2016 at a glance

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<th>Practical support to</th>
<th>Ethiopian journalist</th>
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<td>154 prisoners of conscience</td>
<td>“Thank you for helping and for your precious time. Thanks and ever thanks. It eases my situation. I don’t know my next life what will happen. You are written in my heart. Thanks a million times.”</td>
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<th>An additional</th>
<th>Educational bursaries awarded</th>
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<td>194 family members helped</td>
<td>to 22 refugees in exile</td>
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| 13 families reunited |
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Note: * denotes a pseudonym. Prisoners of Conscience takes extreme care to protect its beneficiaries, and their families, many of whom are vulnerable to continued persecution if their identities or locations are made public.
Last year saw an escalating onslaught against media outlets and media workers all over the world. One of our referring partners, Reporters Without Borders, calculated that 79 journalists were killed worldwide during 2016 in the course of their daily work, with hundreds more injured, imprisoned or exiled.

Prisoners of Conscience provided key support to an increasing number of exiled journalists in the East and Horn of Africa, many of whom are stuck in limbo waiting for UNHCR resettlement. While journalists face similar challenges to other refugees, they also have to deal with very particular risks of being personally targeted and followed across borders by the security forces from which they have fled. In such cases, our emergency grants are vital in paying for more secure accommodation away from the main refugee camps.

Overall, nearly two-thirds of our grants supported people resident in the UK where we are able to mitigate some of the worst hardships experienced by refugees, including meeting basic needs for consumables and medication, travel or legal costs, family reunification and further study for people restarting their professional lives in a new country.

We welcomed a new Chair to our Board in 2016 – Catriona Jarvis – who has extensive experience in global refugee and human rights issues. Catriona was a judge in the asylum, human rights and immigration field for 21 years, and is a former Council member of the International Association of Refugee Law Judges and its Vulnerable Persons Working Party.

Catriona is currently the Chair of the Unaccompanied and Separated Migrant Children’s Court Steering Group, a trustee of the Inderpal Rahal Memorial Trust and the Co-Convener of Last Rights, a project that is creating a new legal framework to ensure respect for the rights of missing and dead refugees and migrants and bereaved family members.

Each year we face increased calls for assistance precipitated by abuses of human rights worldwide and 2016 was no exception. I am enormously grateful to our donors whose generous support allowed us to provide 154 relief and resettlement grants to prisoners of conscience and their families from 31 different countries.
Catriona’s specific expertise in this complex field is of particular importance to us as we respond to increasing calls for help from prisoners of conscience in exile. In addition, Catriona has already turned her attention to diversifying our fundraising activities and you can read more about our unique collaboration, Pigeonholed, with celebrated artist, Kurt Jackson, on page 11.

In welcoming Catriona, we bid a sad farewell to our former Chair, Sir Henry Brooke CMG, retired Lord Justice of the Appeal. Henry had reached his maximum term of service of nine years on the Board and we have benefited enormously from his wise counsel, advice and knowledge. We were delighted when Henry and his wife, Biddy, also a staunch supporter of our work, subsequently accepted our invitation to become Patrons.

I also want to acknowledge our colleagues and volunteers who work tirelessly for Prisoners of Conscience.

We are a small team, which sometimes means that we are stretched, but also means that we are able to work across all functions and respond flexibly and creatively to the varying challenges of each year.

On behalf of all of my colleagues and those we serve, I thank you for your support of some of the world’s bravest people. In all cases, our grants help those determined to hold fast to their principles in truly terrifying circumstances. It is of utmost importance that we continue to support and defend those who are risking life, freedom and exile to uphold democratic values and universal human rights.

Lynn Carter, Director
**Joseph’s Story**

Joseph* is a 45-year-old freelance journalist, author and teacher from Ethiopia who was referred to Prisoners of Conscience by PEN Canada. He has been an active member of PEN Ethiopia, which is his local chapter of PEN International, a worldwide, non-partisan network of writers promoting literature and free expression.

Joseph has worked for Radio Ethiopia, as well as for a freelance press agency and several newspapers and magazines. His short stories have been translated into Turkish and English and he has worked for the Goethe Institute in Addis Ababa.

