

IMPACT REPORT

Supporting Survivor-Led Organisations

Small Grants Programme - 2024 / 2025

THE
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COLLECTIVE

FOREWORD

In 2024 The Anti-Slavery Collective (TASC) launched a new small grants programme to support organisations providing essential services to the victims of forced labour and modern slavery. Our programme prioritises grassroots organisations with survivors at their heart. Organisations were selected for partnership based on programme alignment, sound financial management practices, demonstrated leadership within the sector, and tangible results for survivors.

We wanted to build a new partnership model with equality and collaboration at its heart. TASC believes passionately that small, expert organisations understand the needs of survivors better than anyone; grantees selected for funding were therefore given the freedom to spend the money where they see the greatest need. Throughout the year, the TASC team worked closely with our grantees attending events, supporting fundraising efforts, meeting with survivors, building strong relationships with staff, and learning more about their respective approaches. I am convinced of the critical importance of their work and the impact of our grantees, all of whom are growing and looking at bold, new ways to do things.

In November 2025 we wrapped up the inaugural year of the granting programme. This report is a moment to look back at our achievements and explore how our partnership model can be improved for the 2025 / 2026 granting cycle. In our second year of granting, we have been able to increase our grants portfolio and are delighted to announce that we have added Hope at Home as a new Grantee. Hope at Home recruits, trains and supports volunteer hosts with a spare bedroom to offer safe, stable accommodation to survivors of modern slavery and human trafficking.

TASC is committed to ensuring that the perspectives, insights, and lived experiences of survivors, as well as the expertise of the organisations that support them shape our work. We are grateful to all our Partners for their dedication and deeply impactful programmes which have collectively reached 548 survivors of modern slavery.



Sarah Woodcock, CEO

**Due to the confidential and sensitive nature of the work of our grantees, not all organisations are able to publicise their work.*

SOPHIE HAYES FOUNDATION

The Sophie Hayes Foundation (SHF) has been supporting survivors of modern slavery and exploitation to build new futures since 2011. SHF's trauma-informed work strengthens survivors' confidence, builds their skills and independence by responding to individualised needs, and creates long-term opportunities for learning, work, and personal growth. In addition, the organisation advocates for the comprehensive care survivors deserve, using its voice to drive tangible advocacy outcomes.

HOW THE PROGRAMMES WORK

- The **Employability Programme** supports women over 12 months through in-person and remote workshops, one-to-one coaching, work placements, training, and formal education. This approach builds confidence and skills essential for future employment, education, independent living, and maintaining freedom.
- The **CREW Survivor Network** brings together alumni creating opportunities to develop new skills, build connections, and foster friendships. Over the last year, this survivor community has also evolved into a Lived Experience Advisory Group. The group has played a pivotal role in co-designing new initiatives, including redeveloping programme modules, participating in a policy and campaigning bootcamp at Westminster, and piloting a survivor leadership development course.

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WOMEN SUPPORTED THROUGH SHF'S EMPLOYABILITY PROGRAMME AND CONVERSATIONAL ENGLISH FOR INDEPENDENCE CLASSES

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WOMEN JOINED THE CREW SURVIVOR NETWORK ACTIVITIES



“Thanks to your support we have supported 190 women through our Employability Programme and Conversational English classes. Our programmes have helped survivors develop a wide range of skills through in-person and remote sessions, and access to further opportunities, in education, employment, and volunteering, enabling each survivor to look to a future of sustainable freedom.”

PARTNERSHIP HIGHLIGHTS

The TASC team were very happy to be invited to a quarterly CREW picnic in the sunshine where we caught up with staff, programme alumni and current graduates. We were also honoured to attend the 2025 CREW graduation ceremony as well as support SHF at their Comedy Store fundraising event.

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BRAMBER BAKEHOUSE

Bramber Bakehouse supports women in Sussex who have experienced abuse, exploitation, or displacement. The organisation helps women build the confidence, knowledge, and skills they need for a brighter future, offering safe, trauma-informed services. These include baking sessions that develop practical abilities, wellbeing and mental health support, life skills training, and ongoing one-to-one and group mentoring and befriending. Together, these services empower women to regain confidence, develop new skills, and access the support they need for long-term stability.

HOW THE PROGRAMMES WORK

Through their baking programme, women progress from beginner to advanced techniques, learning baking theory and the principles behind recipes so they can continue baking confidently after the programme ends. Alongside this, structured wellbeing sessions and transferable life skills allow the woman to begin their road to recovery.

Women graduate with increased confidence and hope, and they continue to receive person-centred support through befriending and mentoring services. Many also develop a strong sense of belonging within the Bramber Bakehouse community, with opportunities to return as volunteers or even join the advisory board.

