

# THE CSJ AWARDS 2023



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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 was founded to bring practical, political solutions to Britain's social problems. As we look forward to our 20th Anniversary, I am reminded of the extraordinary people I first met 20 years ago on my first visit to the Easterhouse Estate in Glasgow and Gallowgate. Some of them, now friends, are in the audience tonight and I want to pay tribute to their unwavering compassion and commitment to improving their community and the people who live in it. For my part, I remember as if it were yesterday the poverty, crime and addiction taking place so far beyond the gaze of Westminster. As I told the Glasgow Herald all those years ago, I felt I had to do something and came away to do just that.

Our first office was in Lambeth, Christ Church and Upton Chapel, the same building used by those great social reformers, Wilberforce and later Lord Shaftesbury. 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 addictions. From those five pathways have come all the major reports that we have produced. Such as, Breakdown and Breakthrough Britain, Modern Day Slavery, Criminal Justice and Debt and Addiction reports. All of those have had a big effect in Government and opinion forming.



Central to what makes the CSJ different is our unique relationship with grassroots charities across the UK who work at the frontline of their communities. They are often the first to raise the alarm about a particular issue before helping to shape our research and policy response with their real-life experience. Together, we connect the backstreets of Britain with the corridors of power to improve the lives of the poorest in our society. Examples include our recent work around Universal Support, chronic school absence, family hubs, loan sharks and recidivism.

That is why I am so proud of the CSJ Awards. Tonight we shine the spotlight beyond the Westminster Bubble and fix our gaze on the best and brightest social game-changers this country has to offer. Listening to and learning from charities and others working at the frontline in some of our most challenging communities has always been central to informing our policy work. Our charitable Alliance now comprises more than 650 grassroots charities, supported by our CSJ Foundation and its five regional offices across the UK.

I am also delighted to present a special Chairman's Award this year to an extraordinary Scottish charity, Siobhan's Trust. It has transplanted its operation from Fife to Ukraine to provide food and so much more to Ukrainians fleeing from the Russian invasion. Starting from one static feeding station on the Polish-Ukrainian border, it now feeds 4,000 refugees every day, including in active war zones like Kherson and Kharkiv.

Thank you for joining us this evening for this very special event. I hope that the work of our winners demonstrates what is possible and will inspire you to follow their lead, as it did me nearly two decades ago.



  
**Rt Hon Sir Iain Duncan Smith MP**  
Chairman, Centre for Social Justice



# Welcome from Leo Noé

It is a great privilege to welcome you all here on this special night as we celebrate the winners of the CSJ Awards for 2023.

Tonight is all about the successful charities who are the best grassroots game-changers in the UK. It is our winners' chance to tell their story and showcase their life-changing work to an audience made up of senior people from across industry and politics. Each of our five winning organisations is doing something truly outstanding to tackle the root causes of poverty.

The charities you see here tonight – winners and finalists – represent a glimpse into the CSJ Alliance, a group of hundreds of frontline charities across the country discovered and supported through our network of five regional offices. These grassroots organisations provide invaluable insights about what's happening in local communities – for example through our recent 'Big Listen' series – to inform the CSJ's policy research and influence government thinking. And the CSJ Foundation provides a platform for philanthropists to give directly to the very best local charities to support their work.

As a giver to charitable causes, I know how difficult it can be to identify high quality small charities. When making a donation to a charity, much like an investment in business, the donor wants to know they are getting 'bang for their buck'. This is where the CSJ Foundation can help, by directing philanthropists towards organisations where a modest investment will have a greater significant impact.



Through this approach, over the past two years the CSJ Foundation has managed to support 112 organisations to whom we have directed over £1.7m plus a further £3m via trusts we administer. And we are just getting started! We look forward to supporting many more frontline charities and social enterprises in the years ahead, keeping a firm focus on the small organisations that so often get overlooked by funders and national leaders.

That's why the CSJ Awards are so important. We celebrate the brave, small charities who serve vulnerable communities, shining a light on those who rarely receive the recognition they deserve. While this Awards night is a special occasion, and a night for celebration, what excites us most is what follows next and the opportunities that will present themselves not only for the Award winners, but also for the CSJ and CSJ Foundation. Every year we have sought to work closely with each of our Award winners, and our joint organisation allows us to champion grassroots charities.