In 2014, Joseph was abducted, beaten and thrown into the forest late at night by Secret Service agents. Shortly afterwards, upon returning with other members of PEN Ethiopia from a university conference on investigative journalism in South Africa, he was detained and interrogated at Addis Ababa airport for allegedly making anti-government remarks. He was repeatedly harassed afterwards, both physically and by phone. In 2015, he left the country to attend the PEN International Congress in Quebec, where he sought asylum.

Journalists in Ethiopia are regularly subjected to threats, arbitrary detentions and trials, usually on spurious grounds related to a 2009 anti-terrorism law. According to Reporters Without Borders, it is one of the most hostile countries in the world to the media; in 2014 alone, six newspapers were closed down and over 30 journalists were driven into exile.

Joseph’s grant from Prisoners of Conscience paid for some of his basic living expenses in exile in Canada.
Programmes: Relief and Recovery

It is an almost universal experience that prisoners of conscience who have taken a stand against injustice will experience some form of trauma. Courage comes at a price and many of the people Prisoners of Conscience works with have been threatened, detained, imprisoned, tortured and separated from their loved ones by conflict or exile.

Prisoners of Conscience is dedicated to helping alleviate the suffering of our beneficiaries in several ways. Often this takes the form of very basic relief to pay for necessities such as food, safe accommodation, medical or therapeutic treatments, or transport. Relief grants may be one-off or released in several tranches and Prisoners of Conscience works carefully with referral partners to establish the most critical needs of beneficiaries. In 2016, grants were distributed to beneficiaries from 31 countries through approved, third party referral agencies.

The organisation is proud of its flexible approach, enabling a rapid turnaround of grant applications: while this is usually around two weeks, Prisoners of Conscience can facilitate emergency funds within 24 hours where needed.

Prisoners of Conscience first established electronic records in 1994 and has, since then, distributed more than 10,000 grants totalling nearly £4 million to prisoners of conscience and their families in the UK and abroad.

Mehdi’s Story

Mehdi* is a Syrian solicitor and a member of a group peacefully campaigning for greater civic freedom, specifically for the release of imprisoned intellectuals, lawyers and journalists. Mehdi has been arrested twice by the Syrian security forces and was beaten, tortured and interrogated on both occasions. His family was also threatened and forced to pay a bribe for his release.

He eventually fled Syria, arriving in the UK in 2011, where he began volunteering for a number of refugee organisations offering immigration advice. He recognised a need for solicitors in this field and in 2016 enrolled for a part-time LLM (Common Professional Exam), Masters in Law.

Prisoners of Conscience awarded Mehdi a bursary to complete the final four modules of his course.
Mandira’s Story

Mandira founded and led the Advocacy Forum (AF), a human rights organisation that operates in South Asia, primarily in Nepal. AF has been working to prevent human rights violations and to promote rule of law. As no one in power could be brought to justice in Nepal, Mandira was instrumental in challenging impunity by carrying out international advocacy and litigation. Mandira and her team brought a number of high profile cases involving the country’s most powerful institutions, including the Nepalese Army, political parties (whilst in government), the Maoist Party and the Police for their alleged involvement in murder, disappearances, torture and sexual assault. Due to the security threats that Mandira and her colleagues were facing, Peace Brigades International (PBI) accompanied Mandira and her colleagues and have documented the threats against them.

Due to her courageous work, Mandira has been personally targeted. In 2006 Mandira was awarded the prestigious Human Rights Defender Award by Human Rights Watch (HRW). HRW said at the time: “Mandira and her colleagues are struggling to make sure that any peace talks address the needs and demands of the Nepali people, not just their political leaders… Mandira and Advocacy Forum stand for justice, and bitter experience from around the world shows that peace without justice is illusory.”

Mandira is currently in the UK on a student visa while she is undertaking her PhD in transitional justice in Nepal. PBI referred Mandira to Prisoners of Conscience in 2016 to part-fund the second year of her course.
Programmes: Resettlement and Reunion

One of the most rewarding aspects of the organisation’s work is to support beneficiaries to reunite with their families in their new country. Sometimes families have been separated for years and it is hugely gratifying to play a part in bringing spouses, and children and parents, back together. In 2016, Prisoners of Conscience grants enabled 13 families to reunite.

