

Annual Review 2024

Do Justice



Caritas Social Action Network

is an agency of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales and a member of Caritas Internationalis

“Practised with humility, the synodal style enables the Church to be a prophetic voice in today’s world...We live in an age marked by ever-increasing inequalities; growing disillusionment with traditional models of governance, disenchantment with the functioning of democracy, increasing autocratic and dictatorial tendencies and the predominance of the market model without regard for the vulnerability of people and of creation. The temptation can be to resolve conflicts by force rather than by dialogue. Authentic practices of synodality enable Christians to be a critical and prophetic voice over against the prevailing culture. In this way, we can offer a distinctive contribution to the search for answers to many challenges faced by our contemporary societies in building the common good.”

Synod for Synodality,
Final Document (2024)

“In this era, it is more important than ever that Catholics and Catholic organisations present a clear, consistent message focused on upholding dignity and promoting justice, being credible witnesses of our faith in terms of social action. I strongly believe that this is best achieved in collaboration through the network and strongly support ongoing endeavours to best facilitate, network and coordinate activities.”

CSAN member, members’ survey 2024

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FOREWORD



This year, 2024, has been a very significant in the life of our society in the England and Wales. The General Election and subsequent change of government has led many parts of society to reflect on the current situation and look for principles which lead them to action and to make change for the better. The Catholic Social Action Network has continued

its emphasis on spreading the principles of Catholic Social Teaching and showing its relevance through offering training courses. Putting this into practice has been at the heart of the Do Justice campaign which offers a vision for spiritual and civic renewal.

In the following pages you will read of activities that look to the future. The Aspiring Leaders group continues to identify and develop future leaders both in Church circles and wider society. The trustees have prepared a strategic plan to enable CSAN to become an agile charity based on firm foundations, open to change and in response to need. Faith principles and training are important in themselves, but they lead to action. In this regard CSAN has campaigned vigorously for the removal of the two-child cap on Child Benefit so as to lift many children and families out of poverty.

Finally, I want to thank all our member organisations who are at the forefront of social action bringing the love of God to people in a very real and practical way.

Yours in Christ

+ Malcolm McMahon

Archbishop of Liverpool, Chair of CSAN

“The willingness to listen to all, especially those who are poor, stands in stark contrast to a world in which the concentration of power tends to disregard those who are poor, the marginalised, minorities and the earth, which is our common home.”

Synod for Synodality, Final Document (2024)

MESSAGE FROM RAYMOND FRIEL OBE

CEO OF CARITAS SOCIAL ACTION NETWORK



2024 was an important year for the country, with a General Election in July. CSAN played its part in convening the social action network of the Catholic Church and sharing ideas for how to engage with candidates in hustings. Our most important point was taken from the teaching of the Church, which is that Catholic citizens “should be mindful of their right and duty to use their free vote to further the common good” (*Gaudium et Spes*, 75). With the turnout on 4 July the lowest for a General Election for almost twenty years¹, this key element of Church teaching should be repeated often, not just before elections. At a time when democracy is under threat in many parts of the world, we have an urgent task to preserve and enhance it in our country.



When I attended the Advent Reception at No. 10 Downing Street in December, I was struck by the Prime Minister’s remarks about how quick and peaceful the transfer of power is in our country. Within hours of the votes being counted in July, the outgoing Prime Minister had telephoned his rival to offer his congratulations and a new Prime Minister was on his way to Buckingham Palace the next morning to meet the King. That is something we should never take for granted.

Caritas Social Action Network, the agency of the Bishops’ Conference of England and Wales for convening and supporting the Catholic charities dedicated to tackling poverty and injustice in our countries, has always been ready and willing to work with local and national government to help to bring about a more just and compassionate society. As a new Government gets to grips with the challenges we face, our offer is once again renewed: we stand ready to work in partnership with Government for the common good, to serve all the people in our communities who are not flourishing.

