

Community Adverse Experience FAQs

The Community Adverse Experience scheme enables fair Redress for every person who suffered adverse experiences whilst living within the Jesus Fellowship community.

What are community adverse experiences?

Adverse experiences can apply to any person in community, at any time between 1974 and 2019. You can find a full list of adverse experiences at the end of this guide.

Who can apply?

All previous or current Jesus Fellowship Community Trust members and/or Dependants (including children) of members can apply.

To protect the scheme from fraud and ensure that applicants are who they say they are, you will be required to complete an application form and provide ID that has been certified at the Post Office or by a Solicitor. The Post Office charge a fee of £12.75 for this service.

A guide to certified ID can be found here: <https://jesus.org.uk/support/helpful-documents/>

Are applications investigated?

As community adverse experiences were systemic in community life, applications are not investigated and you will not have to prove your application points.

What Redress is available?

Your Voice

It is up to you as an applicant to identify which Community Adverse Experiences may apply to you. The application form also allows for you to share details of your experience, only if you wish to do so, providing an option to put forward your specific experiences to the closure Trustees.

Support Grants

Cash Support Grants of £500 are available towards the cost of counselling, training, or other support. These are paid directly to applicant bank accounts, to use as they see fit.

Apology

An apology on behalf of the Trust, acknowledging what has happened, providing

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acceptance of responsibility, and an assurance that lessons of the past have been shared with relevant authorities.

Capital Refunds

Capital Refunds are available to those who have made a Capital Contribution to the Trust and who have not received a refund or only a partial refund.

Compensation

Financial compensation for Community Adverse Experiences will be considered by the Trust at the closure of the Redress Scheme.

This is due to the legal priorities relating to the closure of the Trust, and if sufficient Trust funds remain available at that time.

Every Community Adverse Experience applicant will be contacted directly in January 2024 with information on availability, and if so, the amount and process to be paid.

Whilst applicants will not have to submit a new application, we may need to re-verify certified ID and bank details at the time.

Applicants will be contacted using their contact details provided in their original Community Adverse Experience application.

Please note that compensation payments can only be considered for those who have made a Community Adverse Experience application by 31st December 2023.

It is important you apply now, as to not miss out on compensation if it becomes available.

Who sees my application?

Your application will be processed by Redress Office team members, who are overseen by independent Professional Trustees. Some closure Trustees have been Jesus Fellowship members and a list of the closure Trustees can be found here:

<https://jesus.org.uk/about-jfct/closure-administration/>

You can read more about what happens to your personal data here:

<https://jesus.org.uk/privacy/personal-data/>

How Do I Apply?

Please click the 'Apply Online' button at the bottom of this page:

<https://jesus.org.uk/apply/community-adverse-experience/>

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We aim to respond to all applications within 3 months and will provide you with a monthly update as your application progresses. If you need any help from the Redress Team, you can contact us by clicking on 'Support' in the main menu on www.jesus.org.uk and using our support form.

List of Adverse Experiences

Capital Refunds

- Capital Contributions made in cash to the Trust whilst they were a Trust Member, which contributions have not been refunded by the Trust, or which have only been partially refunded.

Child in Community

Community Adverse Experiences for individuals who were a under the age of 18 years when they lived in Community;

- Witnessing abuse of others (sexual, physical or emotional).
- Removal as a Child from parenting or the domestic family unit.
- Lack of safeguarding, opportunity to access medical care, protection from harm that had been reported to an adult.
- Unhealthy religious practice in childhood; exorcisms and/or extreme schedule of worship which caused harm.
- Being denied educational engagement or educational activities owing to the influence or direction of the Jesus Fellowship Leadership.
- Being denied social interaction (outside of Community and preventing male/female friendships in and outside Community) owing to the influence of Jesus Fellowship Leadership.
- Child labour in circumstances where there was alleged neglect or harm was caused.
- Having toys, games, childhood comforts removed.

Adult in Community

Community Adverse Experiences for individuals who were adults when they lived in Community;

- Harmful treatment of women as subordinates and/or women suffering detriment and harm through being placed in positions of servitude.
- Being forced to leave a positive relationship, or remain in an abusive relationship.
- Prevention of access to the outside world (doctors, police, social services).
- Failure of individuals in position of leadership to act positively to reports of abuse or harm.

Who cannot apply to the Community Adverse Experience Scheme?

Anyone who:

- Is under the age of 18 years at the time of making an application;

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- Has received a criminal conviction in respect of their conduct towards others in the Jesus Fellowship.
- Was a member of the Covering Authority and/or Apostolic Group of the Jesus Fellowship.