Aslan’s Story

Aslan* was a human rights lawyer in Turkey where he was regularly targeted by the security forces due to his involvement with Kurdish causes. As a politically active student in the mid-1990s, he was forced to abandon his studies after a police operation targeted Kurdish students. Over the next few years, he volunteered for various human rights groups and was arrested or threatened several times.

In 2007, Aslan was detained, wrongly accused of being a member of the banned Kurdish organisation PKK. He was brutally tortured during this time and still suffers insomnia and traumatic flashbacks to this day.

Aslan was released from prison after nearly two years and, even while the case against him continued, he managed to complete his studies. He worked as a lawyer, specialising in human rights and children’s rights, and continued his voluntary work with a charity providing scholarships and cultural activities for migrant children.

Aslan came to the UK to study English in 2013. A year later, the Turkish Supreme Court made their final decision on his case and sentenced him to nearly ten years in prison. He claimed asylum in the UK and was granted refugee status. Prisoners of Conscience awarded Aslan a grant to cover the tuition fees for the second year of his MA in Human Rights.

Another important aspect of settling into a new life can be the need to re-train or adapt existing qualifications. Prisoners of Conscience provides bursaries to assist beneficiaries with post-graduate studies and the opportunity to regain their professional standing helps them build confidence, professional networks and a sustainable income for the future.

In 2016, Prisoners of Conscience provided 22 bursaries (an increase of 44 percent from the previous year) to beneficiaries studying for a whole range of courses, from accounting to human rights to law.
In 2016 grants were given to beneficiaries from 31 different countries, from Afghanistan to Zimbabwe. The highest number of applications this year came from Ethiopian prisoners of conscience.

- Afghanistan
- Azerbaijan
- Bahrain
- Bangladesh
- Burma
- Burundi
- Cameroon
- China
- Democratic Republic of Congo
- Eritrea
- Ethiopia
- Guatemala
- India
- Iran
- Iraq
- Mali
- Mauritania
- Nepal
- Nigeria
- Pakistan
- Rwanda
- Somalia
- Sri Lanka
- Sudan
- Syria
- Tajikistan
- Tibet
- Turkey
- Vietnam
- Yemen
- Zimbabwe
“Please accept my sincere gratitude for all the support you’ve shown me throughout my difficulties in Nairobi. I do keep my efforts to continue my career as much as possible; I and other three journalists have determined to keep on working on a news website which we had established in Nairobi [and we will continue] working together for our common agenda freedom of expression in my country. I express heartfelt thanks for all you did.”

Ethiopian journalist
Events in 2016
Bursaries Reception

Every year, Prisoners of Conscience hosts an evening reception bringing together students who have received bursary grants, along with staff, volunteers, trustees and donors.

In 2016, Prisoners of Conscience allocated 22 bursaries and it was very moving to hear testimony at the October event from one of the current bursary holders who told us how her grant had helped her resume an accountancy career much disrupted by her husband’s human rights activism in Ethiopia. She said: “Without Prisoners of Conscience’s scholarship, not only was my profession in serious uncertainty but my life itself would have been hopeless... Your help has resurrected a profession whose future is now so bright.” Another bursary holder also read a translation of a poem she had written during the two years she spent in prison in Iran, which she translated from Farsi for our guests.

The guest speaker at this year’s reception was Andrei Sannikov, former presidential candidate of Belarus. Andrei, who in 2010 had received the second highest number of votes next to the incumbent, was subsequently incarcerated on spurious charges before eventually being pardoned and released. He spoke of the importance of political activism within a corrupt regime, but also the importance of external support from organisations such as Prisoners of Conscience, who enjoy the freedom to stand up for those denied their human rights.

The evening was hosted by Sir Geoffrey Nice, QC, a Prisoners of Conscience patron, and was generously sponsored by Clifford Chance, LLP at their head office in Canary Wharf.
Pigeonholed

Kurt Jackson, a prominent British artist and zoologist, created a body of unique artworks – entitled Pigeonholed – especially for Prisoners of Conscience. The collection was exhibited for a week in November 2016 at The Guardian newspaper’s beautiful gallery in Kings Cross and then sold to raise funds for Prisoners of Conscience.