The *Final Document* from the XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops called on the Christian community to “recognise in those made poor the face and flesh of Christ” (#19). In other words, poverty is contrived, it is designed into systems, and it can be designed out. A key part of our work is to advocate for the structural changes which will bring an end to unnecessary poverty.

I hope that this review gives a sense of the work of our committed national team in their support for the social action network and in raising a prophetic voice in the public arena as we continue to dedicate ourselves to “perfecting the work of justice under the inspiration of charity” (*Gaudium et Spes*, 72).

Raymond Friel OBE, CEO, Caritas Social Action Network

1. <https://commonslibrary.parliament.uk/general-election-2024-turnout/>

OUR VISION

Centred on Christ, inspired by Catholic Social Teaching, our vision for the nations of England and Wales is of a civilization of love, solidarity and justice, where the dignity of every human being is respected and upheld; where every person can flourish and live in peace and freedom as part of one human family; where there is no exclusion, discrimination, or dehumanising poverty; where the voices of the women, men and children in the most vulnerable situations are listened to, discerned, and inform action; where everyone is encouraged to contribute to the common good.

OUR MISSION

Caritas Social Action Network shares in the mission of the Catholic Church, committed to tackling the causes of poverty, promoting justice and restoring dignity, specifically by convening and animating alliances of member charities involved in the social mission of the Church, leading on the formation of those involved in social action, and raising a prophetic Catholic voice in the public arena.



OUR TEAM

As we continue our work in 2025, the CSAN national team is:

- Raymond Friel: Chief Executive Officer
- Kweku Bedu-Addo: Finance and Operations Manager
- Daisy Vanderputt: Senior Officer for Policy and Public Affairs
- Bernadette Durcan: Senior Officer for Communications, Research and Programmes
- Aliya Zahin: Senior Migration Officer*
- with thanks to Mary Gandy for all her support as board minutes secretary.

**The post of Migration Officer is supported by a grant from the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales*



CSAN Team (L to R: Raymond, Berna, Aliya, Daisy, Kweku)

“Thank you to all of the team who are always professional, polite and represent the values and ethos of the Gospel in communications, events and in person. Congratulations on all that you continue to do.”

CSAN member, members' survey 2024

DEVELOPING THE NETWORK

Our members

Our members are the lifeblood of CSAN, the reason for our organisation. There are now fifty-one charities in our membership, all of them working on the frontline of human need to restore dignity and agency to people.

According to our most recent Personnel Survey (2024), there are 4,700 members of staff working for CSAN member organisations, supported by around 14,300 volunteers. The total expenditure of CSAN member organisations and dioceses in England and Wales is £484m (source: Charity Commission). Our members are a significant presence in the landscape of those who are working for a more just and inclusive society. The figures above only relate to CSAN members. The wider Church effort will involve many more thousands of staff and volunteers committed to the common good.

Our members, with a brief indication of their field of work, are as follows:

British Province of the Society of Jesus

International religious order active across a number of social justice projects and in education.

Cardinal Hume Centre

Based in London, supports families and young people facing poverty and homelessness by helping them to thrive with six services offering practical help.

Caritas Archdiocese of Cardiff

Diocesan Caritas agency*.

Caritas Arundel and Brighton

Diocesan Caritas agency.

Caritas Diocese of Brentwood

Diocesan Caritas agency.

Caritas Diocese of Hallam

Diocesan Caritas agency.

Caritas Diocese of Middlesbrough

Diocesan Caritas agency.

Caritas Diocese of Northampton

Diocesan Caritas agency.

Caritas Diocese of Nottingham

Diocesan Caritas agency.

Caritas Diocese of Plymouth

Diocesan Caritas agency.

Caritas Diocese of Portsmouth

Diocesan Caritas agency.

Caritas Diocese of Salford

Diocesan Caritas agency.

Caritas Diocese of Shrewsbury

Diocesan Caritas agency.

