



The Jesuit Fund for Social Justice

Promoting Fairness and Compassion in Britain

The Jesuit Fund for Social Justice (JFSJ) is dedicated to supporting projects that challenge and respond to poverty, injustice (socioeconomic and ecological), and discrimination in Britain. Inspired by Catholic Social Teaching and the mission of the Jesuits, the Fund encourages action rooted in faith and ethical reflection, focusing especially on those who are marginalised to the peripheries of society. The JFSJ is an explicit expression of the Jesuits in Britain's commitment to 'enter into solidarity with the poor, the marginalised, and the voiceless, in order to enable their participation in the processes that shape the society in which we all live and work.'ⁱ

The JFSJ prioritises initiatives that walk alongside the excluded and care for our common home, reflecting the [Universal Apostolic Preferences](#) (UAPs).

The Fund is managed by a committee of Jesuits and co-workers, who review projects and allocate small grants three times a year. The Committee works on a consensus basis, with an operative freedom; holding in healthy tension a holy boldness together with appropriate financial care and prudence.

Who can apply

The Jesuit Fund for Social Justice is available to anyone who is connected with the Jesuits in Britain and/or an Ignatian work; either Jesuits themselves or those who work with the Society through schools, parishes, spirituality centres, volunteering, social projects, associations with other religious orders, university chaplaincies, diocesan initiatives, etc.

Grants from the JFSJ must align with the social mission of the Roman Catholic Church. Supported projects do not require direct Jesuit participation. Ecumenical, inter-faith, or secular partnerships are encouraged.

Our criteria & guiding values

The JFSJ is dedicated to supporting projects that challenge and respond to poverty, injustice, and discrimination in Britain. We will assess applications to the Fund by the following essential criteria – *all* of which must apply to your project:

- is project **in harmony** with the Society of Jesus, paying attention to [UAPs](#)
- **demonstrates a relationship** with an existing Jesuit work or community
- is a **response** to the **cry of the earth and the cry of the poor** in Britain, in your local community
- is as inclusive and **accessible** as possible

The JFSJ Committee has a particular interest in, and will prioritise projects, which:

- offer **accompaniment** to people impacted by institutional social ignorance
- attempt to address the **causes of poverty** as well as its effects e.g. through advocacy or education.
- is **creative** & imaginative – unafraid to try something new
- encourages the **participation** of beneficiaries in achieving its aims
- directly benefits those on the outermost **peripheries** of society
- encourages **intergenerational** connectedness
- engaging in a **synodal** journey which involves and prioritises the poor
- encourages **dialogue** and community cohesion

2026-2029 Priorities

The JFSJ has a particular concern for, and will prioritise, projects responding to people affected by harsh government policies (e.g. no recourse to public funds), people with disabilities, the D/deaf community, and people impacted by the prison system.

How much do we give?

The JFSJ is a small and limited fund. We make grants up to £5,000, and often less than that. Only very occasionally do we give more. We rarely fund salaries or core organisational costs. The majority of grants awarded will be one-off for a single year. Occasionally JFSJ will consider multiple-year grants, up to a maximum of three years.

How do I apply?

Application Forms can be accessed *via* the JFSJ website at jesuit.org.uk/fund-social-justice. The online application form includes a request for a referee. The referee should be a British Jesuit or someone who has a long association to the Jesuits in Britain. The referee will likely be contacted as part of the application process.

The JFSJ Committee may contact you for further information or clarification ahead of their meeting. If the project warrants it, we may ask to see a safeguarding policy or statement prior to making an award.

The JFSJ Committee meets three times a year and decisions are usually made within six weeks of the application deadline.

Closing dates for applications are: 1st February, 1st June and 1st October.

ⁱ General Congregation 34, Decree 26, paragraph 14. (Jesuit leaders from around the world meet from time to time for what are called General Congregations, often to elect a new Superior General and address important issues facing the order, the Church, and the world. They are the highest governing authority of the Society of Jesus.)