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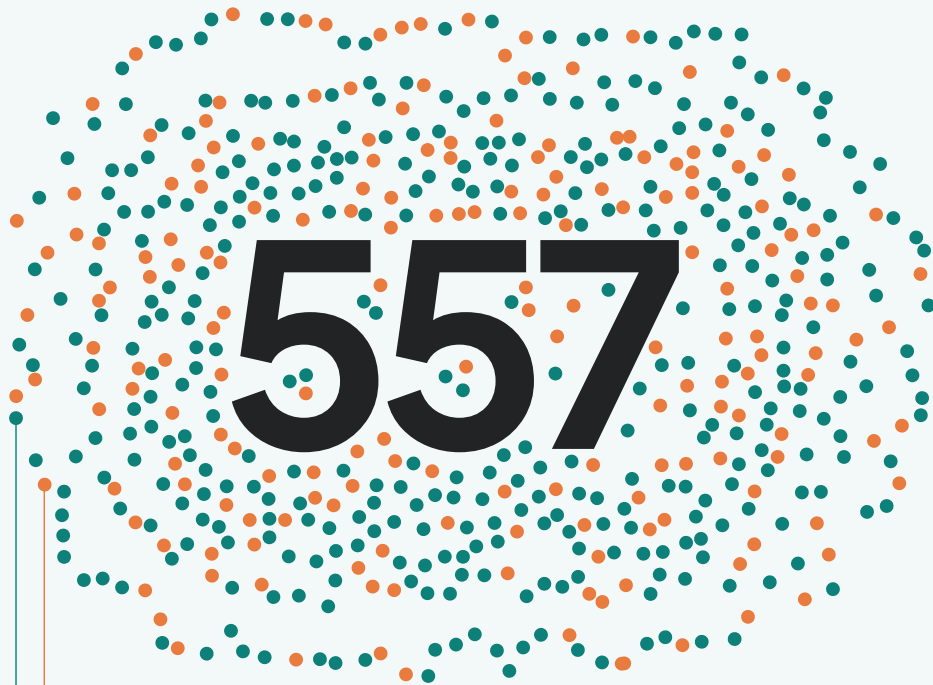
Supporting people who defend human rights

Impact Report

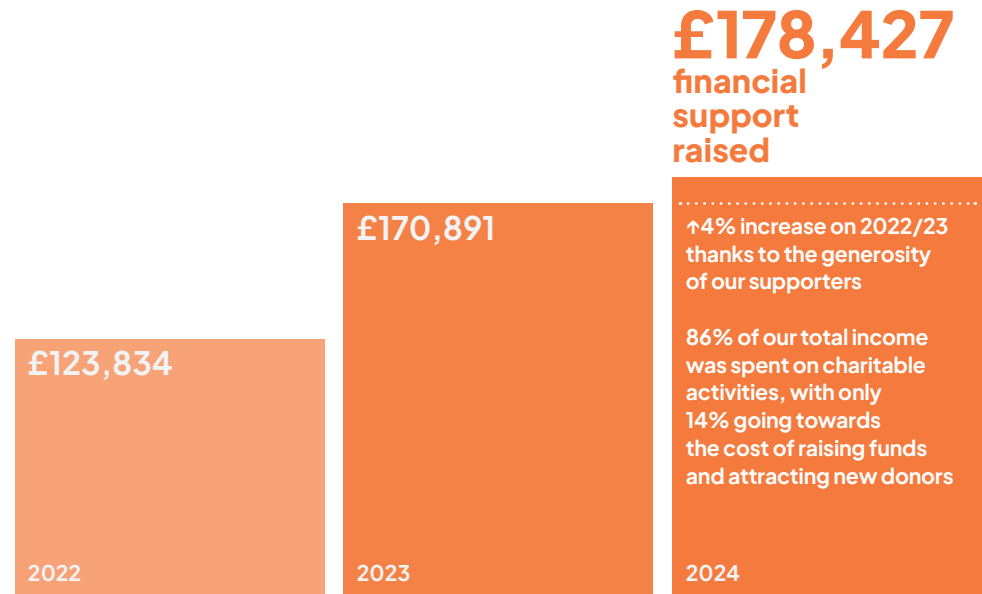
2023/2024

Snapshot of Your Support

Assisted over 550 people from 30 countries



- 187 prisoners of conscience
- 370 family members and dependants
 - ↳ 193 individual grants
 - ↳ 4 block grants to trusted referral agencies



11 requalification grants in biomedical sciences, law, architecture, creative enterprises, Middle Eastern studies, dentistry and environmental studies