Caritas East Anglia

Diocesan Caritas agency.

Caritas Hexham and Newcastle

Diocesan Caritas agency.

Caritas Jersey

Diocesan Caritas agency, part of the Diocese of Portsmouth.

Caritas Southwark

Diocesan Caritas agency.

Caritas Westminster

Diocesan Caritas agency.

Catholic Association for Racial Justice

CARJ works to support and empower black and minority ethnic Catholics to give them an effective voice in the Church and the wider society.

Catholic Care: Caritas Leeds

Caritas Leeds is now part of Catholic Care, which operates a number of supportive services including residential children's homes, community projects, services for schools and families, mental health supported lives, older people's services and adult learning disability services.

Catholic Children's Society

Supports disadvantaged children and families across London, Hertfordshire and the South-East.

Catholic Disability Fellowship

Seeks to help people with disabilities to participate fully in the life and worship of the Church.

Catholic for AIDS Prevention

CAPS: a network of Christians in Britain and Ireland promoting HIV prevention and support.

Clifton Diocese

Adult Education and Evangelisation Department.

Daughters of Charity Services

A family of Vincentian charities across Great Britain dedicated to improving the lives of people experiencing the effects of poverty, as inspired by the life of St Vincent de Paul.

Depaul UK

A youth homelessness national charity helping young people who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless.

Father Hudson's Caritas

Caritas Birmingham is now part of Fr Hudson's, becoming Fr Hudson's Caritas. Based in Birmingham, providing a range of services for homelessness, disability, refugees and asylum seekers, older people, children and families.

Institute of Our Lady of Mercy

Religious order, usually known as the Sisters of Mercy, working across a number of ministries including advocacy, counselling, support for refugees and asylum seekers, education and care.

Irish Chaplaincy

Working with prisoners, travellers and older people in the Irish community.

Jesuit Refugee Service UK

Serving, advocating for and accompanying refugees and people seeking asylum.

Marriage Care

Offering relationship counselling and marriage preparation.

Million Minutes

Accompanying young people, youth ministry.

“One of the most rewarding networks to be part of. Thank you!”

CSAN member, Members’ Survey 2024

National Board of Catholic Women

Seeks to enable the spiritual growth and development of all Catholic women.

NOAH Enterprise

Working with people who experience homelessness in the Luton area, well-being and recovery, street outreach.

Nugent

Based in Liverpool, providing specialist schools, supported living, an adoption agency.

Out There

Supporting families of prisoners in Greater Manchester.

PACT

Prison Advice and Care Trust: national charity supporting people in prison and their families.

Seeking Sanctuary

Promoting awareness of migrants near our shores, lone children, providing humanitarian assistance.

St Vincent de Paul

A national grassroots Catholic charity with thousands of volunteers who befriend and support the isolated and hundreds of staff running day centres and advocating for social justice.

St Antony’s Centre for Church and Industry

A UK charity, based in Manchester, providing help with advice, support and training for individuals in the workplace and their communities.

St Elizabeth Centre

Residential home and education for children and young people with epilepsy and complex needs and behaviours.

St John of God Hospitaller Services

A national charity providing people with the skills and the support to gain control of their own lives across a range of services including for people with disability, experiencing homelessness and victims of modern slavery and human trafficking.

St Joseph’s Hospice

Providing free compassionate palliative care in East London.

Stella Maris

UK and international, supporting seafarers and fishers.

The Centre for Theology and Community

Faith-filled community organising in East End of London.

The Medaille Trust

National charity providing refuge and freedom from modern slavery and human trafficking.

The Passage

Based in Victoria, London, offering a wide range of services that help to prevent and end homelessness for good, highlighting the links between modern slavery and homelessness in London.

Together for the Common Good

A national Christian charity dedicated to the renewal of the civic ecology by bringing covenantal thinking into church and civic life.