Thank you for joining us in celebrating these winners. We hope you will see what we see: dedicated organisations stopping at nothing to improve the lives of some of the most vulnerable and disadvantaged people across Britain – and to use their insights to shape government policy. But more than this, we hope that their work and stories demonstrate what is possible and will inspire you to follow their lead.

Enjoy the night.



*Leo*  
**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 650 poverty-fighting charities and organisations. This ensures our work is experience-led.



Listening to  
frontline stories



Seeing charities  
in action



Understanding  
local issues

## 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.



Work and  
Opportunity



Education



Family



Debt & Financial  
Inclusion



Addiction



Criminal  
Justice



Housing and  
Communities



Modern  
Slavery



Advisory Boards



Research



Roundtables

## 3. DRIVING IMPACT

We advocate for the most disadvantaged in society through our campaigns and in the media. This year, half of CSJ recommendations have been adopted by Government and Opposition.



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.

Our Alliance of frontline charities help us to shape many of our major policy wins



**Universal Support** The CSJ's Universal Support policy was adopted by the Government with a £1bn package announced by the Chancellor in this year's Budget. Inspired by the Oldham based charity, Focused Care, and with the backing of many others, it will provide tailored support for the vulnerable to help them into 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 the charity, School Home Support, the Department of Education has taken up this recommendation and is now piloting Attendance Mentors.



**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. Thanks to them, we have been able to evidence this dreadful form of modern slavery where a person's home is taken over to facilitate exploitation.

**Problem Debt** Our Alliance charities were the first to alert us to the growing number of people resorting to loan sharks to borrow money. Working with them, and the Illegal Money Lending Unit, we discovered more than 1 million people turning to illegal lenders, with many facing terrifying consequences if they fail to repay their debts. Our 'Swimming with Sharks' report recommended boosting people's financial resilience for rainy day occurrences, in response to which, the Government has invested £60m into the Help to Save scheme.



**Addiction** The CSJ brought together its addiction charities to shape the Government's approach and strategy on addiction. Our work, via 'Road to Recovery', led to the Government announcing a new 10 year addiction strategy with £3 billion funding focused on abstinence.

**Day Release** Work with Alliance charities, including The Recruitment Junction (one of this year's Award winners), 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.

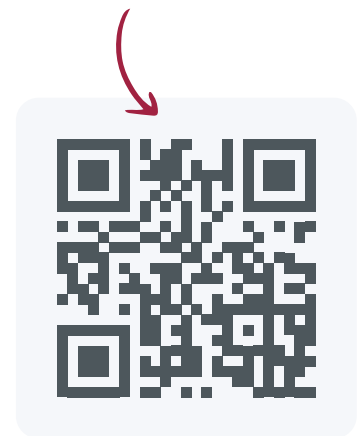
Our growing network of regional offices, rooted in local communities, make sure frontline voices are heard loud and clear in national discussions about poverty. And we direct much-needed funding to frontline charities.

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 4.4% 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)

SCAN THE QR CODE TO DISCOVER MORE ABOUT THE CSJ FOUNDATION.





# 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 650 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

- ✓ 80 local charities supported as members of the CSJ Alliance and can feed into CSJ policy work
- ✓ Organised Health Secretary to deliver major speech at our Alliance charity in Blackpool to signal the start of a new 'root cause' health inequality strategy
- ✓ Paper developed with Onside Youth Centre network in NW – evidenced by local charities – generated £560m commitment from Chancellor to roll-out to youth centres nationally
- ✓ Worked with local domestic abuse charities to drive Government to do more to protect victims during pandemic lockdowns, including keeping refuges open
- ✓ Rolled-out our own Alternative Provision education framework in Blackpool led by our NW head



**Kawika Solidum**  
Head of Region, North West

## SCOTLAND

- ✓ 50 Scottish charities already in CSJ Alliance
- ✓ Major 'Big Listen' created to recognise best grassroots Scottish charities



