

JESUS FELLOWSHIP REDRESS SCHEME

The Community Adverse Experience Scheme

The Community Adverse Experience Scheme has been set up by the Jesus Fellowship Community Trust (the **Trust**) to enable fair Redress to be available to those who suffered Community Adverse Experiences whilst living within its Community.

1. Definitions

The following definitions apply to this Community Adverse Experience Scheme:

Term	Definition
Apology	A written apology on behalf of the Trust, acknowledging what has happened, providing acceptance of responsibility and an assurance that lessons of the past have been learnt and shared with relevant authorities.
Apostolic Group	The group of men with overall responsibility for the direction of the Church.
Application	An application by an applicant to the Community Adverse Experience Scheme.
Attorney	A person who will assist the applicant with their Application and who has provided a Lasting Power of Attorney (LPA), as registered with the Office of the Public Guardian (OPG).
CAE Application Form	The document which specifies the core agreed information and which is accompanied by any relevant supporting documents and which enables the Application to be processed
Capital Assets	Assets contributed to the Trust including vehicles, musical instruments, furniture and equipment, that have not been recorded on an applicant's capital record.
Capital Contribution	Contribution of capital made in cash to the Trust and received by the trustees of the Trust from Contributing Members.
Capital Refund	Refund of a Capital Contribution that was made in cash to the Trust.
Child/Children	Person(s) under the age of 18 years.
Church	The Jesus Fellowship Church.
Commencement Date	The date upon which the Community Adverse Experience Scheme begins, which is 26 September 2022.

Community	A group of people living in properties owned or leased by the Jesus Fellowship with effect from 14 June 1974 to 26 May 2019.
Community Adverse Experience	An adverse experience suffered whilst living in Community as detailed below in paragraph 8.
Community Adverse Experience Redress	Eligible Applicants will be entitled to Redress as set out below in paragraph 9.
Community Adverse Experience Scheme	A scheme to provide Support Grants, an Apology and Capital Refunds to former or current Trust Members and or Dependants.
Consumer Price Index	The CPI as published by the Office for National Statistics which measures the average change from month to month in the prices of goods and services purchased by most households in the UK.
Contributing Member	A fully-committed member of the Trust.
Covering Authority	The senior leadership of the Church.
Date of Trust Closure	The date that the Trust Members voted to close the Trust, that is, December 2020.
Dependant	A person who is/was under the age of 21 years and whose parent is/was a Trust Member.
Eligible Applicant	A person who fulfils the eligibility criteria set out below in paragraph 7.
End Date	The date upon which the Community Adverse Experience Scheme ends, which is 31st December 2023.
Lasting Power of Attorney (LPA)	A legal document that enables any individual over the age of 18 years and who has mental capacity to choose another individual or individuals (called Attorneys) to make decisions on their behalf and which is registered with the Office of the Public Guardian (OPG).
Probationary Member	A person in the first stage of style 3 covenant membership.
Redress Office	The Redress team set up by the Trust to deal with Applications for Redress under the Community Adverse Experience Scheme.
Support Grant	Support fund for individual grants towards counselling, training or other support.
the Trust	Jesus Fellowship Community Trust.
Trust Member	A Contributing Member and Probationary Member of the Trust.

2. Who can apply to the Community Adverse Experience Scheme?

A person can apply to the Community Adverse Experience Scheme if they were or are a Trust Member or a Dependant of a Trust Member family and meet the eligibility criteria as outlined below in paragraph 7.

3. Commencement Date and Closing Date

- 3.1 The Community Adverse Experience Scheme will start on 26 September 2022.
- 3.2 Any Application for Community Adverse Experience Redress under the Community Adverse Experience Scheme which is received by 5pm on the End Date will be accepted into the Community Adverse Experience Scheme for consideration.
- 3.3 Any Application to the Community Adverse Experience Scheme received after 5pm on the End Date will not be accepted into the Community Adverse Experience Scheme.
- 3.4 In the event there is an unreasonable delay by the applicant or their Attorney in responding to any reasonable requests for information/documentation, the applicant or their Attorney will be notified that a continued failure to progress their Application may result in their Application exiting the Community Adverse Experience Scheme.

4. Representation under the Community Adverse Experience Scheme

An applicant may represent him or herself in the Application to the Community Adverse Experience Scheme or may elect to be assisted by an Attorney. If an applicant elects to be represented in this way, the applicant must provide a signed Lasting Power of Attorney (**LPA**).

5. Applications to the Community Adverse Experience Scheme

Applications to the Community Adverse Experience Scheme shall be submitted online at www.Jesus.org.uk.

6. Scope of the Community Adverse Experience Scheme

Each Eligible Applicant will be entitled to:

- i) A dedicated Support Grant towards counselling, training or other support, where the criteria for a Community Adverse Experience set out below in paragraph 8 are met;
- ii) A Capital Refund for former Trust Members; and
- iii) A written Apology acknowledging what has happened to them, providing acceptance of responsibility and an assurance that lessons of the past have been learnt and shared with relevant authorities.

