



**The  
Maggie Oliver  
Foundation**

Transforming pain into power



## TMOF Phonenumber goes LIVE



**Our Phonenumber support service has now officially launched! So much work has been put into place behind the scenes to ensure that our Ambassador operators are ready for the role and we are delighted to be fully up and running.**

**The phone support lines are the start of our amazing journey to help survivors of childhood sexual abuse turn their 'Pain into Power'.**

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# TMOF Phonline Support



Our phone line will be open to survivors of all faiths and backgrounds and will provide a safe place to be heard, and we are building a solid base from which to grow as we carefully nurture this process. Phase One will be purely for adult survivors who want to talk to a caring, non judgmental person who understands the trauma caused by abuse. Survivors initially will self refer via our website and we will then have one of our trained, empathetic Ambassadors call them etc. Our phonline Ambassadors will provide a listening ear, signpost and will be a source of ongoing support. Over time, we will introduce further phases and provide more support including onward referrals to a whole variety of trusted professional partners which we are now setting up. The main advantage of this approach is that it allows us to have a national rather than just a local reach, and we can provide essential support to so many more survivors whose trauma and mental health has been even further affected by this pandemic.

Our Pain into Power support line will offer you the opportunity to talk to our empathetic, trained volunteers in complete confidence, a volunteer who understands what you have been through.

Many of our volunteers have their own lived experience, which means they can understand something of what you may be going through or how survivors may be feeling.

## Feedback from our initial calls...

"I had my call yesterday. I cannot thank you all enough. What an incredible gift Maggie and her team are giving. I feel such a relief to have someone to talk to who truly understands all the nuances of what happened to me and I am so grateful. Please pass my thanks on to Maggie for her incredible gift and work and to you for being so consistent and not forgetting about me. All these things are so imperative when helping someone with my history and I cannot thank you enough".

"I would like to say a thank you so much for the telephone call. I cannot say how much that hour has meant to me".



**Here at TMOF, we believe that ongoing and consistent learning is essential to our role and our Ambassadors have a wealth of experience and skills to share with each other.**

**We have undertaken several sessions over the last few months in order to develop our knowledge and understanding in many areas.**

**These sessions have included:**

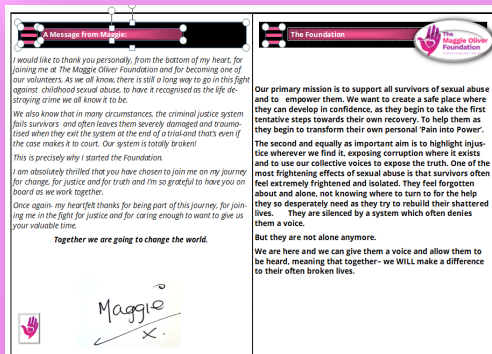
- Female Genital Mutilation (FGM)
- Standard Adult Safeguarding
- Emotional Intelligence
- Person Centred Approach
- Empathic responses
- Addiction
- Child Sexual Exploitation and Online protection
- Basic CRM and 'Pain into Power' (Phoneline Procedures).

**Future Training sessions include:**

- Domestic Abuse and Healthy Relationship awareness
- Survivor Story - A Personal Journey.

Our Admin. Ambassador Chaz is always finding relevant and useful online training sessions for volunteers to choose from including Sexual and Domestic Violence awareness courses.

**Ambassadors all now have a copy of TMOF official Handbook which includes all the information they need to know in order to undertake their role. Relevant policies and procedures are also fully available to our team.**





As part of our ongoing training programme, Ambassadors accessed Esafety and Online Protection training to develop awareness of current applications regarding social media and the Internet.

In a constantly changing and fast paced world of technology, it is important for all of us to keep abreast of what applications are available for electronic devices and how to keep ourselves protected online.

We learnt about the many ways in which a person can potentially be scammed, hacked, and more seriously how a young person can be groomed online. There are several subtle ways in which this can happen and it is helpful to be aware of some of the ways in which we can protect ourselves.