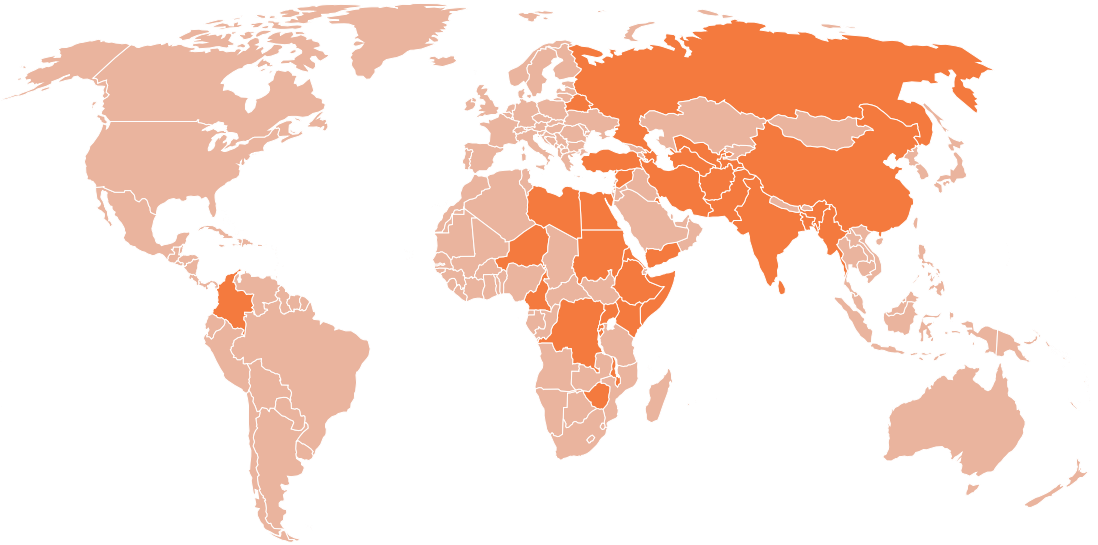
Collaborated with **27** referral agencies and other NGOs to reach those whom we supported

Reunited **4** families including **18** dependants

'I want to express my deepest gratitude to you and the Prisoners of Conscience organization. You are truly saving my life. Initially, I felt utterly alone and hopeless, but now I feel there is someone who cares about me. I was hopeless, homeless, and even contemplated suicide, but I found hope through the POC organization... I can't thank the Prisoners of Conscience organization enough for what you have done for me.'

Aziz, prisoner of conscience from Afghanistan.

Impact Around The World



Grant support by category



Support by human right infringed



'Prisoners of Conscience gave me a new life and I will forever be grateful. My life and achievement are a testament to the amazing work you do to change lives, offer hope where there is hopelessness, and enable and empower people like me with knowledge and skills which they can use to impact the UK society and beyond.'

Anon*, a former prisoner of conscience and recipient of a re-qualification bursary grant

Afghanistan	31	
Azerbaijan	1	
Bangladesh	6	
Belarus	4	
Burundi	1	
Cameroon	4	
China	5	
Colombia	1	
DRC	1	
Egypt	5	
Eritrea	2	
Ethiopia	3	
India	1	
Iran	19	
Kenya	1	
Kuwait	1	
Libya	1	
Malawi	4	
Myanmar	53	
Nigeria	1	
Pakistan	8	
Palestine	3	
Russia	2	
Rwanda	2	
Somalia	1	
Sri Lanka	1	
Sudan	5	
Syria	2	
Tajikistan	1	
Turkey	11	
Turkmenistan	2	
Uganda	6	
Uzbekistan	1	
Yemen	1	
Zimbabwe	3	

Director's message

As is reflected in the Lives Transformed part of this report, the kindness and generosity of supporters of human rights continue to make a profound difference. Thank you for helping to assist 187 prisoners of conscience, including human rights defenders, and over 370 family members from 30 countries last year.

Our research indicates that we are the only UK-based charity which focuses on providing direct hardship assistance to prisoners of conscience around the world. While other NGOs carry out the important work of campaigning and advocating for human rights, the support of our donors is vital to meet the immediate survival and safety needs of prisoners of conscience, assisting them and their families to reach countries of safety, re-establish their lives and careers and to continue their human rights work.

With the ongoing fundraising challenges faced by the charity sector, including Prisoners of Conscience, we strive to ensure that as much of our income as possible is directed to those whom we support - charitable activities in 2023/24 were up by 6% and the cost of raising funds commensurately down by the same percentage.