Women@thewell

Based in King's Cross, London, supporting women who are affected by or at risk of prostitution and/or sexual exploitation.

Young Christian Workers

Run by and for young people discerning positive change.

Your Place

Dedicated to solving homelessness in east London, one person at a time.

** A Caritas diocesan agency will vary considerably in size and capacity: some with large full-time teams offering a range of services, such as Westminster, Salford and Shrewsbury, some with smaller teams, part-time staff or volunteers, but what they have in common is the role of convening and supporting all the social action activities in the diocese.*

You will find more information about the work of our members on our website:

<https://www.csan.org.uk/member/>

If you would like to enquire about membership for your organisation, please contact us at:

admin@csan.co.uk

In 2024, we continued to work with other Catholic agencies, such as CAFOD and the Catholic Education Service. We attended the National Justice and Peace Network conference at the Hayes in Derbyshire and presented a workshop on our Do Justice campaign.

We embarked upon a new partnership with Citizens UK, the broad-based community organising movement which works in many Catholic dioceses and schools. In July, Raymond spoke at a conference organised by Citizens UK for Catholic schools to celebrate their work for social justice inspired by community organising methods. The keynote speaker was His Eminence, Cardinal Vincent Nichols, who encouraged the interface between Catholic Social Teaching and broad-based community organising.



Cardinal Vincent Nichols addresses the Citizens UK conference for Catholic schools

CSAN Alliances

Our **Leadership Alliance** provides essential networking, peer support and the exchange of best practices and innovative solutions for the leaders of our member organisations. In May 2024, the Leaders' Alliance met for a day conference sponsored by CCLA at their offices in London. We were delighted to welcome Professor Anna Rowlands from the Centre for Catholic Social Thought and Practice at Durham University. Anna has taken part in the Synod meetings in Rome and in a stimulating interview with Jenny Sinclair (Together for the Common Good) Anna reflected on her own experience of the Synod and its potential for spiritual renewal and structural reform in the Church. We were also treated to a keynote address from Elizabeth Palmer, then CEO of the St Vincent de Paul Society. Elizabeth reflected with great honesty and insight on many years of transformational leadership. As always, the leaders welcomed the opportunity to reflect together, on this occasion discussing how we might work together for the Jubilee Year in 2025.

As well as the Leaders' Alliance, we have an **Advocacy Alliance** chaired by Ben Gilchrist from Caritas Shrewsbury. This alliance has focused on developing the capacity of the network for the work of advocacy for justice by sharing good practice and priorities and hearing from other organisations and leaders in the sector, such as JPIT's Let's End Poverty movement and Niall Cooper from Church Action on Poverty.

CSAN has convened an Education Forum in the past which was discontinued in 2020. However, feedback from the members suggested there was still a need for those involved in education or youth to be able to convene. Our initial idea for an Education Alliance has evolved into a **Youth Alliance** and 2024 saw the work of this alliance get underway, chaired by Deacon Jim Hannigan from Northampton Diocese.



CSAN Leaders in Conversation at CCLA

Our **Diocesan Alliance**, chaired by Deborah Fisher from Plymouth Diocese, is an opportunity for all members to meet, but has a particular focus on the work of the diocesan Caritas agencies and issues which affect them, such as support for parishes in their endeavours to work at the grassroots for social justice.

Working with the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales

Some of our alliances are run in partnership with, or on behalf of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. Our **Migration Alliance**, chaired by Patrick O'Dowd from Caritas Salford, is a case in point. Our previous focus had been community sponsorship and excellent work was done in setting up community sponsorship projects in many parishes.



We have continued to promote **Love the Stranger**, the publication by the Department for International Affairs of the Bishops' Conference. This powerful document is a Catholic response to migrants and refugees which places the human being at the heart of our pastoral outreach, looking beyond statistics and policies to the person – each with a name, a face and a story. Plans are underway to produce a youth version for the Jubilee Year.

