

## **The Decennial Review – Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust to significantly increase grant spending**

WE are pleased to announce plans to significantly increase our grant spending from around £7 million per year, to over £10 million per year, for the next ten years.

Trustees decided to increase grant spending by more than £3 million a year as part of a ten yearly review – the Decennial Review – of the Trust.

The review made a commitment to work to increase the number of grants given to organisations outside London to achieve a greater geographical diversity of funding across the UK. The Trust will also meet demand by making a number of larger, longer or core grants to charities where suitable.

Nick Perks, Trust Secretary at JRCT, said: “We’re pleased to be able to increase our grant funding, which reaffirms our commitment to engage in philanthropy which supports people who address the root causes of conflict and injustice.

“JRCT supports organisations and individuals who are working creatively and courageously to produce positive social change through their charitable work.

“We have decided to make more grants across the UK in recognition of the importance of devolved nations and regions and that systemic change requires many voices and experiences.”

Further details for applicants and existing grantees will be released later this year. Changes are expected to have been fully implemented by the end of next year.

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## **People at JRCT**

AFTER seven years in his current post, and 14 in total with the Trust, Nick, our Trust Secretary, has decided that the time is right for him to move on to a new phase of work in consulting in the summer.

We’re pleased that Nick has agreed to continue to cover the Power and Accountability programme until spring 2020 on a part-time consultancy basis in order to help with a smooth transition.

We are therefore seeking to appoint a new chief executive to guide us through what promises to be an exciting time in the Trust’s development.

Recruiter Perrett Laver has been appointed to find our new chief executive. The deadline for applications is Tuesday, 16 April.

Another big change in staffing at the Trust will come with the retirement of Assistant Trust Secretary, Maureen Grant, in September. Maureen, who oversees the Sustainable Future programme, has been integral to our work for 20 years, having started working for the Trust on the West Yorkshire Racial Justice programme. Maureen will be in touch with her grantees about her departure in the coming months.

There have been a few changes among those who help govern the Trust. Michael Eccles stood down as a trustee at the end of the year, having recently taken on a new role with Friends World Committee for Consultation's Europe and Middle East Section. Nic Burton and Jackie Leach Scully began sitting in as trustees in September, although Jackie will not continue as work commitments are taking her abroad.

We were very pleased to have Kamran Fazil join the Sustainable Future committee as a co-optee.

In March, we welcomed our new Communications Officer, Kate Gradwell. Kate worked as a regional journalist for 11 years, most recently as a deputy news editor. Kate will work to create content and case studies for our website and to help develop our communications strategy for the future. For the latest news at JRCT, you can follow us on Twitter @jrctinfo

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### **Trust backs calls for legal ruling on whether trustees should ensure investments support their charitable aims**

JRCT has joined a coalition seeking a landmark ruling on whether charities should ensure their investments support their goals and their duty to provide public benefit.

The coalition of charitable organisations, which includes the RSPB, the Friends Provident Foundation and Quakers in Britain, has written an open letter to the Charity Commission and Attorney General calling on them to refer the issue to the Charity Tribunal for an urgent and definite ruling.

A positive ruling would put the onus on trustees to consider whether their investments are in conflict with their charitable aims.

This could significantly impact how trustees think about investments in companies which contribute to climate change. The letter notes that temperature rises above the UN target of 1.5°C present substantial risks to the overall economy as well as to individual investment portfolios and may undermine the very aims charities exist to achieve.

As an ethical and responsible investor, JRCT was pleased to join the coalition. We recognise that our investments do not stand in isolation from our grant giving work and that we need to take a holistic approach to all our activities.