**Kenneth Ferguson**  
Head of Scotland

## NORTH EAST

- ✓ 39 local charities are supported as members of the CSJ Alliance and can feed into CSJ policy work
- ✓ Directed £100k of new philanthropy into local small charities
- ✓ Led on creation of £6m pooled fund from five donors to roll out CSJ-designed program of 'Housing First' to help women prison leavers in NE
- ✓ Drove creation of new addiction policy analysis, targeting methadone usership across UK
- ✓ Our post-lockdown campaign on numbers of children absent from school – taken from evidence gained in NE – shaped the Schools White Paper with £40m fund to tackle severe absence



**Mark Libby**  
Regional Manager, North East

## MIDLANDS AND SOUTH WALES

- ✓ 91 local charities are supported as members of the CSJ Alliance and can feed into CSJ policy work
- ✓ Led on huge exposé of Modern Slavery in Leicester, in conjunction with Sunday Times and local charities
- ✓ Brought together 60 manufacturers in the region to campaign for Government to position manufacturing as key to levelling up
- ✓ Exposed huge increase of 'cuckooing' through our Alliance charities which drove a change in the law
- ✓ Family charities in Midlands showed need for new approach to domestic violence. This spurred two CSJ campaigns which delivered new national Reducing Parental Conflict Program (£33m), and whole new governmental violence against women & girls strategy



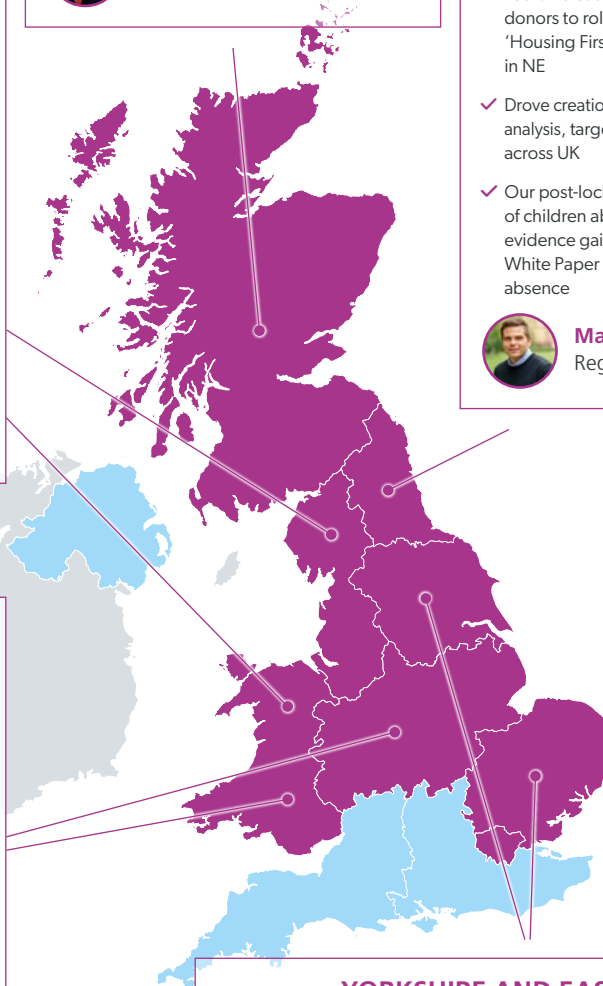
**Steve Meadwell**  
Regional Manager, Midlands

## YORKSHIRE AND EAST ANGLIA

- ✓ 64 local charities are supported as members of the CSJ Alliance and can feed into CSJ policy work
- ✓ £105,000 of philanthropic investment directed to Yorkshire Alliance organisations through the foundation
- ✓ CSJ Alliance organisations exposed highest rate of Ghost Children leading to huge national media campaign
- ✓ Over 60 charities from across the region attended the 'Big Listen' to launch the Yorkshire Office, and directly feed into core CSJ policy work



**Ben Robinson**  
Regional Manager, Yorkshire



# 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 (doubled from last year) 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.