With the appointment of a Migration Officer, a post funded by the Bishops' Conference, our focus widened to include the legislation around immigration, support for people seeking asylum in our country, and raising awareness of Human Trafficking and Modern Slavery. The **Migration Alliance** has convened two day conferences, in London in 2023 and in Manchester in 2024. These events brought together many members from the network involved in various aspects of migration for fruitful networking.

We continue to convene the Bishops' Conference's **Criminal Justice Alliance**, chaired by Bishop Richard Moth. In its annual online meeting, the alliance promotes the work of the Bishops' Conference national chaplaincy to prisons and the work of our members most involved in supporting people in the criminal justice system and their families, such as PACT, Out There, Irish Chaplaincy and the Saint Vincent de Paul Society. In November we supported the launch of **Remember Me**, a new document from the Department for Social Justice exploring a Catholic response to the criminal justice system.

In 2020, we held our first Domestic Abuse Forum, having taken up this work when the Bishops' Conference's domestic abuse working group (DAWG) was wound up in 2019. In line with the new structure, this forum is now the **Domestic**



Patrick O'Dowd addresses the Migration Alliance in Manchester



Bishop Richard Moth at the launch of Remember Me

Abuse Alliance. We have worked very closely with the National Board of Catholic Women and Nikki Dhillon-Keane from their Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) committee to expand the annual online event to more frequent events. In the last year we have promoted the **Safe in Faith** (Caritas Westminster) Domestic Abuse Signposting Toolkit for Churches and Faith Leaders, available from their website: https://caritaswestminster.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/0803324_____Signposting-Toolkit.pdf

Jubilee 2025



As our partnership working with the Bishops' Conference developed in 2024, we were pleased to contribute to the national working group for Jubilee 2025 in England and Wales. More information on Jubilee 2025 can be found at:

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/jubilee-2025>

We also worked in partnership with colleagues from the Catholic Education Service and CAFOD to lead on Jubilee for Schools in England and Wales. In November, we presented a workshop at the CES conference for CEOs of Catholic multi academy trusts on a toolkit for Vision, Values and Mission in a

Catholic School or CMAT. Together we developed the concept of a Jubilee Pledge, a commitment which schools and parishes can make together to work for justice and the common good locally, nationally and internationally. You can find all our resources for Jubilee for Schools at:

<https://cafod.org.uk/jubilee-schools>

The full range of events being planned by CSAN for the Jubilee year can be found at:

<https://www.csan.org.uk/jubilee-2025-outline-plan-september-2024>

COMECE Social Affairs Commission

COMECE is the Commission of the Bishops' Conferences of the European Union. There are several commissions within the overarching structure, including the Social Affairs Commissions, which would be the closest equivalent to the Department for Social Justice at the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. CSAN represents the Bishops on the COMECE Social Affairs Commission, although since the UK left the EU, we have observer status only. We continue to attend meetings online and contribute as constructively as possible.



Caritas Europa

CSAN along with our sister Caritas agency CAFOD are members of Caritas Europa and the global confederation of Caritas Internationalis. In May 2024, CSAN and CAFOD were represented at the Caritas Europa Regional Conference in Brussels where a unanimous vote was taken to include a youth representative on the board of Caritas Europa.

Berna and Daisy from the CSAN team attended the Caritas Europa Youth Conference in Athens in August and Berna, Daisy and Aliya attended the Caritas Europa Comms conference in October. It's important for us to contribute to the programmes of Caritas Europa and bring the learning back to our colleagues in the network. The themes of youth and communications fitted in well with our strategic priorities.



Raymond with Christine from CAFOD at Caritas Europa Regional Assembly in Brussels
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Berna, Aliya and Daisy with delegates at the Caritas Europa Comms Conference

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ADVANCING EDUCATION, TRAINING, PRACTICE AND FORMATION

The second charity object of CSAN, after developing the network of those working in social action, is to advance the education, training, practice and formation of those working in the field of social action.