**In this section, we will provide some of the best tips and information we feel is important to share:**

\*Always ensure that your personal information stays private, your postings are positive and that your social media use overall is responsible, healthy and most of all enjoyable.

\*Never accept friend requests from strangers, block online bullies and never share your personal information with people you don't know.

\*Always ensure your social media accounts are protected (with an encrypted password wherever possible). Try to refrain from using common combinations such as 1234 or 0000. Many people use the name of their family pet or surname backwards which is easy to guess.

\*Avoid updating your status on social media when you are away on holiday or out of your home. There are apps and websites that can easily find out your location from the status you share-knowing your house or property is empty can be valuable information for criminals.

\*Most social media platforms have age restrictions. Facebook for example is 13+. However we know that children younger than this have created an online Facebook account by altering their true date of birth. There have been many instances in CSE cases recently whereby loopholes have occurred. Perpetrators have avoided a guilty verdict after convincing juries that they believed the victim was over the age of consent. Young people often have 2 accounts open-one which they are happy for adults to check on whilst secretly maintaining a second (hidden) account under a different name.



### **CATFISHING-**

Catfishing is a deceptive activity where a person creates a fake identity on a social networking service, usually targeting a specific victim for abuse or fraud.

### **ROULETTE APPS-**

such as Chatroulette and Omegle are dangerous websites which encourage users to 'chat' to random strangers online. In a process likened to speed dating, users then decide if they want to engage further by entering a private room or if they wish to spin the roulette and move onto a new person. Very often there is use of a webcam on these sites and it is well known amongst perpetrators who have been found masturbating in front of the camera.

### **WEBCAM ALERT-**

some hackers have been found using the integrated camera lenses on laptops. For your own protection it is recommended to cover the lens with a piece of blu-tac/tape when the camera is not required.



## Meet the new members of the Ambassador team:

Courtney  
Anita  
Rachael  
Julia  
Jess  
Ellis  
Matilda  
Jade K  
Rhona  
Mike  
Tracy  
Ann



## Ambassador Focus-Diane:

**Each month we will focus on 4 of our Ambassadors. Here you can read all about them and the reasons why they volunteer for the Foundation:**

**I am a professional Health Service worker currently undertaking the role as a First Responder for The North East Ambulance Service (NEAS). My knowledge and skills are maintained to a high standard and I am also an instructor in the health care sector.**

**Recently, I was honoured to be bestowed with an honorary IGNC for my work**

**It is an honour to be part of TMOF-knowing that I can play a part in supporting those who need it whilst ensuring that our callers are fully listened to. This is a charity that I firmly believe in and have done since I heard about it. I see the importance of safeguarding and protecting others and I am thrilled to be able to offer my help in listening and supporting others.**