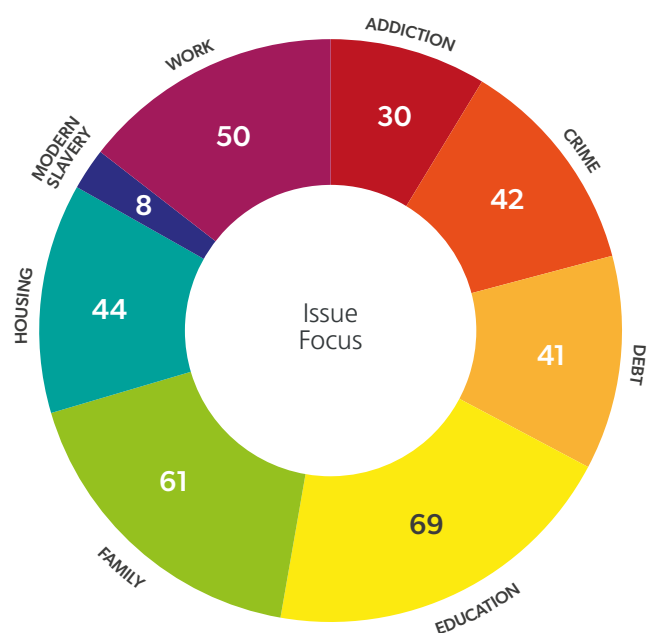
Please let us know if you feel you can help our Award winners. You can also help to raise the profile of their work by tweeting about the Awards using **#CSJAwards**.

## How have the Award winners been chosen?

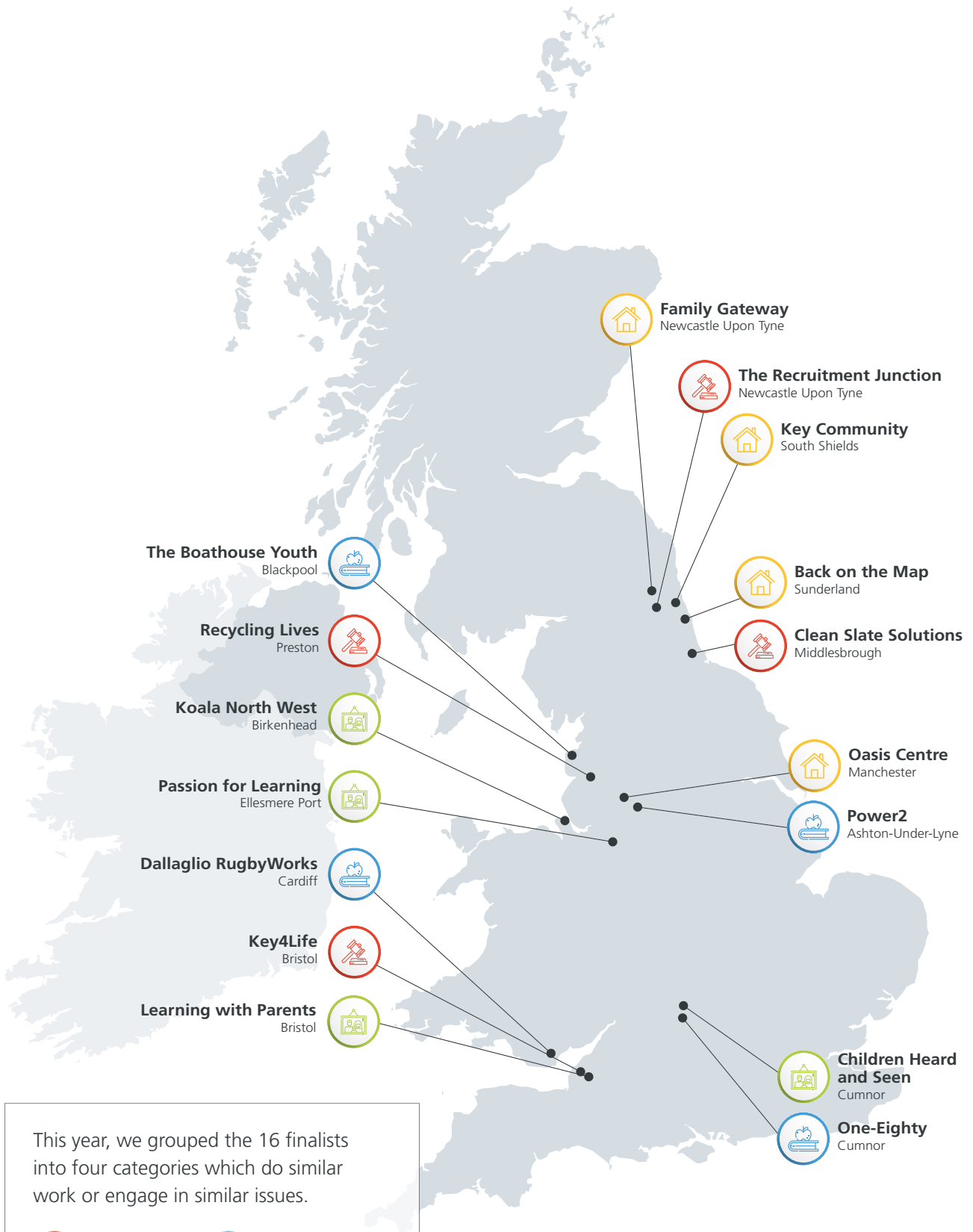
Every year, the CSJ team combs the country to identify the most outstanding, innovative, and effective organisations who fight poverty on the frontline. We look for charities that help the hardest to reach, inspire us with their impact, and have discovered ways of scaling their work beyond their own neighbourhood. A team of judges, with a wealth of experience across a wide range of sectors, come together to select the winners.

