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2025



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...with the corridors of power

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WELCOME FROM THE PRIME MINISTER



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It is my pleasure to send a message for the Centre for Social Justice (CSJ) Awards, taking place on 17 November.

Tackling child poverty and social injustice is at the heart of this Government's mission to break down barriers to opportunity. I know that the important work that the CSJ does around this area is of significant value and that these Awards are an annual chance to pay tribute to the work of individuals and communities who bring this vision to fruition.

Please pass on my many congratulations to all the nominees and awardees. I hope the ceremony is a great success and that everyone involved knows the incredible value of this work.

All best wishes,



The Rt. Hon. Sir Keir Starmer KCB KC MP

Prime Minister and First Lord of the Treasury

WELCOME FROM OUR CHAIRS

Welcome to the CSJ Awards! Tonight is about recognising small charities 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.

The Centre for Social Justice was founded to bring practical, policy solutions to Britain's social problems. From the very start, 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 desk. 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.

Tonight, we pay tribute to these organisations. 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. And not by us! We are immensely proud that, to date, the CSJ Awards have distributed over £1.25 million in prize funding to the most exceptional charities across the UK, and we look forward to increasing this support even further as the Awards continue to grow.

Through 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. The CSJ Awards shine a spotlight beyond the Westminster bubble and fix our gaze on the best and brightest social game-changers this country has to offer.

Tonight, we are honouring five winners and seven finalists – each of them are remarkable organisations. We hope you will join us in celebrating their incredible achievements. Let's all raise a glass to these inspiring charities and the difference they are making in the lives of so many. Thank you for being a part of this special evening.



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Rt Hon Sir Iain Duncan Smith MP

*Founder and Chairman of the
Centre for Social Justice*



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Carolyn Harris MP

Vice-Chair of the CSJ



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Leo Noé

Chairman of the 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.

DRIVING IMPACT

We champion the most disadvantaged in society through our campaigns and across the media. On average, one in three of our policy recommendations are adopted by government each year, and last year alone ministers committed £4 billion to life-changing proposals we developed with CSJ Alliance charities.



UNIVERSAL SUPPORT AND THE INTO WORK GUARANTEE

The CSJ's 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, our policy of Universal Support will help thousands of vulnerable people into work. On top of £1 billion of funding announced for the scheme, the Labour Government is also rolling out a 'Right to Try' work for people on sickness benefits.



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 adopted this recommendation and committed £15M to reach 10,000 more children.



CUCKOOING

Long before *Line of Duty* brought the issue to public attention, small charities in the East Midlands warned the CSJ about a growing problem: gangs taking over the homes of vulnerable people for criminal activity, known as "cuckooing". We took the issue to Westminster, and after years of campaigning it was confirmed this year that cuckooing will be made a standalone statutory offence.



REVERSING PROBLEM DEBT

Charities across the CSJ Alliance have sounded the alarm about the toxic impact of the "debt spiral" on individuals, families and communities. We brought CSJ Award-winning debt charities and enforcement agencies together in a landmark collaboration to create the Enforcement Conduct Board - and new oversight body for the bailiff industry to help put thousands more people on a path out of debt.



SUPPORTING FAMILY LIFE

Since the CSJ was founded, we have seen the transformational role local charities play working with families through the Family Hub model. After many years of campaigning, the Government confirmed at this year's Spending Review an investment of over £500 million to create up to 1,000 "Best Start Family Hubs" across every local authority in England by 2028.

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. We advise nearly 50 funders including individual philanthropists, businesses, and trusts. Indeed, we currently administer three family trusts: The Forte Charitable Foundation, the Sebastian Coe Charitable Foundation, and The Rose Paterson Trust. Through this work, we have helped to direct over £20m to frontline charities in the past four years. By supporting the UK's most effective grassroots charities, connecting their expertise to policymakers, and bolstering their work through philanthropic support, we strive to help the poorest in our society.