Our work to support this object has taken different forms over the years. In the three years, a major focus in this area has been our **Aspiring Leaders Programme**. In June 2023, twenty participants in Cohort 1 completed the four-residential programme and the feedback was very encouraging. In January 2024, we launched Cohort 2, with fourteen participants and three facilitators from the network.

The programme provides an introduction to Catholic Social Teaching, explores a Gospel-inspired approach to servant leadership grounded in the reality of leadership, and draws on the most helpful thinking from the leadership schools on adaptive and transformational leadership to develop participants' knowledge and skills in managing

other people and challenging circumstances. Participants work in learning groups under the guidance of an experienced facilitator from the network. Inspirational keynotes from Catholic leaders such as Christine Allen, Director of CAFOD, and Maria Nyman, General Secretary of Caritas Europa have been highlights of the programme.

“Thank you for the incredible way that you have supported and fostered this cohort and their learning culture. You have blessed me and fed me with spiritual wisdom and new insights.”

Participant in Aspiring Leaders Programme, Cohort 1



Aspiring Leaders Cohort 2 at the Royal Foundation of St Katherine in London



Maria Nyman address the CSAN aspiring leaders in London

*“Incredibly fruitful and inspiring.
Just the right pace for learning but also the
opportunity for reflection and discussion.”*

Participant in the Aspiring Leaders Programme, Cohort 2

Another major development in our formation offer has been our new **Catholic Social Teaching training days**. In October and November 2023, we ran the first of these new training days in London. In October 2024, we piloted a five-session online introductory course on Catholic Social Teaching for the staff of our member organisations. The feedback was very positive, with an undoubted highlight being the ‘spotlight’ session when we were joined by CSAN member organisations. We heard powerful and moving testimony from our colleagues at PACT (Prison Advice and Care Trust), the Cardinal Hume Centre, the Medaille Trust and Caritas Salford. With the witness from the ‘front line’ of poverty and exclusion, we were able to make the connection between Catholic Social Teaching and the action it calls for.

In June 2024 we celebrated the final event in our **Homes for Ukraine** programme for which we have partnered with CSAN member, St John of God Hospitaller Services. Since the programme began in 2022 in response to the invasion of Ukraine and the displacement of millions of Ukrainian people, around 140 Ukrainian guests were matched with hosts in this country, with most having arrived, some awaiting visas. This project was supported by funds from the Albert Gubay Foundation and the Department for Levelling Up Housing and Communities.



CST training day at the London Jesuit Centre



Homes for Ukraine team

*“Great and fruitful day!
Thank you for the food for thought and for the food.”*

Participant in CST Training Day

OFFERING A COHERENT CATHOLIC VOICE IN THE PUBLIC ARENA

In 2024, we were able to continue our work of developing a coherent Catholic voice in the public arena for the benefit of people who are in circumstances of poverty and disadvantage of various kinds.

In 2024, we spoke out against what we considered to be unjust policies which contributed to poverty. Our focus was very much on the increase in poverty, especially child poverty, with a specific request to remove the harmful two-child benefit cap.

