

# Press Release

Change Makers Funding Programme

**POWER  
THE  
FIGHT**



**Power The Fight awarded £195,000 funding from Comic Relief’s new Change Makers initiative to develop a new model of therapeutic support for young people and families from communities facing racial inequality in London who are at risk of, or have experienced, a traumatic loss through youth-led violence.**

- **Power The Fight is one of twenty initiatives to receive share of £9.1 million funding from Comic Relief**
- **The charity will use the funding by Comic Relief to enhance the Therapeutic Intervention for Peace (TIP) programme – designing a responsive mental health service for young people and families affected by youth violence**
- **The new Change Makers programme is supporting thousands of vulnerable people over 5 years throughout the Covid-19 recovery**
- **For more information on Comic Relief funding visit [comicrelief.com](https://www.comicrelief.com)**

## **MONDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER 2021**

Comic Relief has today announced a brand-new £9.1 million programme to support new initiatives that will deliver vital long-term support to thousands of vulnerable people across the UK during the Covid-19 recovery.

One of the successful recipients is Power The Fight in London which will use an investment of £195,000 to help deliver a new model to increase relevant therapeutic support in the aftermath of traumatic loss resulting from youth violence.

**Ben Lindsay, Founder and CEO at Power The Fight said:**

*“Young people and families affected by violence are not well supported to deal with trauma and cope with mental health and other issues. Existing services often don’t reflect, or seem to understand, people who are affected – and this is a serious barrier to recovery. This is combined with deep-rooted stigma that is experienced by young people and families which prevent them from seeking psychological help. Together, these issues mean access to mental health services is effectively unavailable. Power the Fight will also support young people at risk of involvement in violence before it occurs. Working in three London boroughs, Power The Fight will contribute to a reduction in racial inequalities and poor mental health outcomes.”*

The Change Makers programme is launching twenty new initiatives involving 45 organisations, spanning all four nations of the UK, over the next five years. They will tackle serious issues that have seen increased demand for help throughout the pandemic including homelessness, domestic abuse and mental health. The programme aims to find innovative solutions to problems affecting vulnerable people that have been overlooked or under-resourced at a local, regional and national level.

**Samir Patel, CEO of Comic Relief, said:**

*“It’s fantastic that through our new Change Makers programme we are able to support 20 ‘game changing’ projects that are working with thousands of vulnerable people and families throughout the UK. Each project aims to provide vital long-term support and make a real positive impact on communities hardest hit by the pandemic.”*

For more information on different Comic Relief funding opportunities visit [comicrelief.com/funding](https://comicrelief.com/funding)

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The organisations receiving funding are:

- Dingley’s Promise
- Kinship
- Women’s Aid Northern Ireland, and eight local Women’s Aid organisations across Northern Ireland
- Women’s Health and Family Services and Ratio
- Southall Black Sisters with Angelou Centre, Latin American Women’s Rights Service, Safety for Sisters and Ubuntu Women’s Shelter
- Wearside Women In Need with Advocacy After Fatal Domestic Abuse
- Women’s Budget Group
- RECLAIM with Pankhurst Trust
- Justice and Care
- Ashley Community & Housing with Refuge, Asylum and Migration Policy Bristol
- Scottish Refugee Council
- Gatwick Detainees Welfare Group
- Advonet, with Leeds Mind and the West Yorkshire and Harrogate Health and Care Partnership
- Power The Fight
- Midaye Somali Development Network
- UK Youth, with The Diana Award and the Centre of Mental Health
- Groundswell, working with On Our Radar
- Housing Justice Cymru working with partners Tai Pawb, The Wallich, Welsh Refugee Council, and Oasis Cardiff
- Centre for Homelessness Impact

## ABOUT COMIC RELIEF

Comic Relief raises money to support people living incredibly tough lives. Through humour and stories of hope, we've shown that people can make a massive difference. We fund hundreds of amazing organisations who are working on the ground to support the most vulnerable people and communities in society including many of those hardest hit by the coronavirus crisis. This includes vulnerable children and young people, people who are homeless or who have been forced to flee their homes, women and families at risk of domestic abuse and those struggling with existing or new mental health problems.

For information about Comic Relief and the work it carries out, please visit [comicrelief.com](https://www.comicrelief.com)

Comic Relief, which is the operating name of Charity Projects, registered charity 326568 (England/Wales); SC039730 (Scotland).

## ABOUT POWER THE FIGHT

Power The Fight is a unique movement, launched in 2019 to empower communities to end youth violence. Power The Fight works both at grassroots level (for example with families, churches and schools, including delivery of culturally competent therapeutic services) and with the highest levels of policy decision makers (such as the Mayor of London's Violence Reduction Unit and the cross-party Youth Violence Commission). We aim to act as a lever, initiating far-reaching change and empowering communities to end youth violence.

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