The following grants were approved at the March 2019 Trust board meeting:

#### PEACE & SECURITY

**Centre for International Studies and Diplomacy, SOAS, University of London**

[www.soas.ac.uk/cisd](http://www.soas.ac.uk/cisd)

**£52,000**

24 months  
SCRAP project

**Corruption Watch**

[www.cw-uk.org](http://www.cw-uk.org)

**£100,000**

24 months  
UK arms trade - public education and advocacy

**International Fellowship of Reconciliation**

[www.ifor.org](http://www.ifor.org)

**CHF38,000**

12 months  
Conscientious objection

**Reprieve**

[www.reprieve.org.uk](http://www.reprieve.org.uk)

**£150,000**

36 months  
Challenging UK abuses in counter terrorism

**Saferworld**

[www.saferworld.org.uk](http://www.saferworld.org.uk)

**£100,000**

24 months  
Charting a path for better UK and European arms transfer controls 2019-2021

#### POWER & ACCOUNTABILITY

**CORE Coalition**

[www.corporate-responsibility.org](http://www.corporate-responsibility.org)

**£105,000**

36 months  
Core costs

**Frank Bold**

<http://en.frankbold.org>

**€95,000**

36 months  
Purpose of the corporation - phase 2

**New Economics Foundation**

[www.neweconomics.org](http://www.neweconomics.org)

**£118,400**

24 months  
Power and accountability in the digital economy - part 2

**Spotlight on Corruption**

**£80,000**

24 months  
Core costs

**VoteWatch Europe**

[www.votewatch.eu](http://www.votewatch.eu)

**€150,000**

36 months  
Core costs

#### RIGHTS & JUSTICE

**Bail for Immigration Detainees**

[www.biduk.org](http://www.biduk.org)

**£120,000**

36 months  
Core costs

**Civil Liberties Trust**

[www.liberty-human-rights.org.uk](http://www.liberty-human-rights.org.uk)

**£150,000**

60 months  
Core costs

**Equally Ours**

[www.equallyours.org.uk](http://www.equallyours.org.uk)

**£14,640**

6 months  
Influencing EU funding after Brexit project

**Inclusive Mosque Initiative**

[www.inclusivemosqueinitiative.org](http://www.inclusivemosqueinitiative.org)

**£133,728**

36 months  
Inclusive outreach project

**Project 17**

[www.project17.org.uk](http://www.project17.org.uk)

**£60,000**

24 months  
Policy project

### Scottish Refugee Council

[www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk](http://www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk)

**£50,000**

24 months

Refugees ending destitution

### The Traveller Movement

[www.travellermovement.org.uk](http://www.travellermovement.org.uk)

**£120,000**

36 months

Core costs

### Zahid Mubarek Trust

[www.thezmt.org](http://www.thezmt.org)

**£140,000**

36 months

Core costs

## SUSTAINABLE FUTURE

### The Soil Association

[www.soilassociation.org](http://www.soilassociation.org)

**£120,000**

36 months

Policy and public affairs programme

### Upper Space CIC

[www.adblockbristol.org.uk](http://www.adblockbristol.org.uk)

**£26,525**

12 months

Adblock Bristol

### Women's Environmental Network

[www.wen.org.uk](http://www.wen.org.uk)

**£72,556**

24 months

Women's Voices - linking environmental and gender justice

## NORTHERN IRELAND

### NI Community Relations Council

[www.community-relations.org.uk](http://www.community-relations.org.uk)

**£80,000**

48 months

Northern Ireland Peace Monitor

## CROSS-CUTTING

### Campaign Academy

[www.campaignbootcamp.org](http://www.campaignbootcamp.org)

**£120,000**

36 months

Supporting BME campaigners outside London

### Muslim Council of Britain

[www.mcb.org.uk](http://www.mcb.org.uk)

**£87,113**

15 months

National Listening Exercise: next steps

### Public Interest Research Centre Ltd

[www.publicinterest.org.uk](http://www.publicinterest.org.uk)

**£120,000**

36 months

Core costs

### Rights Watch (UK)

[www.rwuk.org](http://www.rwuk.org)

**£200,000**

36 months

Core costs

### Sheila McKechnie Foundation

[www.smk.org.uk](http://www.smk.org.uk)

**£120,000**

36 months

Core costs

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