and impact after winning a CSJ Award. From the year before winning a CSJ award and today, on average, charities increase their service-users by over 10 times. In addition, staff levels increase by 1.5 times following winning a CSJ Award.

The CSJ Awards also opens doors to other prestigious awards and recognition. Our analysis shows that 75 per cent have gone on to receive other awards, showing that a CSJ award is impetus to further endorsement and increase impact.

Organisations have increased their service-users by over

# 10x

Since winning CSJ Awards

On average, organisations roughly

# TRIPLED

their income and expenditure between the year before they won their award and 2021

# 75%

of award winning charities have gone on to receive other awards and grants



# HOW HAVE THE AWARD WINNERS BEEN CHOSEN?

Every year, the CSJ team combs the country to identify the most outstanding, innovative, and effective organisations who fight poverty on the frontline. We look for charities that help the hardest to reach, inspire us with their impact, and have discovered ways of scaling their work beyond their own neighbourhood. On average, the CSJ team visit two Alliance charities everyday.



Over the last year the CSJ has supported 734 small charities right across the UK via our Foundation's regional offices. This support has seen us link them into policy, introduce them to philanthropists, and help them on daily issues that affect them. Through this process, we've got to know them closely and entered them into the CSJ Awards.

The CSJ Foundation team conducted a process of application, which meant desk analysis, visits and much arguing – enabling us to whittle the very best down to 12. The job of our independent, esteemed team of judges, with a wealth of experience across a wide range of sectors, was to come to select the winners.







## WINNER ONE-EIGHTY

### What they do:

One-Eighty is a mental health and education-focused charity based in Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire. Its mission is to help vulnerable children and young people (aged 4-18) improve their mental health and re-engage with their education, preventing exclusion from school and addressing complex mental health needs through evidence-based interventions and early intervention group activities.

### Impact:

- Provided crucial support to over 2,000 children and adolescents who were at risk of exclusion from school.
- 85% receiving support have shown improved mental health outcomes and have successfully reintegrated into education.

### Why they won a CSJ Award:

The judges were very impressed with One-Eighty's programme for individual intervention which is an 8-10-week intensive, psychologically focused one-to-one session for children with complex needs that are preventing school attendance. These sessions provide personalised support to address the specific challenges children are facing. Equally impressive is One-Eighty's preventative mental health programs, which involve early intervention mental health group projects delivered in primary and secondary educational settings.

The charity has a clear vision for the future and their evidence-based approach has lots of potential for growth and national rollout. With an externally validated Social Return on Investment study, their social value results speak for themselves – every £1 invested into One Eighty produces over £11 invested into the community.

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**WINNER**

# NEW BEGINNINGS FOUNDATION

## What they do:

The mission of New Beginnings is to keep children who are in the child protection system safe from harm by building meaningful relationships based on trust, respect, and honesty, with the goal of supporting parents to break the cycle of intergenerational trauma. They specialise in working with parents whose children are subject to the child protection process due to concerns of abuse and neglect, providing intensive support and advocating for their well-being.

## Impact:

- Over 200 parents have benefited from their intensive 24-week program, which represents a 70% completion rate.
- 60% of the families report positive changes and improved well-being.
- 50% report a reduction in the sense of isolation and stigma from the families
- 60% improvement in their parenting skills and their ability to provide a safe and nurturing environment for their children.

## Why they won a CSJ Award:

New Beginnings use innovative methods to help families. They focus on the parents of families in the care system, rather than just the children. They are highly regarded in their field and have developed bespoke services which often attract referrals from professional agencies who have grown to rely on their services – which bodes well for their plans to expand. This model could be replicated across other local councils and save a large number of children from entering the child protection system. The judges were impressed with their innovative approach and the passion and drive of the charity’s leadership team.

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## WINNER

# THE BOATHOUSE YOUTH

### What they do:

The mission of The Boathouse Youth is to ensure that thousands of young people across Blackpool and the Fylde Coast can participate in effective youth provision, delivered by experienced youth work professionals, in an accessible space close to their homes – at no cost. They aim to support young people in becoming the best version of themselves through increasing their personal capabilities, aspirations, and relationships with others.