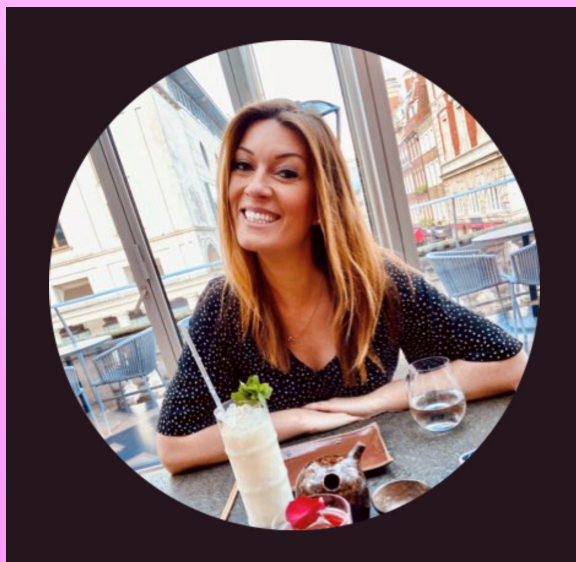


## Ambassador Focus—Anita:



**I wanted to support The Maggie Oliver Foundation as soon as I learned about it, after watching the BBC mini-series Three Girls and recognising so many of the early scenes it portrayed. I was born and bred in Bolton, and my first job, part-time whilst at high school was in play care. Here I met, for the first time, several children really struggling, without anyone to fight their corner. This made me feel very lucky, but also that no matter what my 'day job' would be, I had to keep trying to help young people who can't help themselves. Throughout my English degree at University I continued to work part-time with children, and through my career whilst working full time in project and business management I've always volunteered to help young people, mentoring with charities such as Career Ready and Bolton Lads & Girls Club. My full-time job is in a large IT consultancy, so I'm either commuting to London to see clients, or sat behind a laptop.**

**Perhaps because of the nature of my job, in my spare time I love to be outdoors, and recently moved to the Ribble Valley to be closer to the fells. I'm happiest when stomping up a mountain, and the feeling of fresh air and freedom is something I really crave. What makes me really passionate about Maggie's Foundation is that it is focused on helping survivors, but also on exposing and putting an end to abuse in the first place. There is the compassion and support for victims, but also relentless persistence in exposing agency failures and holding authorities to account. I'm here to help raise awareness and funds and do anything I can to help Maggie and the team in this mission.**



## Ambassador Focus—Catherine:



Catherine is a Deputy Headteacher who has been in education for 22 years. She is currently working in an independent Special Educational Needs School in Preston.

She graduated from University of Northumbria at Newcastle in 1997 with a BA (Hons) in Music and Creative Arts. Following this, she studied a further degree at University of Sunderland in Music Education and decided to follow the route of teaching.

Throughout her career, Catherine has particularly enjoyed supporting families from varying demographics and has witnessed first hand when higher powers ignore those who need support the most. She has chaired many multi-agency meetings involving the police, CAHMS, social services and educational professionals and is a fully trained CEOP (Child Exploitation and Online Protection) Ambassador.

In 2007, after a long campaign, Catherine was successful in attaining the Diana Award for Antibullying in schools, becoming the first middle school in Northumberland to achieve this prestigious accolade. This was the platform for further work centred around equality and diversity within educational settings and Catherine soon became busy acting as a consultant in schools offering training on how to produce a more inclusive curriculum.

In Dec 2019 Catherine resigned from her position as DHT and was offered the role of Senior Mental Health Lead across Northumberland. She then went on to work for Stonewall, the largest human rights organisation in Europe, training schools across the UK in all aspects linked to equality and diversity.

Catherine enjoys volunteering and was a Special Constable for Northumbria Police in 1999 whilst studying at university. Most recently she volunteered for the charity 'Contact the Elderly', an organisation which helps combat loneliness amongst the elderly generation by offering a bespoke befriending service.

Originally from Lancashire, Catherine enjoys cycling and is a keen musician- she has played keyboard in live bands across the North East since she started at university. Most recently with the band Union Street who play for many corporate events, weddings and celebrations.

Catherine first heard of Maggie Oliver years ago when news of the Rochdale grooming hit the media. She is very much looking forward to becoming more involved with the Foundation and being a part of something with such a positive objective.



## Ambassador Focus—Holly:



I was a student midwife for 2 years, I gained experience of the high pressured NHS and witnessed women's emotions being dismissed due to the overcrowded wards and the pressure that the staff were under. This ultimately led to my decision to leave the profession. I then worked in a care home for adults with learning difficulties and mental health challenges. I gained an understanding of life in a care setting and liaised with advocates and social workers regularly. I studied counselling skills whilst I worked in the care setting. I currently work at a pharmacy as a dispenser and I am studying a masters in clinical counselling. As part of my course I do see clients and currently counsel adults with a variety of presenting issues.