## 2023 Applications

- A total of 221 applications were received, a 41% increase from last year
- These represented a spread of activities across the UK:
  - Yorkshire 18%
  - North West 45%
  - North East 25%
  - Midlands 26%
  - Scotland 13%
  - London 40%
- More than 100 organisations were new to the CSJ
- 93 charities had a turnover of between 100k and 500k, showing the real grassroots were represented



# Shortlisted Charities 2023



**WINNER**

# Children Heard and Seen

**What they do:**

Children Heard and Seen supports children, young people and their families who are impacted by parental imprisonment. 65% of boys with a parent in prison go on to offend. However, this is not a predetermined outcome and with support, intergenerational offending can be prevented. Children Heard and Seen aim to break the cycle of intergenerational offending. The charity offers a specialised, tailored package of support.

They create a solid foundation prior to a parent's release enabling children to have a safe space to articulate their feelings and views. There is a staggering shortage of data about the children of prisoners, which the charity is seeking to address. In collaboration with Thames Valley Police, they have deployed a data model that identifies the children of offenders as the parent enters prison. This allows for early intervention, ensuring comprehensive support from the outset. This collaboration exemplifies the charity's commitment to addressing underlying issues and providing holistic support to the families they serve.

**Impact:**

- 850+ children supported since inception, only four have gone on to commit an offence
- In a recent survey, 100% of children self-reported an increase in emotional wellbeing after the charity's interventions

**Why they won a CSJ Award:**

The judges were impressed by the charity's provision of community-based support, their innovative programmes, and their commitment to addressing root causes. The charity's tireless efforts to support families impacted by parental incarceration and their focus on breaking the cycle of offending make Children Heard and Seen an exceptional charity deserving of recognition. Children Heard and Seen want every child with a parent in prison to be identified and receive appropriate support if they wish to. This would in turn reduce the social stigma that is currently associated with parental imprisonment. Ultimately, the charity would like its model of identification and support to be replicated and implemented across England.

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## WINNER

# The Recruitment Junction



### What they do:

A brilliant small charity in the North East of England working in prisons and in the community to help people find meaningful, sustained work. The Recruitment Junction believes that finding work helps people with convictions rediscover a sense of purpose, lifts them out of poverty, and drives positive cross-generational impact for affected families – all while significantly lowering the re-offending rate.

The charity's activities also benefits local businesses by addressing skills shortages and thereby reducing regional unemployment. Founded in October 2020, The Recruitment Junction has so far placed 330 candidates into paid employment. The trust developed with local businesses means that employers are willing to hire individuals many would consider high risk. The Recruitment Junction takes a long-term approach by supporting people into paid employment and then continuing to offer that support to both candidate and employer. The charity also runs 'Inside Job' which focuses on preparing those in prison for jobs when they are released.