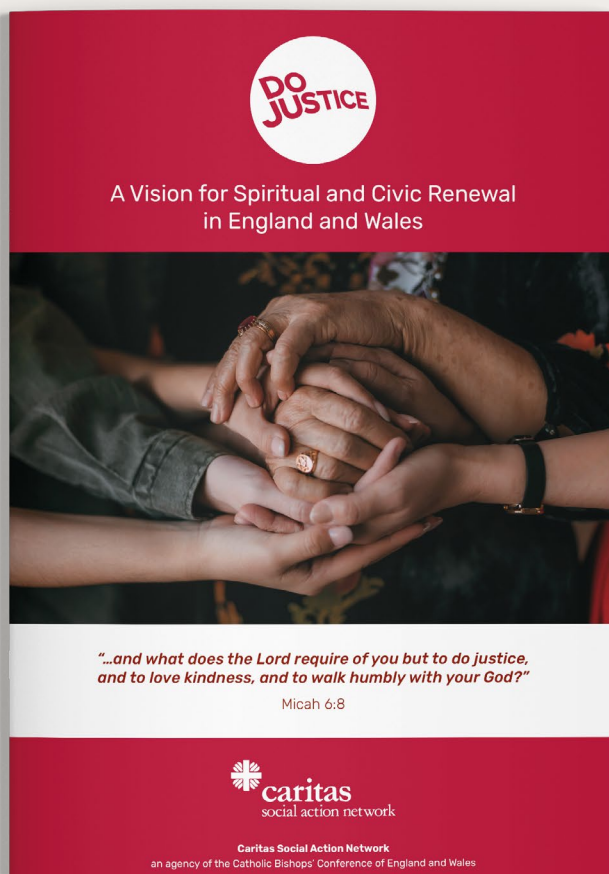
We continued to oppose the Illegal Migration Bill, publishing a strong statement condemning this “cruel and unworkable” piece of legislation, with particular concern at the lack of modern slavery protections or limits to child detention. Our role is not just to condemn, of course but, to encourage the Catholic community to respond concretely to situations of injustice. To help in that work, we produced our Call to Action following on from the publication of *Love the Stranger* by the Bishops’ Conference. This can be found on our website: www.csan.org.uk/love-the-stranger-call-to-action

Do Justice

Our Catholic voice in the public square was perhaps heard at its clearest with the launch of our Do Justice campaign in February 2024.

With input from a number of CSAN members in working groups and roundtable discussions, we produced the ‘core text’ entitled, ***Do Justice: A Vision for Spiritual and Civic Renewal in England and Wales***, which can be downloaded from our Do Justice website at: <https://dojustice.co.uk/>

The Do Justice core text is a foundational resource, a reminder in the public arena that we do have a different story to tell and a different vision to offer our country.





CSAN trustee Sir John Battle at the launch of Do Justice in London, February 2024

The Do Justice campaign will continue to be a major focus for us in 2025, as we concentrate on social justice in the Jubilee Year. We will continue to develop resources to support the Catholic community. So far we have produced Do Justice: for parishes, Do Justice: for schools (in collaboration with the Oscar Romero Award) and Do Justice: Human Trafficking and Modern Slavery. We have more worksheets in preparation and would gladly hear from any group who would like to collaborate on a resource. We would also like to highlight the projects of the network in our case studies section, so please tell us about all the inspirational work which is going on: <https://dojustice.co.uk/casestudies>





Do Justice:

A Jubilee Resource for Parishes



Welcome to the **Do Justice: Jubilee 2025** campaign of Caritas Social Action Network, the agency of the Bishops' Conference which convenes and supports a network of Catholic charities to tackle poverty and injustice in England and Wales.

Do Justice: A Jubilee Resource for Parishes is an invitation to parish groups in England and Wales in the Jubilee Year 2025 to deepen their commitment to being, as Pope Francis said at the end of the synod in Rome in October 2023, "a more synodal and missionary Church, a Church that adores God and serves the women and men of our time, going forth to bring everyone the consoling joy of the Gospel" (2). The Jubilee is an invitation to reset and renew our relationship with God, our neighbour, and creation. The three sessions in this resource are designed to support that renewal. They are based around the gospel readings for the first three Sundays in Lent 2025, which would be the ideal time to meet, but groups could meet for three sessions at any time of the year.