When I heard about The Maggie Oliver Foundation, I instantly felt relieved to know that survivors of grooming gangs will finally have somewhere to go with a guarantee that they WILL be heard! Filled with optimism and energy, I completed a fundraising event in order to raise awareness and much needed funds for the Foundation. I was not a runner then- nor am I a runner now. However, after raising an amazing £1,000 for the appeal, Maggie contacted me directly and I am now thrilled to be an Ambassador for such a wonderful organisation. I feel so lucky to be part of a team who is dedicated to changing the responses that victims of sexual abuse often receive.



## Ambassador Focus—Lisa:



**Lisa is a fully accredited Play Therapist working with children who experience social and emotional difficulties. As part of her work, Lisa supports families including those in foster and adoptive care and enjoys working alongside external agencies such as social services, mental health organisations and other such support groups.**

**Lisa has worked as a Nanny which saw her travel across the world before spending time as a nursery nurse.**

**She volunteered for SOVA - working with teenage women on probation- helping them to re-join society with a developed and more positive attitude.**

**Lisa graduated from Canterbury Christchurch University in 2014 and-having volunteered for two years across several schools in West and North Yorkshire- she decided to set up her own business in Therapeutic Services straight away.**

**Prior to this, Lisa volunteered for Childline where she enjoyed the role of phone-line counsellor on the late night shift. Lisa learnt many skills throughout this time and realised her true passion for supporting families- even from this remote point of view.**

**In her spare time Lisa enjoys keeping fit and active and was once a taekwondo instructor working alongside young people, using physical activity to help manage emotions and alleviate negativity.**

**She is a keen cyclist and has ran several events raising money for various charities over the years.**

**(Lisa used to work as a celebrity lookalike whereupon she met some amazing celebrities on the red carpet).**

**Lisa was aware of the situation in Rochdale and was keen to find out more about how she could use her skills to help and support those affected. She is looking forward to working with the Foundation and already feels part of a team with a shared vision of how to make the best positive changes to the existing system.**





### **What is Operation Hydrant?**

Following recent discussions between TMOF, the Home Secretary, Graham Brady and The National Police Lead for Child Protection Chief Constable Simon Bailey, The Maggie Oliver Foundation is pleased to announce that we have recently negotiated an important and bespoke 'Memorandum of Understanding' with Operation Hydrant. This MoU is intended to ensure police forces nationally deal with all cases of serious sexual abuse where we become aware that local police forces are failing to act on evidence from victims.

Operation Hydrant are the National Police lead who usually only deal with non recent childhood sexual abuse, but for referrals from the Foundation, these terms of reference have been amended. For the purpose of our agreement this will also include current cases as well as grooming gang cases which are normally outside their remit.

We have agreed to refer allegations of serious sexual abuse to them in situations where victims have come to us to tell us that police forces are failing in their duty to investigate rapes and safeguard victims. With the consent of the victim, these referrals will go direct to a SPOC (single point of contact) on Op Hydrant for them to take up with the individual Force concerned.

**For the purposes of the Memorandum of Understanding for the Maggie Oliver Foundation, the Op. Hydrant criteria and terms of reference is not being adhered to.** Our engagement is to facilitate the exchange of information between Op. Hydrant and TMOF to refer any allegation of child sexual abuse to the police: i.e. these referrals may include familial abuse, child sexual exploitation (CSE) and grooming. This agreement is a result of Chief Constable Simon Bailey being tasked by the Home Secretary, as part of his National Police Chief's Council portfolio to undertake relevant follow-ups to ensure all safeguarding concerns have been addressed.

***"We have already begun to refer cases direct to Op. Hydrant and feel optimistic that this will improve the way survivors are treated by individual police forces, many of whom are ignoring individual victims and failing to take their allegations seriously etc."* Maggie Oliver.**

\*The full terms of reference for this Memorandum of Understanding are available on request.\*



## ***'Grooming gangs continuing to abuse children in northern England, victims and campaigners warn'.***

TMOF worked with Sky for three months on the following piece . The two victims who are now speaking out in the programme are 'our' survivors. Two brave individuals whom we have supported for several months leading up to the piece being released. Sadly, they are typical of many of the cases we are dealing with at the Foundation and we fully commit to maintaining the support we can offer for these victims.

