

Annual Impact Report 2023-24



London Housing Foundation

London Housing Foundation is the primary sponsor of the London Homelessness Awards, which awarded **£30,000**



of a £60,000 prize fund to the SLAM START Homeless Outreach Team in 2023.

This team works with individuals experiencing homelessness and facing mental health and substance misuse challenges. The money has allowed the team to establish a flexible fund to support clients' immediate needs. It has been used to cover temporary hotel stays for clients, provide groceries for those moving into accommodation, get flowers for a client's funeral, purchase angling equipment to help someone struggling to stay off drugs, deep clean a flat to help maintain a tenancy and buy phones to enable clients to keep in touch.

As Clinical Service Lead Fran Busby explained:

"LHF agreed we could use the money as a client welfare fund, and the freedom this has given us has been amazing. It has empowered the team to give with kindness."



£721,000

Money LHF generated from investments in 2023-2024 to support homelessness agencies in London.

£308,000

Money LHF spent directly supporting homeless agencies during the financial year 2023/24

£95,000

Money spent on the criminal justice sector in 2023/24

£65,000

Money LHF spent during 2023/24 supporting the work of DePaul International in Ukraine

£253,000

Money LHF spent during 2023/24 supporting the development of the homelessness sector in the UK

Source - LHF audited financial statements

TRAINING

The LHF sponsored post graduate certificate course at London South Bank University continues to be both popular and successful. This year we had three applications for every place, and feedback from last year's cohort showed that 87% of respondents thought that the course would impact positively on their work and help them in their next career move.

LHF also ran four Professional Development courses through the year covering Presentation Skills, Negotiation and Influencing Skills and Pitching for New Business. All courses were oversubscribed, with 44 attending in total.

Students Quotes

"The best thing about the course was building confidence through learning more in depth about governance and financial management and understanding a range of leadership and organisational development issues."

"Another very high-quality training session."

"The whole day gave me more confidence about doing presentations."

"An incredibly enjoyable and useful course."

INFLUENCE WE HAVE HAD

Last year LHF set up an event in Wandsworth Prison, bringing together senior civil servants, HMPS, homelessness support agencies, the Deputy Governor of the prison and NACRO, to discuss the current situation. They looked at implications of the proposed new bill and how it might be implemented, resulting in greater understanding all round of the issues facing both the prison service and the support agencies.

On the back of the work we coordinated, the government ended prison releases on a Friday and gave greater focus to remand prison releases.

INTERNATIONAL WORK

LHF have long supported the work of DePaul International in Ukraine. As well as helping with local initiatives LHF prioritised paying for support for staff. LHF wanted to pay for a much-needed holiday, but the staff refused this, as so many of their friends and family were fighting on the front line. Instead a series of development days were funded and supported to help the teams reflect and regroup.



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