Jubilee Pledge

The aim of the three sessions is to see as clearly as possible what's going, to see and listen to "the joys and hopes and the sorrows and anxieties" (Gaudium et Spes, 1) of the people in your community. Then to discern what is of God and what is not of God in what you see; and finally to take a Jubilee Pledge as a community to act for a more just society, to bring hope to people, with the resources you have and in partnership with others, especially if possible your local Catholic school, which has also been invited to make a Jubilee Pledge. See Key Dates 2025 in the link here: <https://cafn.org.uk/jubilee-schools>



"...and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?"
Micah 6:8

"Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right: they shall be satisfied."
Matthew 5: 6

"We may have plenty of good ideas on how to reform the Church, but let us remember to adore God and to love our brothers and sisters with his love, that is the great and perennial reform. To be a worshipping Church and a Church of service, washing the feet of wounded humanity, accompanying those who are frail, weak and cast aside, going out lovingly to encounter the poor."
Pope Francis (1)



OPERATING FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT

Caritas Social Action Network operates for the public benefit in England and Wales through all our activities. Our network development work supports the independent charities and Caritas diocesan agencies in our membership in their work with people in poverty and exclusion. Our formation and training work contributes to a deeper understanding of and commitment to the work of social justice. Our voice in the public arena is a contribution to a vision for the flourishing of all people in our society. We support and convene a network of charities and diocesan agencies who between them spend in the region of £484m for the benefit of people in poverty and marginalised circumstances. Our work serves the common good of England and Wales.

Governance

Caritas Social Action Network is a registered charity, a Limited Company by guarantee without share capital and an official agency of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. Information about our governance can be found on the websites of the Charity Commission (www.gov.uk/government/organisations/charity-commission) and Companies House (www.gov.uk/government/organisations/companies-house).

Our Patron is His Eminence Cardinal Vincent Nichols, Archbishop of Westminster. Our Chair is The Most Reverend Malcolm McMahon, Archbishop of Liverpool. We have one other bishop trustee, the Right Reverend Paul Hendricks, Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Southwark. In December 2023, the board of trustees appointed a new Honorary Treasurer, Lisaa Lilley, and elected two Vice-Chairs, Julia Corcoran and Daphne Amevenu. Our other trustees are Nicola Thomas, Richard Harries, Maria Blazquez, Johan Bergstrom-Allen, Jonathan Heard, and Sir John Battle. You'll find more information on our trustees on the CSAN website: www.csan.org.uk/about-csan/people.

Finances and funding

We are grateful for our ongoing grant funding from the Catholic Trust for England and Wales, and the funding received from our members through annual subscriptions. These funds enable us to plan a core programme of work. We have supplemented this with income from donations and gifts from individuals and groups, many of whom have contributed on a regular basis. We are grateful for the ongoing support for our events and programmes from CCLA and those funders who wish to remain anonymous.

The total income for 2024 was £329k, compared with £426k in 2023. Total expenditure in 2024 was £326K compared with £409k in 2023. Our reduction in income was due to some large grants coming to an end the previous year. We continue to work within our means and deliver good value.

It's more than just charity

Do Justice is about empowering and inspiring parishes, schools, communities and individuals to celebrate justice and challenge injustice, taking action to improve the world we live in.

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Premises

CSAN's registered office is at Romero House, 55 Westminster Bridge Road, London SE1 7JB. We are grateful to be in the home of CAFOD, a friendly and supportive environment. Since the Covid-19 pandemic, the CSAN team has moved to hybrid working, but we still ensure we have team days in the office together. The CSAN board meets in Romero House four times a year.

Social Media

You can follow us on X: [@CSANonline](https://twitter.com/CSANonline) and sign up for our monthly newsletter at:

www.csan.org.uk/newsletter

For more information about CSAN, visit our website:

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Daisy, Berna and Aliya at the Caritas Europa Comms Conference

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“It is not enough merely to formulate a social doctrine. It must be translated into reality. And this is particularly true of the Church’s social doctrine, the light of which is Truth, Justice its objective, and Love its driving force.”

Pope John XXIII, *Mater et Magistra* (1961), 226



“We must put human dignity back at the centre, and on that pillar build the alternative social structures we need.”

Pope Francis, Fratelli Tutti, 168

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