7. Eligibility under the Community Adverse Experience Scheme

The persons who are entitled to Community Adverse Experience Redress are as follows:

- i) Any person who can establish they are/were:

- (a) a Trust Member; and/or
- (b) a Dependant of a Trust Member family resident in Community for three months or more;

AND

- ii) who can identify that they experienced Community Adverse Experience as defined in paragraph 8 below.

8. Community Adverse Experience

8.1 Children in Community

For the purposes of this Community Adverse Experience Scheme, the following circumstances are considered Community Adverse Experiences for an individual who was a Child, when they lived in Community;

- i) witnessing abuse of others (sexual, physical or emotional);
- ii) removal as a Child from parenting or domestic family unit;
- iii) lack of safeguarding, opportunity to access medical care, protection from harm that had been reported to an adult;
- iv) unhealthy religious practice in childhood; exorcisms and/or extreme schedule of worship which caused harm;
- v) being denied educational engagement or educational activities owing to influence or direction of the Jesus Fellowship leadership;
- vi) being denied social interaction (outside of Community & preventing male/female friendships in & outside Community) owing to influence or direction of the Jesus Fellowship leadership;
- vii) Child labour in circumstances where there was alleged neglect or harm was caused; and
- viii) having toys, games, childhood comforts removed.

8.2 Adults in Community

For the purpose of this Community Adverse Experience Scheme, the following circumstances are considered Community Adverse Experiences for individuals who were adults when they lived in Community:

- i) harmful treatment of women as subordinates and/or women suffering detriment and harm through being placed in positions of servitude;
- ii) being forced to leave a positive relationship or stay in an abusive relationship;
- iii) prevention of access to outside world (doctors, police, social services); and
- iv) failure of individuals in position of leadership to act positively to reports of abuse or harm.

8.3 Capital Refunds

For the purpose of this Community Adverse Experience Scheme, Capital Contributions which have not yet been refunded, or only partially refunded, are considered Community Adverse Experience for individuals who were adults when they lived in Community.

9. **Community Adverse Experience Redress**

i) Support Grant

Applicant	Amount of Support Grant
adults in Community	£500
Child in Community	£500
Both adult & Child in Community	£500

Support Grants are available towards the costs of counselling, training or any other support. This will be paid directly to an Eligible Applicant, for them to use as they see fit. Eligible Applicants will not be required to report back to the Trust on the use of their Support Grant.

ii) Capital Refund

A Capital Refund is available to those Trust Members who have made a Capital Contribution to the Trust and who have not received any Capital Refund whatsoever or only a partial refund of the Capital Contribution they made to the Trust. Inflation will be added on to the value of the Capital Contribution according to the Consumer Price Index and this inflation will be calculated from the date the Capital Contribution was made to the Date of Trust Closure.

Capital Refunds will not include the following Capital Contributions:

- Capital Assets;
- Inflation on previous Capital Refunds;
- Capital Contributions made by a Trust Member who is deceased as at the Commencement Date;
- properties (these contributions will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis).

iii) Apology

A written Apology on behalf of the Trust, acknowledging what has happened, providing acceptance of responsibility and an assurance that lessons of the past have been learnt and shared with relevant authorities.

iv) Compensation

The current Community Adverse Experience Scheme scope provides for Capital Refunds, Support Grants and an Apology.

This Community Adverse Experience Redress is limited due to the legal priorities relating to the closure of the Trust, and ensuring sufficient funding for the entire Jesus Fellowship Redress Scheme.

If, at the closure of the Jesus Fellowship Redress Scheme, sufficient funds remain, the Trust may seek to extend the Community Adverse Experience Scheme scope to also provide for compensation payments.

Subject to the above, compensation payments will be considered only for those who have applied for the Community Adverse Experience Scheme by the End Date.

Only in the event that compensation payments are provided for, will applicants be contacted during Phase 4 of the Trust closure.