To discover more about the CSJ Foundation, visit csjfoundation.org.uk

The CSJ Foundation provides infrastructure and funding for small, grassroots charities and drives national policy making by providing frontline insights to the CSJ.

Our Alliance of charities now has over 800 members covering all regions of the UK.

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CSJ FOUNDATION.

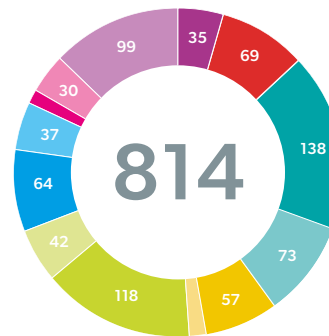


CSJF MAP

- CSJ Offices
- CSJ Alliance Charities

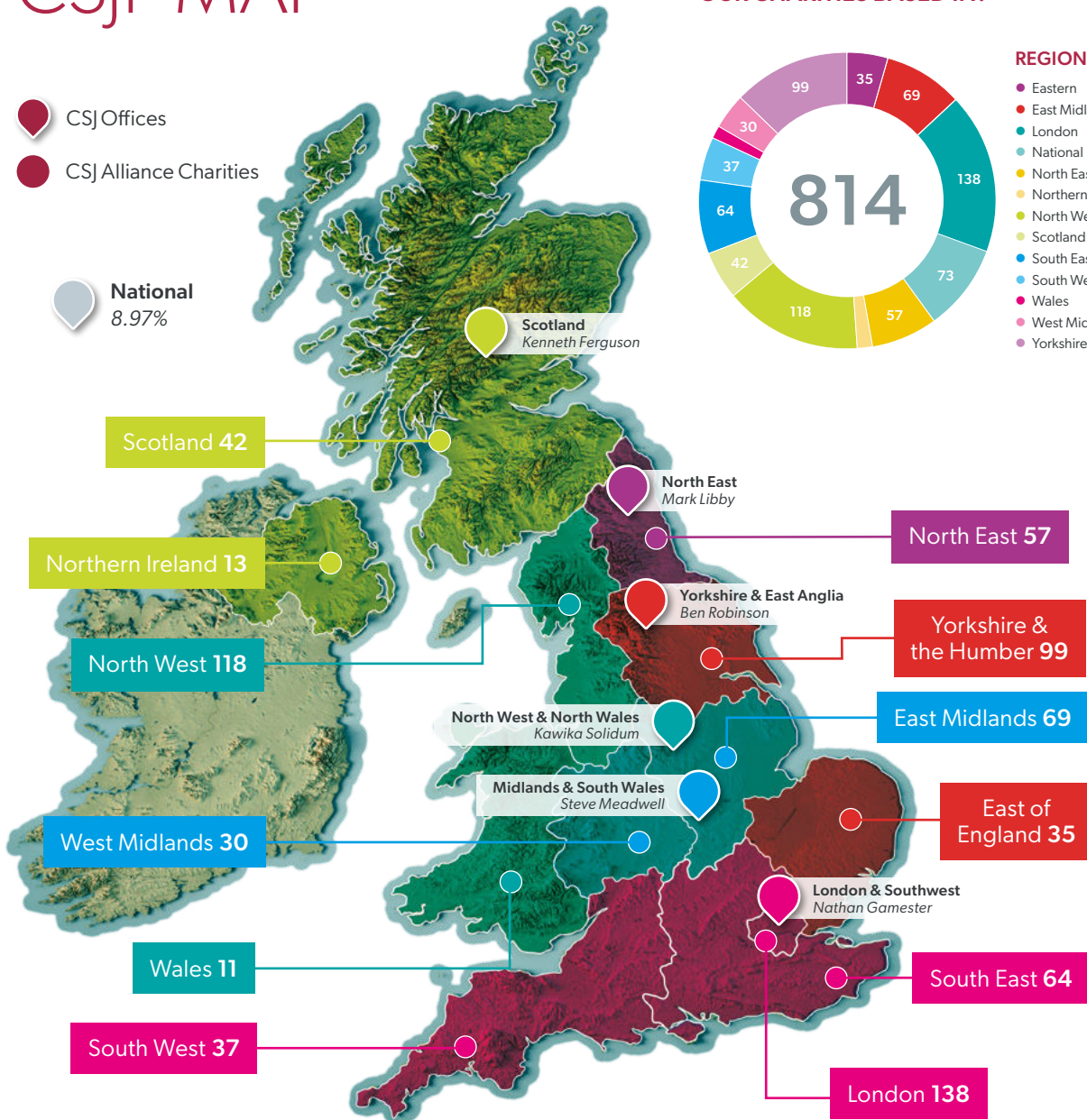
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WHICH REGIONS ARE OUR CHARITIES BASED IN?