### Impact:

- The academic performance of BHY members notably improves, with students demonstrating a 30% increase in grades and engagement.
- Behavioural incidents have decreased by 40%, fostering a more positive and inclusive environment.
- The overall well-being and mental health of the young individuals involved have shown a 20% improvement.
- Engaged 500 young people in its programs, with 70% of them reporting increased aspirations.

### Why they won a CSJ Award:

This charity genuinely puts young people at the front and centre of everything they do. The young people are involved in meetings with funders; they engage in conversations with commissioners; they participate in management and governance meetings; they are even on payroll as members of the youth leadership team!

Boathouse offers studying opportunities for apprenticeship programmes, which is a brilliant way of engaging children in further educational opportunities. Boathouse's ambition is focused completely on delivering more for their community and ensuring that the darker spots of youth provision in Blackpool and surrounding areas is filled with quality youth work.


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**WINNER**

# CLEAN SLATE SOLUTIONS

## What they do:

Clean Slate Solutions aim to create hope and aspirations for the future by facilitating long-term, well-paid, sustainable careers for people with past convictions. Through strategic partnerships with employers and tailored mentoring, the charity advocates for an inclusive job market and aims to reduce reoffending rates by fostering financial independence and changed lives.

## Impact:

- Clean Slate prides itself on a 2.8% reoffending rate, against national rates of 39%.
- Successfully placed and supported over 200 people into longterm sustainable work.
- 45 per cent of the employers they work with have changed recruitment policies to accommodate people with past convictions.

## Why they won a CSJ Award:

Attitude reflects leadership. Nowhere is this more evident than at Clean Slate Solutions. Its founder and CEO, Richard, has experienced what it is like trying to find work opportunities after coming out of prison. This drives the passion and ethos of the entire organisation, which is aiming to serve many 'left behind' people in society.

Clean Slate Solutions will support every aspect of a person's journey into meaningful work which not only provides financial stability, it also gives meaning and purpose. This charity helps people who would otherwise find themselves unemployed or unfulfilled. The CSJ Award judges were particularly impressed with the data collected by Clean Slate Solutions which demonstrates the impact they are having.


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# 2024 FINALISTS

We would like to congratulate all our finalists for their outstanding work making so many lives better.



Koala North West is the lead organisation in the Family Toolbox Alliance, which also comprises Caritas Shrewsbury, Ferries Family Groups, Foundation Years Trust, Involve Northwest, Shaftsbury Youth Club and WEB Merseyside. This 5-year, local authority funded collaboration exists to provide all families in Wirral who need information, resources, ideas or support to help their family be the best it can be.

► [www.koalanw.co.uk](http://www.koalanw.co.uk)

Grace Foundation's mission is to transform young people's lives through education. They work with schools from the inside out to support the aspirational, relational, and spiritual needs of students and their families. Their wide reach across 12 schools means they are impacting 12,000+ young people and their families every single day. Their long-term goal is for every child to be brought up in an environment where they are given the opportunity to reach their maximum potential in life.



► [www.grace-foundation.org.uk](http://www.grace-foundation.org.uk)



Zink aims to support vulnerable families and individuals in crisis towards a happy, healthy, prosperous future by offering services and activities that promote financial and social independence. The Organisation focuses on empowering the community through support, coaching, and volunteer-led projects, addressing immediate needs, resolving issues, and building social skills and networks to make a lasting impact on poverty and social well-being.

► [www.zink.org.uk](http://www.zink.org.uk)

Focus4Hope is a charity that provides support for the elderly, homeless, isolated, and otherwise vulnerable in West Yorkshire. Focus4Hope works to bring resources to those who need them most by hosting various outreach events, running a food bank for the food insecure, aiding refugee communities both at home and abroad, and working with the wider charitable community to improve practices.



► [www.focus4hope.co.uk](http://www.focus4hope.co.uk)



The Hinge Centre open the doors of opportunity for those in need in Bridlington by bringing people together and providing individual, holistic advice. They aim to empower people to find and own the solution to improve their lives. These services include benefits and welfare advice, resettlement support, independent living skills, community food store, emergency food parcels, and activities and events for children, young people and the wider local community.