This year, Bramber Bakehouse celebrated its 10-year anniversary and continues to look ahead as it works to improve and transform the lives of women across Sussex.

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SURVIVORS COMPLETED THE PROGRAMME

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**WOMEN SUPPORTED THROUGH 3 TRAUMA-
INFORMED BAKING, WELLBEING & LIFE SKILLS
PROGRAMMES**



“The Anti-Slavery Collective’s generosity has enabled us to continue supporting survivors of abuse, exploitation and displacement. This has included women who’ve experienced human trafficking, modern slavery, domestic abuse, coercive control, gender-based violence, as well as those who’ve fled war and destruction.”

PARTNERSHIP HIGHLIGHTS

Throughout the year, the TASC team visited Bramber Bakehouse’s headquarters in Brighton to take part in their baking workshops and learn more about their programme. Our CEO was also honoured to host a panel at Bramber Bakehouse’s 10-year anniversary celebration with Bramber CEO Lucy Butt and Survivor Leader Wumi Adegoke.

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BAKEHOUSE



CARITAS BHAKITA HOUSE

Caritas Bakhita House is a safe house providing specialist support and accommodation for women survivors of modern slavery. It offers residents a secure and supportive environment where they can begin to recover from exploitation and rebuild their lives in safety. Alongside accommodation, Bakhita House delivers holistic, survivor-centred support tailored to each individual. Every resident receives a personalised support plan, which may include access to medical care, English language lessons, counselling, and arts-based therapies. Regular group meetings ensure women can share feedback on the support they receive, with their insights directly informing service development and reinforcing the organisation's commitment to placing survivor voices at the centre of its work.

HOW THE PROGRAMMES WORK

This grant has made a valuable contribution to Caritas Bhakita House's ability to provide highly specialised, round-the-clock, trauma-informed support to women recovering from human trafficking and exploitation. Their model offers a combination of safety, stability and trauma-informed support, enabling up to **twelve women at any time and around twenty-five each year** to begin rebuilding their lives with dignity and support.

Caritas Bhakita House is recognised for its thoughtful approach to long-term recovery. Its purpose is clear: that every woman leaving the programme does so with the confidence, skills and practical foundations to pursue a life free from slavery. Staff work tirelessly towards residents' improved physical and emotional wellbeing, increased self-respect, and the capacity to navigate life independently.

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RESIDENTS SUPPORTED ANNUALLY



“We appreciate how closely TASC has worked with us and we recognise the contributions that the TASC staff and Trustees have made in terms of contributing their time to visit the House. We hope to be able to continue working closely...and appreciate your relationship-based approach to funding.”

PARTNERSHIP HIGHLIGHTS

Princess Eugenie was delighted to be able to spend time at Bakhita House meeting with staff and guests. In July, team members from The Anti-Slavery collective spent an evening at Bakhita House cooking and teaching the residents sushi rolling. Our CEO Sarah was honoured to be asked to read the lesson during Bakhita House’s 10 year anniversary event at Westminster Cathedral.



THE SALVATION ARMY'S DREAMS CHOIR

The Dreams Choir is a distinctive and quietly powerful initiative developed by the Salvation Army to support survivors of modern slavery through the healing influence of music. Formed three years ago as part of the charity's wider work under the Government's Modern Slavery Victim Care Contract, the choir brings survivors and support staff together each week to share songs, food and companionship. For many members, it is the first safe space in which they can express themselves openly, grow in confidence and look forward with renewed hope. The choir currently has 12 members.

HOW THE PROGRAMMES WORK

The grant enabled the choir to travel to Liverpool to perform at the iconic Strawberry Field, the site that inspired John Lennon's Imagine, a favourite song of the group. The visit held deep significance, symbolising freedom and possibility after years of exploitation. Performing on the Strawberry Field bandstand, beside the famous red gates, was a profoundly moving moment for the choir. Working with staff at the site, members co-created a reflective garden walk using Beatles lyrics to explore themes of hope, freedom and recovery. Visitors were invited to join the walk, enjoy cream tea at the café on site and learn more about Salvation Army's wider support for survivors. The installation will remain in place, offering a lasting legacy for future visitors.

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MEMBERS OF DREAMS CHOIR



“The choir brings together survivors and support staff in London to share songs, food and friendship. For many members, it is the first safe space where they can express themselves freely, build confidence and find courage for the future. Thanks to TASC’s funding, the Dreams choir continues to grow in confidence and purpose”

PARTNERSHIP HIGHLIGHTS

The TASC team have been privileged to hear the Dreams choir sing at several events throughout the year and was proud to host the entire choir for a Christmas tea at a London hotel to celebrate their achievements and spend time with the amazing members.

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