REGION

- Eastern
- East Midlands
- London
- National
- North East
- Northern Ireland
- North West
- Scotland
- South East
- South West
- Wales
- West Midlands
- Yorkshire & the Humber





ABOUT THE CSJ AWARDS

The CSJ Awards is an esteemed annual event dedicated to highlighting, celebrating, and rewarding the most impactful grassroots charities and social enterprises across the UK. These organisations are at the forefront of addressing deep-rooted social issues, crafting innovative solutions to reach some of the most marginalised individuals in our society. The Awards serve a critical purpose: to amplify the voices of those combating poverty and social injustice directly to decision-makers in Westminster.

Through the years, previous winners have successfully tackled complex challenges such as modern slavery, the rehabilitation of ex-offenders, boosting educational outcomes in underprivileged areas, and reconnecting isolated individuals with their communities. The influence of the CSJ Awards extends beyond recognition; it fosters sustainable growth by providing winners with vital exposure that can transform their operations. Many winners have been featured on prime-time television, seen their initiatives implemented nationwide in schools, and have secured significant funding, thanks to the increased visibility that the Awards offer.

Each winning organisation receives a cash prize of £20,000, along with the opportunity to showcase their vital work to an esteemed audience of politicians, philanthropists, journalists, celebrities, and policymakers. This platform fosters lasting connections and inspires support for their mission.

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 THE CSJ AWARDS



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

120
WINNERS



163
independent judges



An additional **£5 million** has been directed to our winners and finalists

Winners from all 4 UK nations



£1.25 million awarded in prize money

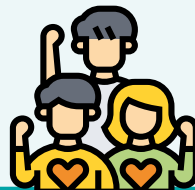


CSJ team visited over 300 Awards finalists

78% of winners helped shape national policy



Over 300,000 beneficiaries helped by award winners



21 years of celebrating the best grassroots charities



HOW HAVE THE AWARD WINNERS BEEN CHOSEN?

Each year, the CSJ team travels across the UK to find the most exceptional, innovative, and effective organisations tackling poverty at the grassroots level. We prioritise charities that reach the most underserved populations, showcasing inspiring impacts and methods to expand their work beyond local communities. On average, our team visits two Alliance charities each day.

Over the past year, the CSJ has provided support to 800 small charities nationwide through our regional offices. This assistance has connected them with policymakers, introduced them to philanthropists, and addressed their everyday challenges. As a result, we've developed strong relationships with these organizations and nominated them for the CSJ Awards.

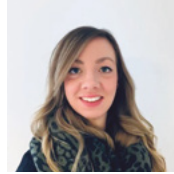
The selection process for this year's awards involved rigorous assessments by the CSJ Foundation team, who reviewed the Alliance of 800 charities and invited 30 of the best to apply, narrowing those down to 12 finalists through extensive evaluations and visits. A panel of esteemed judges then determined the five most deserving organisations based on a set of criteria focused on their initiatives' depth and effectiveness.