In 2023 we reviewed our objects clause and theory of change, seeking input from prisoners of conscience, donors and referral agencies. The result was a refined objects clause and theory of change which placed acts of conscience firmly within the framework of the Universal Declaration on Human Rights, and placed prisoners of conscience at the centre of our financial grants, practical support and promotion of their human rights. The new objects clause and theory of change is published on our website at - <https://prisonersofconscience.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/PoC-Objects-and-Theory-of-Change-1.pdf>

This report would not be complete without mentioning the economic challenges which we and the charity sector in general face in 2024/25 - greater demand and need for charitable services, leading to greater competition for funding.

We thank our donors and referral agencies for their life-transforming and vital support for prisoners of conscience in the years to come.


Gary Allison
DIRECTOR

Chair's message

The trustees are committed to ensuring that the Prisoners of Conscience charity uses the maximum level of the funds available to meet the needs of those who come to us for support. We endeavour to ensure it continues to be a charity which has high governance standards and keeps its operational expenses to a minimum. Led by our director and small staff, we believe that it continues to be a well-run and hugely effective charity. We are only able to provide such valuable support to those who have been persecuted for upholding human rights because of the generosity of our donors. The trustees would like to thank everyone who has contributed. Your generosity recognises the importance of our work and means we are in a position to support those in need.

We are grateful to our dedicated, professional and committed staff and volunteers who, with endless patience, investigate all requests for help and deliver on the charity's objectives. Those who are oppressed rarely have a clear documentary record of their oppression and are often left traumatised by their experiences. We have systems to ensure that only those with real merit are awarded grants, with particular scrutiny on verification of persecution and ensuring that grants are received by each prisoner of conscience.

Sadly, oppression and intolerance show no signs of abating across the international stage. Those who seek to challenge existing power structures on behalf of those whose human rights are being denied face imprisonment, torture and forced exile. On many occasions, families of human rights defenders are also subject to ill-treatment.

The growth of dictatorial regimes across the globe triggers the courage of those who stand up for what is right; but that also increases the number of victims of human rights oppression, to mean that demand for our support will continue to rise in the years to come. This report shows the impact our charity can make for those we are able to support. We can only do this because of your generosity.

We hope that everyone who has donated is heartened to see the impact your donations can make.


David Lock KC
CHAIR OF THE
TRUSTEE BOARD



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Lives Transformed

Adil Melendez
Human rights law and environmental protection in Colombia

Since 2003, Adil has dedicated his life to defending human rights, environmental protection and justice in his home country, Colombia. His work is more than just a job; It is a mission that is born from a deep commitment to helping those who need it most.

Adil began his legal career in Colombia, working tirelessly to defend the most vulnerable people in society. He leads a team of lawyers and more than 200 threatened environmental activist leaders and human rights defenders who face serious risks to their lives. One of his main objectives

has been the defense of minority communities, including Afro-Colombian, indigenous and peasant groups.

These communities often face threats from development projects backed by powerful companies that are sometimes linked to illegal armed groups. Adil's unwavering defense of communities, their natural resources and sustainable livelihoods in projects like the Canal del Dique Waterway APP – a project to restore ecosystems in the canal and give more autonomy to riverside communities - has earned him international recognition.

However, Adil's dedication has come at a high price. He has faced numerous death threats from armed

groups attempting to silence him. He has even received stigmatisation from the Church, considering him an “opponent of progress and development” for supporting minority communities near the Canal del Dique. Concern for Adil's safety increased in 2023 when he appeared on a list of people to threaten in Cartagena, an area where local illegal armed groups associated with foreign cartels have made their presence known with targeted and ongoing assassinations.

Adil was granted security and protective measures by the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights as the threats and intimidation increased. He was even assigned personal bodyguards. This did not stop armed groups from showing

up in the communities he defends, intimidating residents and demanding information about his whereabouts. These threats extended to his clients, pressuring them to cut ties with Adil.

In January 2024, while in the middle of a ceremony to receive the prestigious Sir Henry Brooke award for his tireless commitment to defending human rights, Adil was informed that such protective measures had been suddenly removed without warning. He was left more vulnerable than ever and forced to remain in Europe due to the danger awaiting him in Colombia.

While taking refuge in Europe, Adil continued working full-time. His commitment to justice means offering most of his work for free. He only receives support through occasional financial help from the communities he represents.