10. Assessment of Support Grant and/or Apology

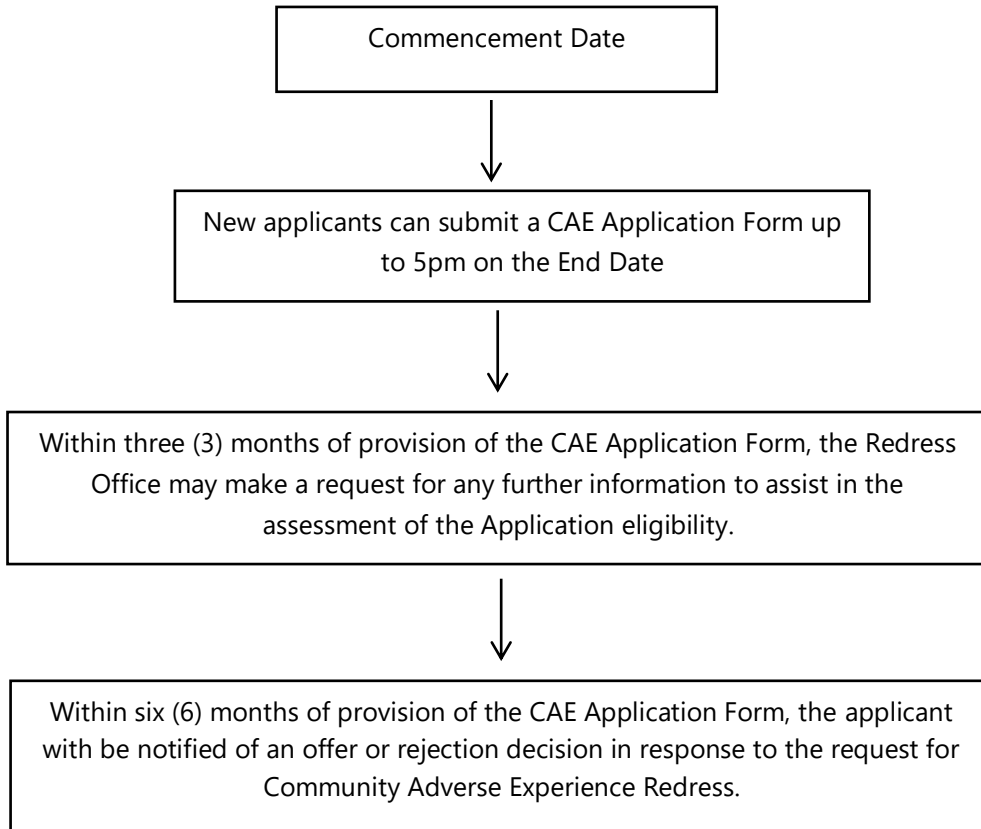
- 10.1 The Application for a Support Grant and/or Apology will be commenced by submission of a CAE Application Form which should identify the applicant's Community Adverse Experience.
- 10.2 Following submission of the CAE Application Form, eligibility checks will be completed to confirm the applicant is eligible for a Support Grant and/or Apology.
- 10.3 The Community Adverse Experience will not be investigated but consideration will be taken as to whether the experiences indicated in the CAE Application Form marry up with who the applicant says they are and information known about the culture of the Community.
- 10.4 If the applicant is accepted as being eligible for a Support Grant and/or Apology, the Eligible Applicant will be notified of a Support Grant offer and asked to accept and respond with bank details. If only an Apology has been applied for, this will be provided with no further action required from the applicant.
- 10.5 If the applicant is rejected as being eligible for a Support Grant and/or Apology, the applicant will be notified and a reason for the rejection explained, thereby ending the applicants participation in the Community Adverse Experience Scheme for the purposes of a Support Grant and/or Apology.
- 10.6 All decisions relating to the offer of Community Adverse Experience Redress are made by the trustees of the Trust at their discretion and such decisions will be final.

11. Assessment of Capital Refund

- 11.1 The Application for a Capital Refund will be commenced by submission of a CAE Application Form. The applicant will need to have made a Capital Contribution to the Trust in their own name. Following submission of the CAE Application Form, eligibility checks will be completed to confirm the applicant is eligible for a Capital Refund. The Redress Office will provide any Capital Contribution record that is held by the Trust for the applicant's review. If the Redress Office is unable to confirm that there is Capital Contribution to be returned, then the applicant will be contacted to provide further details.
- 11.2 If the applicant is accepted as being eligible for a Capital Refund, the Eligible Applicant will be notified of a Capital Refund offer and asked to accept and respond with bank details.
- 11.3 If the applicant is rejected as being eligible for a Capital Refund, the applicant will be notified and a reason for the rejection explained ending the applicant's participation in the Community Adverse Experience Scheme for purposes of a Capital Refund.

11.4 All decisions relating to the offer of Community Adverse Experience Redress are made by the trustees of the Trust at their discretion and such decisions will be final.

12. Timescales



13. Confidentiality

The Trust shall deal with all Applications and all matters relating to those Applications in the strictest of confidence, as set out in the Redress Scheme Privacy Notice, which can be found at <https://www.jesus.org.uk/privacy>.

14. Restrictions to the Community Adverse Experience Scheme

Who cannot apply to the Community Adverse Experience Scheme?

Any person who:

- i) is under the age of 18 years at the time of submitting a CAE Application Form;
- ii) has received a criminal conviction in respect of their conduct towards others in the Jesus Fellowship;
- iii) was a member of the Apostolic Group and/or Covering Authority.