OUR JUDGES



Akshata Murty



Susie Besant



Lorraine Spencer



Jo Coburn



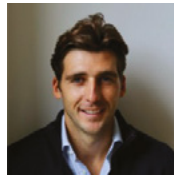
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Chris Goodman



Rachel Riley



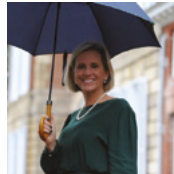
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Luanna Bicknell



Stuart Roden



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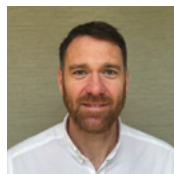
Joanne Hayward



Stephen Rubin



Cara Tinning



Jon Tinning

INTRODUCING THE 2025 CSJ AWARD WINNERS



"We are honoured to have won a CSJ Award this year! It acknowledges the hard work of volunteers, staff and trustees at Zink in finding inspiring ways to support families going through a tough time, towards better futures.

The award particularly recognises Zink's innovative 'microjob' employability scheme and puts the idea in front of policy makers."

Paul Bohan, CEO, Zink



"We're truly honoured that R;ppl has been recognised with a CSJ Award this year. R;ppl was born from a place of deep personal loss, and to see it now helping thousands of people in crisis is incredibly humbling. We plan to use

the award funding to develop our AI capabilities, making R;ppl even more intuitive and able to reach people at an earlier stage in their mental health journey, before they reach a point of crisis."

Alice Hendy MBE, CEO, R;ppl



"We're over the moon to be recognised by the CSJ Awards. We truly believe that supportive employment has the power to change lives, so it's an honour to receive such a prestigious award recognising

the work done across our three social enterprises (Radiant Cleaners, Jubilee Events and Half the Story biscuits). CSJ have been a vital support, helping us secure funding to expand our Nottingham bakery, increasing our capacity and creating opportunity for even more life-changing jobs. Thank you!"

Matt Parfitt, CEO, Grace Enterprises



"We are honoured to receive the CSJ Award in our 10th Anniversary year, it is recognition of a decade spent walking alongside the most amazing young people who have fallen through the gaps. With love, care,

and structure, we help them find purpose and belonging. This award also celebrates the dedication of our team, Trustees, partners, and funders. As we say, 'It takes a village to raise a child, but a system to mind their gaps', The prize money will support our Power of 10,000 Connections ambition, raising visibility, and the power and importance of connections in young people's lives, and the opportunity for communities to play their part in building the social capital for our future generations'.

Ali Wheeler, CEO, WEMINDTHEGAP



"We are honoured to have won a CSJ Award this year - it's a huge encouragement to our team and church partner network. At Street Connect, we help churches

reach and support people struggling with addiction through a proven and effective model that can be replicated locally. This award recognition and prize funding will help us take the next steps in our new 10-year vision to see 100 churches equipped and supported through five strategic hubs by March 2036, bringing hope and transformation to communities across the UK."

Ricky McAddock, CEO, Street Connect

WINNER ZINK



What they do:

Zink is a Buxton-based charity dedicated to addressing and preventing poverty by tackling unemployment, homelessness, and isolation. With a focus on empowering individuals, Zink involves service users as volunteers, fostering resilience and community support. Programs include a foodbank, employability coaching, and wellbeing activities that enhance mental health and skills. Zink helps people build confidence and ultimately achieve financial and social independence.

Impact:

- Zink has successfully placed over 150 participants in employment through its Employability programme & Microjobs initiative, achieving an impressive 85% transition rate to full-time roles within six months.
- 90% retention rate among housed individuals, demonstrating effectiveness in addressing homelessness and providing stable living conditions.
- A 70% improvement in mental health and a 65% increase in motivation for further education among participants, demonstrating the effectiveness of its programs.
- A 60% decrease in foodbank use from people engaged with Zink, highlighting the charity's success in combating poverty.