‘My 20 years as a lawyer have not been compensated because jurisprudential changes have denied the rights to Truth, Justice and Reparation of the victims that I and other lawyers represent’

The PoC team heard Adil's story at the Sir Henry Brooke Awards and his relentless pursuit of justice even in the face of grave personal danger and financial instability. To ensure he can continue his vital human rights work, earlier this year we awarded Adil an emergency grant to cover food, transport and accommodation costs while he remains in hiding in Europe.

Sisters in solidarity

Sisters Elham and Neda both faced severe persecution in their home country of Iran



Elham Modaressi

Freedom of expression and democracy in Iran

Elham, an artist from Iran, participated in the Women, Life, Freedom movement that rocked Iran in 2022. While hosting a peaceful demonstration in November 2022, 12 security agents broke into her family home. They brutally attacked

Elham's family and friends and took Elham into police custody. Despite never being served with an arrest warrant, Elham was sentenced to prison for her participation in the protests and denied any legal representation.

During her time in prison, Elham was tortured daily and kept in squalid, inhumane conditions. She estimates that she suffered over '140 hours of torture' during her time in prison. Elham was also threatened with sexual assault and rape if she didn't give false information incriminating other protestors.

Elham was also prevented from receiving proper medical treatment - treatment she desperately needed due to the unsanitary conditions, the torture and the injection of near lethal doses of paracetamol into her system. With no other way to bring attention to the brutal treatment and lack of medical care, Elham began a hunger strike two months into her sentence. This worsened her already weak condition.

After weeks of authorities deliberately denying specialised healthcare, Elham was rushed to hospital and let out on bail. She had developed liver cirrhosis due to the maltreatment in prison. Her family were terrified that Elham would die from liver failure if made to return. Her sisters fiercely advocated for her freedom. Her sister Mojgan publicly spoke out about her sister's failing health, begging the international community to come to her aid.

'Please free Elham. She will die. She is sick. She needs urgent medical attention.'

Despite still recovering from her life-threatening illness, and constant threats and surveillance from Iranian intelligence, Elham was able to escape from Iran in 2023. She joined her sister, Neda*, in Turkey where it became evident that her health was still deteriorating. She had become severely underweight, and she remained in liver failure.

To make matters worse, Elham's family were being targeted for her crimes back in Iran- though her mother and brother were able to flee to Turkey a few months after Elham, the regime had seized their family home and frozen their bank accounts. They couldn't afford the life-saving treatment Elham desperately required in Turkey and knew they may never be able to return to the place they once called home.

PoC heard about Elham's case last year - and awarded her with an emergency hardship grant to cover the medical costs of a liver transplant as well as vital funds to cover rent for Elham and her family while in hiding.

'The grant from PoC helped Elham until her friends were able to raise enough money for her. Without the grant, I don't know how we would have survived. Now, my sister and mother are safe in Canada' Neda*, Elham's sister

*Name changed to protect identity



Neda*
LGBTQ+ rights

There are parts of Neda's story, including her name, that cannot yet be told because of the grave danger it puts her in.

Neda, a make-up artist from Iran, is a member of the LGBTQ+ who has

been frequently harassed because of her identity. LGBTQ+ people in Iran face severe challenges and are often forced to hide their identity in a country where homosexual activity can be punishable by death.

Much like her sister, Neda has always been outspoken against injustice, even if she has been forced to hide her own identity. Her advocacy for equal rights for women and freedom for the people of Iran has resulted in many run-ins with Iranian 'morality police':

'Life for women and LGBTQ+ people in the Islamic Republic of Iran is difficult and dangerous. I have faced threats and violence for being myself'

Though Neda has avoided being forced into marriage with a man, she was not even safe to be herself at home and had difficult relationships with some family members:

'Under the pressure [at home] I was suicidal. I never felt safe and calm at home and I always lived with stress'

In 2018, Neda's identity was briefly uncovered, and she began receiving calls and death threats:

'For my homosexuality, an arrest warrant was issued for me. I couldn't sit brooding and let them take me away. My mother begged me to leave Iran and never come back. Legal procedures in Iran are conducted terribly capriciously and arbitrarily.'

Neda took her mother's advice and fled to Turkey, where she resides today. In 2022, she unexpectedly became a well-known figure in the activist community after joining the

Women Life Freedom uprising and tirelessly working to raise awareness of the Iranian regime's repression. She also played a key role in helping her younger sister, Elham, escape to a safety.