A limited-edition book, containing images of the artworks, as well as selected poetry and prose by distinguished writers, lawyers and activists, accompanied the exhibition and sale.

On the evening of the sale, Kurt spoke of the inspiration behind the paintings; coastal landscapes, of birds and of freedom.

“Under the title, ‘Pigeonholed’, given by Kurt to this series of new work, he has conceived for us a series of pieces each of which reveals certain aspects of experience of the prisoner of conscience – of solitude, of despair, of loneliness, but for the most part, of desire for and experience of peace and freedom, of being reunited with family and friends, of messages sent, whether actual or imagined, symbolised in racing pigeons and doves of peace”

Catriona Jarvis, Prisoners of Conscience Chair

Also present that evening were contributors to the book including respected author Kamila Shamsie and Sir Stephen Sedley, QC, who offered attendees the opportunity to expand their notions of imprisonment to include the social expulsion and ostracism that may result from openly defending controversial beliefs. An Iranian activist and psychologist read a poem she’d written while in prison and Sir Henry Brooke, CMG, former chair of Prisoners of Conscience (and now patron), spoke about the vital work the organisation does to support prisoners of conscience and their families.

Prisoners of Conscience is deeply grateful to Kurt Jackson and the Jackson Foundation for their generous contribution towards the organisation and also to our Chair, Catriona Jarvis, who conceived the idea and helped bring it to fruition. The event raised more than £10,000 for Prisoners of Conscience.

To see more images from this special collection or to buy a copy of the book, visit www.prisonersofconscience.org/pigeonholed.
Partners

There is an ever-increasing need for grants to support prisoners of conscience and in 2016, we registered 27 new referral agencies, almost double the number from the previous year. We are very grateful to the following agencies, comprising a trusted network of skilled people offering support to people in need, who submitted successful grant applications in 2016:

- Assistance Association for Political Prisoners (AAPP), Burma
- Action for Refugees in Lewisham
- Americans for Democracy & Human Rights in Bahrain
- AMOR, Guatemala
- ARTICLE 19, Eastern Africa
- Bridges Programmes
- British Red Cross, Glasgow
- British Red Cross, Leeds
- British Red Cross, Liverpool
- British Red Cross, London
- Burma Campaign
- Canadian Journalists for Free Expression (CJFE)
- Council for At-Risk Academics (CARA)
- Christian Solidarity Worldwide
- Citizens Advice, Cambridge & District
- Citizens Advice, North Lancashire
- Crisis, Birmingham
- East and Horn of Africa Human Rights Defenders Project
- Edmonton Baptist Church
- Education Action International (RETAS, Leeds)
- Elim Housing
- Freedom Now
- Gloucestershire Action for Refugees and Asylum Seekers (GARAS)
- Gu-Chu-Sum Movement of Tibet
- Helen Bamber Foundation
- Homeplus
- Human Rights Focus Pakistan (HRFP)
- Human Rights Watch, Kyrgyzstan
- Iran National Council for Free Elections
- Migrant Voice
- Northern Ireland Association for the Care and Resettlement of Offenders (NIACRO)
- North of England Refugee Service, Newcastle
- Northern Ireland Community of Refugees and Asylum Seekers
- Peace Brigades International, UK Section
- PEN Canada
- Pastoral and Environmental Network in the Horn of Africa (PENHA)
- Refugee Action, Bradford
- Refugee Council, East London
- Refugee Radio
- Reporters Without Borders
- REVIVE
- Room to Heal
- Sutton Reach
- Tameside African Refugee Association (TARA)
- Terrence Higgins Trust, Scotland
- Transitions London
- Welsh Refugee Council, Cardiff
“I wanted to update you with some very good news about our client who was so generously supported by Prisoners of Conscience. Her daughter’s application was granted and she arrived in the UK yesterday. Our client and her daughter are over the moon and adjusting to being reunited after so many years. She would like us to pass on her sincere thanks to you and your organisation, which provided support for the invaluable evidence (DNA, TB testing) that she needed for her application. A huge thanks from us all at the Family Reunification project here at the Red Cross.”