Why they won a CSJ Award:

Zink is a special place. They are changing the area of Buxton by addressing key issues like homelessness and unemployment. Their programmes are carefully designed and delivered, and this is born out in their impact statistics and stories. The Microjobs initiative is an especially innovative programme, which the judges were very impressed by.



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GRACE ENTERPRISES



WINNER

GRACE ENTERPRISES

What they do:

Grace Enterprises addresses long-term unemployment by providing flexible job opportunities and holistic support for individuals facing barriers to employment. With a focus on being a good employer, the charity empowers people with hope and stability through tailored assistance, ensuring they can thrive in the workplace while overcoming personal challenges.

Impact:

- Grace Enterprises has successfully provided employment to 134 individuals, with 46% facing significant challenges such as homelessness or prolonged unemployment, highlighting their commitment to community support.
- In 2024, 91% of employees reported that working with Grace Enterprises positively impacted their lives, demonstrating the effectiveness of their supportive employment model.
- The organisation has achieved remarkable growth, exemplified by their award-winning biscuit business, which experienced a 500% increase in 2024 and expanded its partnerships with major foodservice distributors and prominent companies.
- Through their Living Life Index, Grace Enterprises has documented a 16% increase in employees' personal wellbeing, showcasing the holistic benefits of their approach to workforce integration and support.

Why they won a CSJ Award:

Grace Enterprises is a truly impressive charity punching above its weight, with a forward-thinking approach to tackling unemployment and supporting vulnerable individuals. Through innovative social enterprises and planned expansion across the UK, they create meaningful job opportunities that foster self-sufficiency and community resilience. Their commitment to empowering those facing barriers to employment sets a powerful example in addressing national challenges. By continuing to grow and adapt, Grace Enterprises is not only transforming lives but also inspiring hope and opportunity for a brighter future.

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WINNER R;PPLE



What they do:

R;pple is a suicide prevention charity. It's founder, Alice, has created an online platform that interrupts harmful internet searches (for suicide and self harm) and replaces it with tailored messages of support and access to resources. Alice created R;pple after her brother Josh (21) committed suicide in 2020 and discovered he had searched multiple times for how to take his own life – and was met with tips, instructions and even encouragement, rather than support and aid. This led Alice to design and produce R;pple to intercept individuals in a state of crisis. R;pple connects users with various support services including someone to talk to, mental health assistance, financial aid, and educational opportunities. Ultimately, R;pple's interventions aim to reduce suicide, and improve the wellbeing of vulnerable people through accessible and comprehensive support.

Impact:

- R;pple has made a significant impact by successfully intervening in over 120,000 harmful online searches, redirecting individuals to tailored support services when they needed it most.
- With over 2 million downloads, R;pple's reach extends across 49 countries and territories and is available in 14 different languages, making it accessible to a diverse audience worldwide.
- The tool has been deployed in more than 100 colleges and universities globally, as well as over 60 corporate organizations, including notable names like KPMG and West Ham Football Club, safeguarding students and staff alike.
- Remarkably, 32 individuals have directly credited R;pple with saving their lives during moments of crisis, highlighting the profound impact of the technology on mental health and well-being.

Why they won a CSJ Award:

R;pple's outstanding commitment to mental health support have rightfully earned them the CSJ Award. By addressing immediate crises with effective intervention, they are not just saving lives but also setting a benchmark for mental health initiatives across the globe. The charity's ambitious plans to expand its reach to underdeveloped areas, coupled with their intent to personalise support through advanced AI technology, demonstrate a forward-thinking approach that prioritises both accessibility and cultural sensitivity.



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WINNER STREET CONNECT

What they do:

Street Connect is a charity based in Glasgow that supports individuals struggling with drug and alcohol addiction in some of the UK's most deprived communities. Guided by the vision of "Ending Addiction by Restoring Connection," it partners with local churches to provide person-centered support, empower recovery journeys, and facilitate social reintegration. By addressing the interconnected issues of poverty and addiction, Street Connect fosters independence and sustainable change for participants while working to reduce stigma around seeking help.