Sadly, the Turkish government recently revoked Neda's refugee status. Struggling to make ends meet, and fearful that she might get deported back to Iran, Neda reached out to PoC for support. We awarded her a hardship relief grant to cover the cost of rent, essential supplies and vital medicine:

'I wish to express my gratitude for the lifeline PoC gave me during that year. It helped me so much and kept me from destitution...My grant enabled me to continue to speak out against the injustices perpetrated by the government in Iran. Most importantly, it allowed me to have a home ready for my family when they came to me'

Neda's status in Turkey is still uncertain and she is fearful of being deported at any time. Now that her sister, Elham, and mother have been relocated to safety in Canada, Neda is hopeful that she will also be able to find a home in Canada:

'Whether I am sent back to Iran or if somehow friends can save me from Turkey; please accept my eternal gratitude. The grants that you provide are more important than I can ever really express.'



Walter Nyabadza
Freedom of democracy

‘My name is Walter Nyabadza, and I’m a human rights lawyer from Zimbabwe. I was forced to relocate to the UK due to the risks I faced in my home country as a result of my work. I began my career as a Public Prosecutor in Zimbabwe but resigned after witnessing gross human rights abuses and selective law enforcement by the Zimbabwe Government.

As defence counsel, I represented numerous political activists, trade unionists, and workers in Zimbabwe’s courts. I was later abducted by state security agents after submitting a petition for a peaceful resolution to Zimbabwe’s socio-economic crisis. This led to my decision to seek exile in the UK, where I continue to advocate for human rights.

In the UK, I have received significant financial and practical support from Prisoners of Conscience (PoC). This support has included a grant to reunite my family in

the UK and emergency grants for living expenses. I am now working to establish a hub for Human Rights Defenders (HRDs) in exile, in collaboration with the Scottish Human Rights Defender fellowship Programme and other partners.

This project aims to provide resources and capacity building for HRDs in exile, enabling them to continue their work in a safe environment. My story highlights the critical role of organisations like PoC in supporting HRDs and the impact they can have on individuals and their families. Displaced HRDs should be given opportunities to succeed in new environments, leveraging their experience to enhance protection mechanisms. To address the significant lack of long-term support for HRDs who must leave their countries, a broader strategy involving partnerships with civil society, business, local governments, and academia is necessary.’

Mosi*
Freedom of democracy in Egypt

‘I was persecuted in Egypt because I am a human rights defender.’

Mosi is a pro-democracy activist and a blogger from Egypt. He was just 19 years old when he first experienced persecution for his outspoken reporting and advocacy.

‘In 2013, I was arrested for the first time. I was part of demonstrations that demanded the abolition of the trial of civilians before military courts.’

Simply for getting involved in peaceful protests in front of the Egyptian senate, Mosi was sentenced to 15 years in prison. If he served his sentence, Mosi would be 34 by the time of his release – and would have spent nearly half of his life behind bars.

Instead of returning to court, Mosi decided to flee Egypt. He evaded capture for 2 years, until authorities finally caught up with him.

‘I was arrested again on January 25th, 2015...I was kept in pretrial detention for 4 months. I was also retried, and the court issued a final ruling of 3 years imprisonment and 3 years’ probation.’

Mosi had no choice but to serve his sentence, which included spending 12 hours a day in police custody despite supposedly being ‘on probation’ for the final three years. On two separate occasions during

his arbitrary detention, courts ordered Mosi’s release. However, the release orders were intentionally blocked each time. Mosi was forced to take drastic action: **‘I announced my hunger strike in 2021. It lasted for 58 days...the strike did not produce any results, so I announced an indefinite hunger strike until I was finally released in 2022.’**

Even after being released, Mosi faced continued harassment from the state. While walking in Cairo, he was brutally attacked by security forces and arrested once again. Mosi knew he needed to leave Egypt for good and fled to Lebanon. Yet, the ordeal was far from over: **‘The Lebanese Authorities arrested me on the background of my political activity in Egypt. I was interrogated for hours... I was forced to travel to France with a tourist visa’**

Mosi was recently granted asylum in France but was not given a place to live. Without permission to work until the asylum process is finalised, he desperately needed housing and money for food and other essentials. After experiencing persistent detention, imprisonment and abuse, Mosi also requires extensive therapy to overcome his trauma.

We supported Mosi with a hardship relief grant in March this year: ‘I greatly appreciate and believe in the work you are doing... Thank you for your support.’

*Name changed to protect identity



Fatma Ozdemir
Bursary

‘I was born into a Kurdish-Alevi family in Kahramanmaraş where tens of thousands of Kurdish people were forced to flee, hundreds of houses and shops were burned down, more than hundreds of people were being massacred and where offenders were still not punished.’