***"Grooming gangs continue to abuse children in northern towns and police are still failing to investigate, according to alleged victims and campaigners"***

Whistle-blower and former detective at Greater Manchester Police, Maggie Oliver, has told Sky News that she's helped 2,000 victims in the last year alone who have been "fobbed off by the authorities".

Sky News understands that the Home Office is preparing to publish a paper on predatory gangs as early as next week. One alleged survivor of child sexual abuse has told Sky News she continues to be attacked by a gang now that she is an adult, and she was punished by them with a violent sexual assault after she gave a statement to the police about her historical abuse.

Sarah was allegedly abused by the gang from the age of 14, but after reporting historical and ongoing attacks she has been arrested herself numerous times for public order offences and failing to provide a breath sample. In contrast, Sarah said none of her abusers have faced charges. She believes West Yorkshire Police hasn't taken the claims seriously nor acted to disrupt the gang's activities.

Former detective, Maggie Oliver, who now runs a Foundation for victims said: "the problem in this country is so monumental, that it's far easier to pretend it's not there. It's expensive. It's time-consuming. It's labour-intensive".



She added: "It's extremely typical to criminalise the victim. To investigate a very organised gang of perhaps 20 men is very labour-intensive. It's far easier to dismiss the victims as being drunk or as being guilty of public order offences. In the past year alone, we've helped more than 2,000 victims. These are all desperate victims who have been abused and are being fobbed off by the authorities."

**You can find the full article and interview here:**

<https://news.sky.com/story/grooming-gangs-continuing-to-abuse-children-in-northern-england-victims-and-campaigners-warn-12158336>

# Sexual Abuse and Sexual Violence Awareness Week Feb 1st-7th 2021



#PainIntoPower

The Maggie Oliver Foundation hopes you can join us in supporting this very important campaign:



1ST - 7TH FEBRUARY 2021

#ITSNOTOK



Maggie Oliver

The Maggie Oliver Foundation



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The Maggie Oliver Foundation supports the Sexual Abuse and Sexual Violence Awareness week by highlighting **#itsnotok** and **#painintopower** in our campaign. It sends a strong message to the UK that any form of sexual abuse is unacceptable. So that's what this week is about, encouraging openness, breaking the silence and making a real difference to survivors lives.

It is unimaginably difficult for anyone to reach out and get the support they need to deal with the damaging after-effects of sexual abuse. Despite all of their sorrow, guilt and shame, some survivors eventually find the strength to speak about parts of their lives that have remained secret. However, many survivors find that they experience further abuse caused by inept statutory organisations.

Without a doubt, it is the trust in being heard that is the essential step for any individual to take. This is why we welcome the SA & SV Awareness week as an opportunity to focus on helping adult survivors reach out to the Foundation.

Free downloadable resources are available during and after the Awareness Week via the blog page at: <https://www.themaggieoliverfoundation.com/blog/>

If you'd like to talk to someone about your thoughts or experiences, our helpline is now available. Contact us first via email at [help@themaggieoliverfoundation.com](mailto:help@themaggieoliverfoundation.com).



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## THE BENEFITS OF REACHING OUT



Discover what  
choices you  
have to rebuild  
your life



You'll be heard



The Pain into Power  
phoneline is here for you



Kick-start your  
recovery process



Give a voice to  
your experience

# #PAININTOPOWER



You are not alone anymore



Contact us **first** by email  
[help@themaggieoliverfoundation.com](mailto:help@themaggieoliverfoundation.com)



1ST - 7TH FEBRUARY 2021

#ITSNOTOK

<https://sexualabuseandsexualviolenceawarenessweek.org/>

# Maggie in the Media



## “Survivors’ champion Maggie Oliver transforms ‘pain to power’ for new venture”

**Detective-turned-whistleblower Maggie Oliver is in bed with vertigo. She can’t move without feeling horrendously dizzy. The last time she suffered like this was eight years ago when she resigned from Greater Manchester Police in order to expose the now infamous Rochdale grooming scandal.**

Back then in 2012, nine members of a paedophile ring had been sentenced for grooming and sexually abusing young girls in Rochdale, Manchester. But it barely scratched the surface of a highly organised crime group that numbered hundreds of perpetrators and countless young victims.