Impact:

- Street Connect significantly enhances community well-being, with 70% of participants reporting improved mental health and well-being after engaging in support services.
- Approximately 60% of individuals successfully transition into stable housing following rehabilitation, demonstrating the effectiveness of Street Connect's programs.
- The charity's outreach efforts in 2024/25 supported 2,678 individuals, facilitating over 8,411 street interventions and providing vital café services that strengthen community ties.
- With a 70% success rate among residents moving on to positive outcomes, such as employment and independent living, Street Connect is exceeding national averages in transforming lives affected by addiction.

Why they won a CSJ Award:

Street Connect transforms the lives of those affected by addiction through an overall package that includes harm reduction, aftercare, and ongoing support. While rehabilitation is crucial, many clients relapse due to inadequate post-rehab environments. By offering seven move-on accommodation placements for six to eighteen months, Street Connect greatly enhances long-term recovery success. In a city facing Europe's highest addiction death rates, this approach underscores the importance of housing stability, but Street Connect goes further and has an ambition to make change at a national level, making the charity a strong and worthy CSJ Award winner.

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WINNER
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What they do:

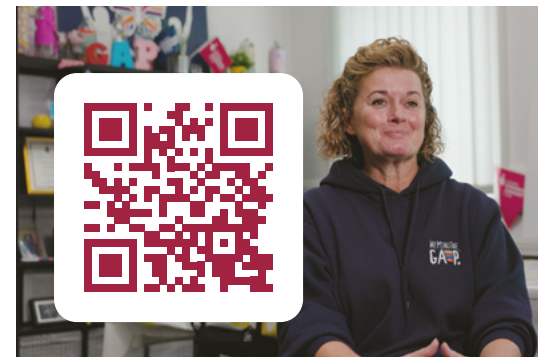
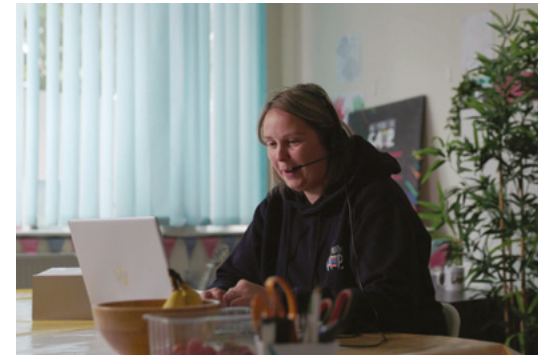
WeMindTheGap empowers young people by providing direct and deliberate provision to help them thrive and realise life's opportunities. Through a comprehensive package of support spanning multiple age groups they help young people into work, education and productive social engagement. Using innovative programmes, co-developed with young people, they focus on a continuous pathway, embedding a logical and structured Theory of Change and Behavioural Change Model centered on long term sustainable outcomes, encompassing capability, opportunity and motivation. At heart is their 'village mindset', emphasising community, belonging and ownership.

Impact:




- WeMindTheGap supports over 150 young people weekly, achieving a remarkable 90% success rate in moving NEET participants into positive pathways, including employment and volunteering.
- Through their WeDiscover program, 51% of isolated youths progressed into education or volunteering, demonstrating the impactful connection made through mentoring and workshops.
- Over the past year, 100% of participants across all programs reported feeling more independent and positive about their future, highlighting the transformative nature of the support provided.
- The WeBelong alumni network has facilitated 41 events and 141 support sessions, fostering a sense of community and belonging among nearly 500 young people.

Why they won a CSJ Award:

WeMindTheGap transforms the lives of young people through a holistic and tailored approach. The organisation's commitment to understanding the unique needs of its community ensures that each young person receives targeted support on their journey from education to meaningful employment. By seamlessly integrating mentoring with innovative digital tools, WeMindTheGap empowers individuals and strengthens the fabric of local communities. Their deep connections with schools and employers enables them to bridge gaps effectively, making a lasting impact. This strategic approach illustrates why WeMindTheGap deserves the recognition and accolade of a CSJ Award.