From a young age, Fatma was passionate about standing against

injustice. After multiple attacks by the state against her family – and the death of her uncle, cousins and close relatives in the brutal Maras Massacre in 1978 – Fatma knew that she wanted to become a lawyer to defend the rights of Kurdish people. She began studying law at university in 2007 and spent her university years protesting peacefully against the ‘anti-democratic actions and denial policies’ of the Turkish government.

In her fourth year of study, Fatma was jailed for her involvement in these protests and accused of being a member of a terrorist organisation. Without trial, Fatma was forced to spend nine months in prison before the case against her was postponed. She was only released on the condition that she did not speak out again for three years. Fatma describes the horror of being **‘subjected to various forms of tortures by the state both during my detention and in prison’**.

This abuse and torture did not stop Fatma. She remained steadfast in her mission to protect and defend the vulnerable Kurdish communities in Turkey. She was detained on a number of occasions in the following years for standing up against police violence, human rights violations and torture during peaceful protests.

‘I was ill-treated and subjected to police violence during my detentions... I was beaten and exposed to violence’

Violence against Fatma, and other lawyers, only increased after the Turkish government began using armed conflict against peaceful Kurdish protestors in 2015. Police attacked a blockade of lawyers and local civilians at a rally in Diyarbakir using water cannons and gas bombs with no warning. Many people were also beaten and detained by police forces, including Fatma.

After visiting members of a Kurdish political party in prison a few years

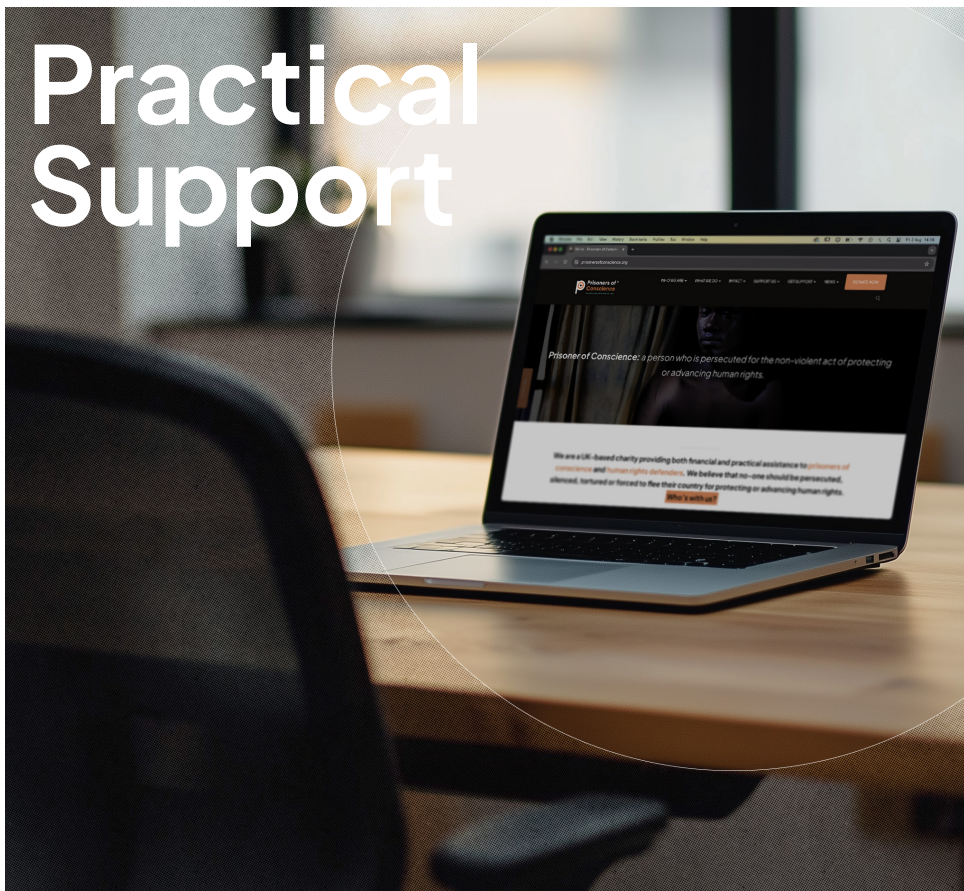
later, Fatma was investigated and interrogated by the anti-terror police in Turkey. She was threatened with further legal action and imprisonment for her visits. It was at this point that Fatma knew she had to leave Turkey. She was no longer safe there to fight for justice, and feared the same torture and abuse that she may have to face in prison.