➤ [www.thehinge.org.uk](http://www.thehinge.org.uk)

Back on the Map has been working for ten years, transforming Hendon, working with and for local people to change the area and lives for the better. Over that time they have supported 4,500 residents, provided 87 good quality houses, and purchased and run 4 shops on the high street. Over the last decade, Back on the Map has grown a reputation as one of the most successful and sustainable social enterprises in the North East.

➤ [www.backonthemap.org](http://www.backonthemap.org)



We Mind The Gap's mission is to deliver social mobility by providing opportunities to young people from disadvantaged backgrounds, bridging the gaps in care, education, work, support, and aspiration. They offer unashamed support, life skills, and paid work opportunities to enable independent lives, and aim to raise aspirations and improve the life chances of a generation.

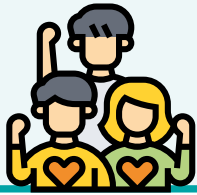
➤ [www.wemindthegap.org.uk](http://www.wemindthegap.org.uk)

Street Connect is a charity dedicated to helping people break free and stay free from drug/alcohol addiction and related life-controlling issues such as homelessness, social isolation, and poor mental health. They work in areas of high multiple deprivation and seek to restore connection, partnering with local churches to empower them to be agents of change in transforming and supporting individuals on the path to recovery.

➤ [www.streetconnect.co.uk](http://www.streetconnect.co.uk)



# IMPACT OF THE CSJ AWARDS



**20 years**  
of celebrating the best  
grassroots charities

Winners  
from all 4  
UK nations



**115**  
WINNERS



**2,258**  
Applications



**150**  
independent  
judges



**47,504**  
**miles,**  
the distance  
traveled by  
CSJ team

46 towns and  
cities covered  
by winning  
charities



300+ visits  
by CSJ staff  
to finalist  
charities



**£1.15**  
**million**  
awarded in  
prize money



Over 30 winners doubled their budget within 5 years of winning CSJ Award

78% of winners helped shape national policy



Over **20,000** volunteers recognised



46% of winners under 1million turnover

Combined budgets of winners (at time of winning): **£331.9m**



6 winners have grown to multi-million pound charities



Over 300,000 beneficiaries helped by award winners



860 policy recommendations have come from CSJ Award winners

# WITH THANKS

## OUR HOST



**Anushka Asthana**  
*Journalist and broadcaster*

## OUR PRESENTERS



**Catherine McKinnell MP**  
*Minister for school standards*



**Georgia Toffolo**  
*Author and broadcaster*



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and Reducing Reoffending*



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## OUR JUDGES



**Meg Headley**

*Trustee, The Generational Foundation. Senior HR Consultant and Co-Founder, Atticus Social Purpose. CSJ Foundation Founder*



**Dr Iain MacRitchie**

*CSJ Award Winner 2021. Founder and Chair MCR Pathways. CSJ Foundation Founder*



**Millie Headley**

*CSJ Foundation Founder*



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*News International*



**Brian Linden**

*Partner, Cinven*



**Stuart Roden**

*Chairman, UP.  
CSJ Board Member*



**Rahul Moodgal**

*Founder, The Mensch Republic. Head of Business development at Parvus Asset Management. CSJF Board Member*



**Jon Tinning**

*Senior Maintenance Optimisation Engineer, Orsted*

# HOW YOU CAN HELP

Thank you for attending the CSJ Awards this year to celebrate the very best small grassroots charities operating across the UK and beyond. Their solutions directly inform our policy work as we seek to change lives and transform communities for the better. We are proud to have made an impact in the fight against poverty and social breakdown. But our task is far from done.

The CSJ is a not-for-profit organisation, and we pride ourselves on our independence. None of what we do would be possible without the great generosity of our supporters. We would be deeply grateful if you would consider joining us in the fight against poverty. Here is how you can help:

- Introduce us to individuals, journalists, academics or business leaders who you think might share our vision and be interested in getting involved in our work
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