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2025 FINALISTS

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



Acts Trust is a Lincolnshire charity focused on empowering individuals to break the cycle of poverty. It addresses both immediate needs, such as providing emergency food through Lincoln Foodbank and mental health support via Night Light Cafés, and long-term solutions through programs like Restore, which enhances employability and life skills. By collaborating with local organisations and communities, Acts Trust aims to foster holistic change, helping people repair broken relationships and build sustainable futures free from poverty.

➤ www.actstrust.org.uk



Cumbria Youth Alliance is the leading youth charity in Cumbria, dedicated to transforming the lives of overlooked young people. Founded over 25 years ago, its mission is to provide vital support and opportunities in isolated communities. By establishing youth clubs, training volunteers, and addressing gaps in services, they ensure that every young person, regardless of their background, has the chance to thrive. With a focus on building a supportive ecosystem, they empower youth to become the trusted adults they once needed.

➤ www.cya.org.uk



Family Gateway is a charity dedicated to empowering individuals, families, and communities to improve life chances for children. Its mission focuses on preventing and alleviating child poverty, reducing family breakdowns, and promoting social inclusion. By addressing issues like unemployment, poor health, and financial distress, Family Gateway provides holistic support to families. Through its unique Barefoot Professional Model, the organisation utilises community members' lived experiences to foster meaningful change and enhance educational and social opportunities for children and families.

➤ www.familygateway.co.uk





Fife Gingerbread is dedicated to combating child poverty by supporting lone parents and families in need and by changing national policy. Their mission focuses on understanding and addressing the challenges faced by these families, celebrating their strengths, and promoting resilience then using this to direct their policy work. At a grassroots level they offer a person-centred approach that combines immediate support, like income maximisation and crisis grants, and attempt to combine it with long-term systems change.



➤ www.fifegingerbread.org.uk



Golddigger Trust, established in 2005 by three local Sheffield women, aims to empower young people by helping them recognise their inherent value and develop essential life skills. In response to the growing mental health crisis among youth, the organisation focuses on providing holistic support and early intervention, bridging the gap between universal youth programs and clinical services. Golddigger Trust is dedicated to fostering emotional well-being, resilience, and positive self-worth in young individuals, enabling them to thrive in life.



➤ www.golddiggertrust.co.uk



Noah's Ark Centre is a mental health charity based in North Halifax, serving a highly deprived community for nearly 25 years. Its mission is to enhance mental and emotional well-being through comprehensive counseling, support and advice services. By addressing issues like childhood trauma and financial struggles, the centre promotes resilience, self-worth and community involvement. Additionally, it operates a successful debt advice project, helping individuals break free from poverty and improve their financial capabilities to secure a better future.



➤ www.noahsarkcentre.org.uk



StandOut is a Charity dedicated to empowering individuals impacted by the criminal justice system, particularly those within prisons. Its mission is to support marginalised voices through education, mentorship, and advocacy. By providing essential resources and creating pathways for rehabilitation, StandOut aims to address systemic injustices and foster social equity. The organisation is committed to cultivating a more inclusive society where everyone, regardless of their past, has the opportunity to grow, succeed, and reintegrate into their communities.



➤ www.standout.org.uk

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Rt Hon Lisa Nandy MP

Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, recognised for her longstanding commitment to social justice and community regeneration.



Rt Hon Bridget Phillipson MP

Secretary of State for Education, passionate about improving opportunity and driving equality for every child.



Rachel Riley MBE

Broadcaster and mathematics champion, best known for Countdown and her advocacy on education, numeracy and social causes.



Akshata Murty

Founder and chair of The Richmond Project, entrepreneur, and investor in social innovation, dedicated to supporting enterprise, education and community transformation.

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:

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