After safely arriving to the UK, Fatma was still passionate about her law career and wished to re-establish herself in the UK. She worked hard to complete her LLM in International Humanitarian Law at the University of Essex and is now preparing to take her Solicitors Qualifying Exam, which is a necessary step to re-qualify as a solicitor in the UK.

We awarded Fatma with a bursary grant earlier this year, to cover the costs of her SQE.

‘I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude to each and every one of you. Your donations have made a significant difference in my life and in our community. Your generosity has lifted the heavy burden of being an immigrant and provided a much-needed beacon of hope.’

Your contributions have allowed me to re-establish myself in my profession. This incredible feeling fills me with hope and excitement, enabling me to contribute positively to society.’



Practical Support

Prisoners of conscience often face unimaginable hardship for the nonviolent act or expression of their conscientiously held beliefs. This year, we extended our practical support, through personal development plans, to more individuals and helped improve their standard of living, make plans for the future and feel hopeful again.

Package of Support

Following the award of financial grants, we offer a Package of Support (PoS) to prisoners of

conscience who have reached the UK, tailored to each recipient's needs. The PoS focuses on and signposts prisoners of conscience to specialist organisations to meet their integration, employment, legal assistance and mental health needs.

'The referral to Renaisi will help me to start my career in the UK, as I do not have any hands-on experience here yet. This opportunity is crucial for gaining the necessary skills and building a professional network. The Lenovo laptop will allow me to

finish writing up my thesis, which is essential for completing my studies, and it will also enable me to apply for jobs and access online resources, significantly enhancing my employability. The grant has been invaluable in helping with living costs, allowing me to focus on my studies without financial stress. Additionally, it has enabled me to send some financial support to my family, who are in serious danger due to the ongoing war in Sudan. This support has not only impacted my academic and professional journey but has also provided critical aid to my loved ones in a time of dire need.'

M*, activist from Sudan

Toolkit

Recognising the distinct needs of those who remain in danger in their countries of origin or in an interim country while trying to reach a country of safety, we developed a toolkit in 2024 which includes information on and links to organisations which provide urgent security, relocation assistance to a safe country, and support for hardship and mental health needs.

Interactive Webinars

Prisoners of conscience are at the core of everything we do. To ensure that we are addressing their main needs, we organised two interactive webinars this year. One webinar covered the PoS while the other focused on the toolkit. These sessions allowed prisoners of conscience to share their stories and feedback, and to suggest additional

ways we can help them rebuild their lives with dignity and safety. We plan to hold more webinars in the coming months and years to maintain an ongoing dialogue and continuously improve our services.

Impact Evaluation

In 2023 we conducted a formal impact evaluation to assess whether our grants and practical support meet the primary needs of prisoners of conscience and make a meaningful difference. The evaluation was categorised by type of grant – overseas hardship relief, UK hardship relief, family reunion & bursary grants. **Results showed that 88% of respondents felt our support addressed their short-term needs. Bursary grants were particularly impactful, with 91% of respondents indicating long-term benefits. The evaluation highlighted the complex needs of those who remain in danger in their home countries or in an interim country, with 57% reporting long-term impact from our assistance.**

Overall, our evaluation and webinars reiterated the importance of offering holistic support to prisoners of conscience. Respondents and participants highlighted the need for in-person and virtual meetings, language courses, scholarships, resettlement assistance, psychological support, employment opportunities, mental health services, and technology support. These recommendations were encouraging, showing that PoC is on the right path to meet the needs of those whom we support through



Rania, an activist from Sudan and past recipient of our bursary grant, speaks at our Annual Re-qualification Bursary Awards in 2023



Walter, featured on page 14 of our Impact Report, assisting Prisoners of Conscience at an event in the Houses of Parliament with Baron Ahmad

our PoS and toolkit. Using frequent evaluation and feedback, we strive to adapt and improve our services, making a lasting difference in the lives of those we serve.

Mental Health and Wellbeing

Feedback from the webinars and the impact evaluation emphasised that prisoners of conscience highly value the positive impact of both grants and practical support on their mental health; giving them the opportunity to share their stories and have their voices heard, instilling a sense of hope and belonging.

‘Knowing that there is someone there cares about you, investing in you is a great feeling and empowering. It made a great impact on my film career and my new identity in the UK.’

M*, filmmaker from Turkey

‘PoC’s support met me at my point of need when I was at my lowest point in life.’