### Impact:

- 67% of candidates supported find work and 72% still in work after 6 months
- Only 2% of the people they place in jobs reoffend compared to 24% of all ex-offenders nationally

### Why they won a CSJ Award:

The Recruitment Junction has a strong sense of identity and a clear sense of purpose. As part of our visit, the CSJ team spoke to service users and the impact it has had on their lives was obvious and tangible. They talked about a sense of self that was restored through gainful employment, routine, social interactions and a sense of purpose.

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## **WINNER**

# Power2

### **What they do:**

Power2 supports vulnerable children and young people to improve their wellbeing so they can thrive and reach their full potential. Their work is targeted at those living in poverty with social, emotional and mental health challenges. They support young people by helping them identify their strengths, address challenges, and develop skills.

The charity's early intervention programmes provide intensive engagement to build positive relationships and affect change before long-term negative outcomes become inevitable. Power2 offers many programmes which allow young people to get the support that suits them best. Their 'Teens and Toddlers' programme improves young people's wellbeing through the experience of mentoring nursery children. During a CSJ visit, one teen expressed how in just 3 weeks, she already felt calmer in school.

### **Impact:**

- Supports over 1,200 participants annually and over the last two years, 77% have improved in self-esteem, 81% in confidence, and 75% were less shy and withdrawn
- Through the Power2 rediscover programme 90% reported improved wellbeing; 53% had improved school engagement; and 60% improved academically
- Through the Power2 thrive programme: 83% improved their school attendance; 95% reported improved self-esteem

### **Why they won a CSJ Award:**


The CSJ visit team was impressed by Power2's model, the strength of its staff team, and the clarity and rigour of their future plans for expansion. Their ultimate goal is to negotiate the threat of exclusion before it develops. As the organisation expands across the country, the CSJ team is confident it will bring vital intervention to the most vulnerable pupils.

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## WINNER

# Oasis Centre Community Project



### What they do:

The Oasis Centre is at the heart of Gorton, one of Manchester's most poverty-stricken areas, and in the bottom 1% of deprivation nationally. It is open 5 days a week providing hot meals, activities, education and training, a work club, and practical crisis support. The charity is trusted, valued and appreciated by the local community and its staff go by the mantra: "If you've got a heartbeat, Oasis will help you."

They offer three programmes: 1) Crisis support, which provides support for vulnerable people who find themselves in crisis with complex needs; 2) Work club, a place where people can find support and encouragement to find work; 3) Next step volunteers, volunteer programmes in the kitchen and onsite shop, designed for those who access the services already but wish to take that next step in life. Oasis has ambitions for a second location in their community to provide support for even more people who are disadvantaged and isolated.

### Impact:

- In the past 12 months, Oasis has dealt with 4,840 crisis issues. 15% were related to housing, 12.5% were related to welfare/benefits, and 10% are related to immigration questions
- In the past 12 months, the charity has had 410 people attend its work club and 57 people have found work. That's more than one every week of the year

### Why they won a CSJ Award:

The Oasis model clearly works. The services were packed when the CSJ team visited, with a full classroom of learners, stacks of people receiving job support, and 6 case working stations fully operational. Their staff and volunteers are all well trained in de-escalation, crisis support, health and safety, and more. They take a person-centred and trauma-informed approach to working to ensure their clients' needs are met.

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# 2023 Runners Up

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



Back on the Map is a resident-led charity, driving local economic regeneration by acting for positive change, creating a self-help and problem-solving culture that supports individuals to move out of poverty. Its mission is to make Hendon, Sunderland, a place of opportunity to live, work and thrive.

The Boathouse Youth works with children and young people, including SEND, from deprived communities across Blackpool. It offers a range of physical, creative and educational activities, including centre-based youth work, offsite-visits and residential experiences.



Clean Slate Solutions helps adults with past convictions in Teesside into sustained, quality employment through individualised wraparound support, with a diverse network of employers to support candidates

Dallaglio RugbyWorks supports young people (12-17s) who have been excluded from school, to ensure that long-term they are not excluded from society. It runs physical activity sessions in and out of school to improve health, mental resilience and self-esteem. Their programmes re-engage young people in education and divert them from a life of crime.