**British Red Cross**

The British Red Cross has been a key partner, referring 16 cases to Prisoners of Conscience for family reunion during 2016. The Red Cross uses its international network of agencies to help find and reunite families separated by armed conflict and often provides specific assistance to families who have been accepted into the UK under refugee family reunion rules.

[www.redcross.org.uk](http://www.redcross.org.uk)

“*We really appreciate PoC for this incredible support. You look at their faces (grantees) especially when they come to receive the grants and you realise it was their only hope.*”

**ARTICLE 19, Eastern Africa**


[www.article19.org](http://www.article19.org)

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**Staff**

Prisoners of Conscience employs a small team of just one full-time and two part-time staff members in its London office:

- Lynn Carter, Director
- Kirsty Bennett, Grants Officer
- Rachael Tyndall, Administrator

In 2016, a number of dedicated and enthusiastic volunteers and interns also contributed their time and skill:

- Sophie Baker
- Izzi David
- Clara Hebel
- Kathy Moss
- Judith Mwiteneza
- Natallia Paliakova
- Jane Seal
- Rob Thompson

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Izzi David, Kathy Moss, Rachael Tyndall

Kirsty Bennett, John Cooper QC
Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31 December 2016

Summary statement of financial activities

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The summary financial statements are extracted from the independently examined financial statements. The opinion on the full financial statements was not qualified and they were approved by the trustees on 12th July 2017 and submitted to the Charity Commission during July 2017. Copies of the full financial statements, including the independent examiner’s report, can be obtained by written request from the charity’s registered office: PO Box 61044, London SE1 1UP

Catriona Jarvis  
Chair

Alison Ward FCCA  
Independent Examiner
**Trustees and Patrons**

Prisoners of Conscience is fortunate to be supported by a group of highly skilled and committed trustees (formally known as the Directors of our Corporate Trustee):

- Ian Baker (Treasurer)
- Victoria Brittain
- Sir Henry Brooke CMG (Chair until April 2016)
- Dr Dorothy Connell
- John Cooper QC
- Katy Fattuhi (retired January 2016)
- Stefanie Grant
- Dr Roger Harrison (appointed December 2016)
- David Ivy
- Catriona Jarvis (Chair from April 2016)
- Maria Saro-Wiwa
- Ansel Wong

In addition, Prisoners of Conscience enjoys the backing of many distinguished patrons:

- Rt Rev Simon Barrington-Ward KCMG
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- Jonathon Porritt CBE
- Lord David Puttnam CBE
- Rev Dr Nicholas Sagovsky
- Sir Tom Stoppard OM
- Archbishop Emeritus Desmond Tutu
- Zoë Wanamaker CBE

Many thanks to Zoë Wanamaker who kindly fronted our fundraising campaign for ChariTable Bookings in 2016 – see left.

**Funders**

Prisoners of Conscience receives no statutory funding and relies on donations from charitable trusts and foundations, and individual donors. Although many give regularly, very few give confirmed pledges in advance so we have to write regularly to each of our donors. We normally report annually to charitable trusts and we usually request assistance from our individual donors between three and four times in a year.

Prisoners of Conscience aims to never turn away one single eligible person.

To find out more about how to make a donation, go to: [www.prisonersofconscience.org/donate](http://www.prisonersofconscience.org/donate)

“I have supported Prisoners of Conscience in a small way for some years because I like its support of principled people in dire conditions. [The organisation] seems to be well run and able to make quite small amounts of money achieve a lot.”

Prisoners of Conscience donor
“I’ve tried many other doors and all were locked firmly. I lost my country, family and friends due to my involvement in defending human rights. And was just about to lose hope too in the refuge country to continue my journey to fulfil my vision to promote human rights. It was only Prisoners of Conscience that embraced my hope and vision and protected them from being lost. For this, I am unreservedly grateful. The Prisoners of Conscience bursary was a cornerstone to integrate my academic and practitioner skills and knowledge from Middle East onto the UK and European jurisdictions. This way it enabled me to further my contribution effectively in the field of law and human rights in the country of refuge.”

Kurdish lawyer