B*, human rights defender from Zimbabwe

Package of support in 2023/24

- 80** prisoners of conscience accessed our Package of support this year, bringing the total to 168. Of these:
 - 7** laptops provided
 - 12** referrals for legal/advisory, mental health therapy, English classes
 - 4** letters of support provided
 - 5** referred to the employability panel
 - 50** signed up for the online forum to share experiences to improve integration
 - 2** prisoners of conscience and their families provided with respite holidays in Jersey

Referral agencies in 2023/2024

Afghan and Central Asian Association	Freedom Now
Amnesty International - London	Haringey Adult Learning Service, Economic Regeneration, London Borough of Haringey
Article 19 Eastern Africa	Human Rights Focus Pakistan (HRFP)
Assistance Association for Political Prisoners (AAPP)	Humanists International 2020
Ateizm Derneği (Association of Atheism, Turkey) - Atheist Refugee Assistance Program	PAFRAS - Positive Action For Refugees And Asylum Seekers
Atheist Alliance International	PEN - America
Breaking Barriers	Roots2Justice
British Red Cross - Leeds	The Daphne Caruana Galizia Foundation
British Red Cross - Liverpool	The Kota Alliance
British Red Cross - London	The Rory Peck Trust
Canadian Journalists for Free Expression (CJFE)	Waging Peace
English Centre of International Pen	Youth Acting Together (YATO)
European Belarus Foundation	Youth for Positive Change (YOPOC)
Free from Fear/Azadi Charity	Zimbabwe Peace Project
Freedom from Torture - London	



‘The support our families have received from PoChas been truly transformative. The financial assistance has enabled families to establish stable and secure lives in the UK. PoC has opened doors to opportunities, significantly improving integration and empowering families to thrive in their new environments. In addition to providing hardship funds for families awaiting relocation, PoC has offered resettlement support, including access to education and employment. Their unwavering commitment has made a profound impact and, quite simply, has changed lives for the better.’

Becky Collins-Smith
Free from Fear

Trustees and Patrons

We are fortunate to be supported by committed and experienced directors of our corporate trustee:

David Lock KC (Chair)

Diba Alikhani (Resigned 5/02/2024)

Jonathan Taylor

Keith Davis

Mandira Sharma

Dr Roger Harrison

Michael Morrison

Nora Mbagathi

As part of our governance rules, the directors of the corporate trustee are obliged to resign after 9 years of service. We would like to thank all the directors for their dedication and support for prisoners of conscience.

In addition, we continue to benefit from the support of many distinguished patrons:

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Our Funders

Everything we have achieved in the past year has only been made possible thanks to the ongoing support and generosity of our funders and donors. We offer our sincere thanks to each and every one of you for your continued support during these uncertain times.

In addition to the generosity of many private individual donors, we benefitted from the support of the following charitable trusts and foundations:

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Jomati Foundation

WGFJM Charitable Trust

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Our people

We are a small team of two full time and one part-time staff members, an external accountant and several dedicated and enthusiastic volunteers.

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Joanna Pitta, Grants and Support Manager

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Consolidated accounts

Statement of Financial Activities for the period ended 31 March 2024

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Designated Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
INCOME:	£	£	£	£	£
Donations and legacies	317,692	49,000	-	366,692	564,710
Income from investments	3,572	-	-	3,572	433
TOTAL INCOME	321,264	49,000	-	370,264	565,143
EXPENDITURE ON:	£	£	£	£	£
Raising funds	52,183	-	-	52,183	77,400
Charitable activities	280,069	36,527	-	316,596	299,409
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	333,252	36,527	-	369,779	376,809
NET INCOME/ (EXPENDITURE)	(11,988)	12,473	-	485	188,334
Transfer between funds	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	(11,988)	12,473	-	485	188,334
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward	84,238	8,060	-	317,298	128,964
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	£72,250	£20,533	£225,000	£317,783	£317,298

Balance Sheet at 31 March 2024

	2024	2023
FIXED ASSETS	£	£
Tangible assets	225,000	225,000
CURRENT ASSETS		
Debtors	88,244	53,864
Cash at bank and in hand	122,479	92,057
	210,723	145,921
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	(117,940)	(53,623)
NET ASSETS	317,783	317,298
FUNDS		
Restricted income funds	20,533	8,060
Designated income funds	225,000	225,000
Unrestricted income funds	72,250	84,238
General reserve		
TOTAL CHARITY FUNDS	317,783	317,298

The summary financial statements are extracted from the independently examined financial statements. The opinion on the full financial statements was not qualified and they were approved by the trustees on 28th June 2024 and submitted to the Charity Commission. Copies of the full financial statements, including the independent examiner's report, can be obtained by written request from the charity's registered office: PO Box 61044, London SE11UP



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CHAIR OF THE TRUSTEE BOARD



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