Family Gateway delivers services through its Barefoot Professional Model; recruiting and training individuals from the local community with lived experience. Its team, who identify with a wide range of issues and experiences, enable trust to be built quickly, giving access to homes, families and individuals where tangible differences can be made by breaking down stigma/barriers.

Key4Life's mission is to reduce youth re-offending through the delivery of an innovative rehabilitation programme to those in prison and those at risk of going to prison. Key4Life works with young men (aged 18 to 27) to support their integration into society and securing of meaningful employment. Their model is underpinned by three pillars: developing emotional resilience; employability; and ongoing support.







Key supports marginalised young people aged 13-24 at risk of homelessness and hardship. It helps them to identify and build upon their innate strengths and qualities to empower them to transform their lives. They help young people work through complex transitions to lead independent, successful lives and reach their potential.

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 want free information, resources, ideas or support to help their family be the best it can be.



Learning with Parents supports development and learning for children in their own homes through an online platform. The charity supports all families to have positive learning interactions together by driving inclusive parental engagement, partnering with schools and allowing them to identify families who may be struggling and provide extra support.

One-Eighty provides intensive one-to-one interventions for children and young people with the most complex needs, which often prevent them from attending school. The team has created a tailored intervention plan, delivered over eight weeks which helps to re-engage young people back into education.



Passion for Learning targets the root causes of poverty including educational disadvantage and the achievement gap, a lack of ambition contributing to generational unemployment, weak relationships and chaotic family lives leading to poor social and emotional skills. The services and opportunities they offer include giving parents and carers time to talk, providing play opportunities for whole families, taking families out to the places that they want to enjoy, providing cookery sessions and much more.

Recycling Lives encourages and empowers people experiencing exclusion due to criminal backgrounds, addiction, homelessness and unemployment to achieve and sustain positive change. They offer opportunities for training, work placements and paid work, both in prisons and in the community. The charity also offers accommodation, specialist mental health support, and access to other vital services.



# The Chairman's Award

This year we are presenting a special Chairman's Award to honour a charity that has gone above and beyond in alleviating hardship. Directed by our Chairman, Sir Iain Duncan Smith, this award sits separate from the main charity winners.

The Chairman's Award 2023 goes to Siobhan's Trust, a charity that provides much-needed food and support in Ukraine to those suffering as a result of the Russian invasion.



*"They have been brutally invaded by Putin. You don't understand the brutality of it until you see it. Whole blocks of flats - tens and tens and tens of blocks of flats - just bombed."*

**Judith Cummins MP**

*"I want to thank the volunteers who have given their time and their own personal resources to come out here to help this charity to support people who need help."*

**Rushanara Ali MP**

*"We go to Odessa, Kiev, we also have an operation in Lviv, so we've got 6 vans operating all over Ukraine. We started on the border serving these most remarkable people – and that's what they are – remarkable and a lesson of resilience."*

**David Fox-Pitt, Founder of Siobhan's Trust**

*"I have been honoured to witness first-hand the remarkable work of Siobhan's Trust, spearheaded by its visionary founder David Fox-Pitt."*

*Working in both cities and small villages across eastern Ukraine, the charity's work goes far beyond providing food and drinks to those who are in desperate need. Wherever the pizza van goes, laughter, music, and fellowship follows. The Trust's volunteers engage with and support whoever they meet, people who are vulnerable, scared and anxious.*

*I have no hesitation in presenting this award to Siobhan's Trust this evening. I long for a day when its services are no longer needed. But until then, I am glad and thankful Siobhan's Trust exists."*

**Rt Hon Sir Iain Duncan Smith MP**

# Siobhan's Trust

Siobhan's TRUST

Siobhan's Trust uprooted itself from its home in Scotland to provide pizzas and practical support to Ukrainians traumatised by the Russian invasion of their homeland.

Starting from one static feeding station on the Polish-Ukrainian border, it now feeds 4,000 refugees every day via pizza trucks that venture out across the whole country. The Siobhan's Trust team has run its mobile feeding stations (usually for three or four days at a time) in Kharkiv, Odesa, Iziun & Mykolaiv and many other smaller towns & villages in the East of the country, often close to the frontline. Its presence in these locations is crucial as these are the most deprived communities and often no-go areas for NGOs and larger charities.

Hungry families are fed, and whilst pizzas are cooked music is played, there is dancing, and balls are thrown and kicked around with the children. Those it feeds are invariably the most vulnerable, often living in squalid conditions without water, gas or electricity. They are displaced, on constant alert, worn down by war, exhausted and fearful of the future. The charity's volunteers engage, listen, sing, laugh, cry, support and show love towards people who are endlessly scared and anxious.



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**Dame Rachel de Souza**  
*The Children's Commissioner for England*



**Leo Noé**  
*Chairman, CSJ Foundation*



### **Hackney Choral**

Hackney Choral shares the richness of the English choral tradition with children and young people, no matter their background. Music has the potential to change our lives for the better. Hackney Choral gives young people a stepping stone which sets them on the course to success.

The choir will be performing three pieces, chosen to reflect the work and aims of the charity. Ken Burton, known for his ability to bring disparate musical worlds together, opens the programme with Put on the Armour. This will be followed by London Voices Musical Director, Ben Parry's, arrangement of the traditional spiritual Deep River, before Carly Simon's powerful anthem, Let the River Run, brings the performance to a close.



### **Chilli Bees**

Chilli Bees Catering was brought to life by Ellie Short in 2008 from her mum's kitchen and has since been recognised for their impeccable attention to taste and detail by Country Life, Sheerluxe, Sunday Times and Harper's Bazaar.

Photographer

**Rahil Ahmad**

Digital

**BlueSkyStrategy**

Programme & Publications

**Rubber Duckie**

AV & Production

**Go Live Group**

Films

**Chocolate Films**

Venue

**St John's Smith Square**



## OUR JUDGES



**Stuart Roden**

*Chairman, UP  
CSJ, Board Member*



**Ashley Lewis**

*Trustee and Treasurer,  
Steve Morgan Foundation*



**Rahul Moodgal**

*Founder, The Mensch Republic  
Head of Business development at  
Parvus Asset Management*



**John Spiers**

*Chair, EQ Investors*



**Dominic Christian**

*Chairman, Aon Reinsurance Solutions*



**Helen Lam**

*Head of Social Impact  
at Marsh*



**Rt Hon Sajid Javid MP**

*MP for Bromsgrove,  
Former Health Secretary,  
Former Chancellor of the Exchequer*



**Paul Cocker**

*Founder, True Global*



**Anushka Asthana**

*Deputy Political Editor,  
ITV News*



**Sharon Berry**

*Founder & CEO, Storybook Dads (CSJ  
Award Winner 2022)*



**Kate Donaghy**

*Founding Director, The Board Advisory  
Partnership, Chairmanship in Practice,  
and the future Chairman's Forum; Trustee  
of Arvon*



**Jane Ruffer**

*Philanthropist chair, Auckland Castle  
Trust Executive Committee*



**Kim Leadbeater MP**

*MP for Batley and Spen*



**Lorraine Spencer**

*Philanthropist*

# 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
- Give financially to support the policy work of the CSJ through a core donation, becoming a CSJ Patron, sponsoring a specific project, or enabling a high-profile event
- Support the work of the CSJ Foundation by joining the CSJF Founder's Club, helping us launch our next regional office, or distributing philanthropic giving to the best small grassroots initiatives
- Align your business or organisation with the aims of the CSJ Foundation and maximise your social impact through focused and impactful funding to local causes and small charities in communities where your organisation, people and customers are based
- Tell us about incredible grassroots initiatives you are seeing on the ground that might enrich our policy work
- Get involved in next year's CSJ Awards by sponsoring an award winning charity

Our work is as pressing and vital as it has ever been. If you would like to hear more, or contribute to the CSJ's work, please contact our Development Director: [Rhian.Heasman@centreforsocialjustice.org.uk](mailto:Rhian.Heasman@centreforsocialjustice.org.uk)

**Thank you so much, your support really means the world to us.**