Maggie had worked in The Serious Crime Division of GMP for many years and as well as being commended for her work on countless gangland murders, shootings, kidnappings, rapes and witness protection jobs throughout her career, she had also been investigating multiple allegations of serious sexual assault by predominantly Pakistani men as early as 2003.

During the course of her work on Operation Augusta and Operation Span, she had interviewed many victims at length over many months, uncovering harrowing stories of the systematic abuse of girls as young as eleven. However she was continually shocked by the repeated failure of senior officers to record these allegations, to prosecute the serial offenders or to protect the young victims.

Today talking from her sick bed, she says: “This is my body telling me off. I’ve been doing too much. The last time this happened was my last day working for the police. One minute I was at the photocopier, the next I was unconscious. It was stress after the two worst years of my life. I was faced with a very brutal decision. You either shut up and get on with your job, or resign. It was clear to me that the powers that be weren’t going to take the action needed and I felt powerless. It took its toll on my health.”

As a result, Maggie, who had lost her husband to cancer in the midst of the scandal, also lost her family home, her income, and a career she loved.



“My mental health was shot to pieces but I left and spent several months working on a File on Four whistleblower programme, from there things snowballed. The BBC drama series Three Girls followed. Fighting for justice has in many ways taken over my life. I decided the only way to tell the true story was to write my own book last year and leave it for my children and grandchildren to explain what brought me to a place that I never expected to be in.”



After almost 15 years fighting to expose the truth, on January 14 this year, Maggie saw the report into child sexual exploitation in Manchester finally published. This found that dozens of children were failed by police and local authorities.





The 145-page report centred on Operation Augusta. The police operation identified in 2005 had identified at least 57 victims and 97 potential suspects, and a “compelling picture of the systemic exploitation of looked after children in the care system” was established by detectives.

According to the report, senior officers at GMP chose to under-resource the investigation and then a decision was made to close it down in 2005. Maggie was on compassionate leave at the time nursing her terminally ill husband Norman through his final days, following his brave two-year battle with terminal bowel cancer. The couple have four children.

Until the January 2020 review became imminent last year, GMP had always refused to reopen Augusta, despite pleas from Maggie and a victim’s family.

But that didn’t stop her from taking every opportunity, since her retirement to highlight publicly this unfinished business.

She said after the report was published: “I feel completely vindicated.”

Since resigning from the police force, Maggie has continued to support victims of abuse. People have continued to knock on her door asking for help because they feel they’re not being listened to and being failed, which is what prompted her to set up her charity The Maggie Oliver Foundation 15 months ago.

**You can read the full article here-**

**[www.thebestlifeproject.co.uk/survivors-champion-Maggie-oliver-transforms-pain-into-power-for-new-venture/](http://www.thebestlifeproject.co.uk/survivors-champion-Maggie-oliver-transforms-pain-into-power-for-new-venture/)**



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# SUNSHINE RAFFLE

Online raffle for a week's break in the sun!  
Tickets just £10 each & there are two prizes, each for  
a week's break in Gran Canaria  
(dates flexible; flights excluded).

Winners drawn 21 Feb 2021.

**JUST £10  
PER TICKET!**

[WWW.JUSTGIVING.COM/CAMPAIGN/MAGGIEOLIVERSUNSHINERAFFLE](http://WWW.JUSTGIVING.COM/CAMPAIGN/MAGGIEOLIVERSUNSHINERAFFLE)

# The Sunshine Raffle:



At the back end of 2020 the Maggie Oliver Foundation launched the 'Sunshine Raffle' to bring some much-needed hope of a sunny holiday!

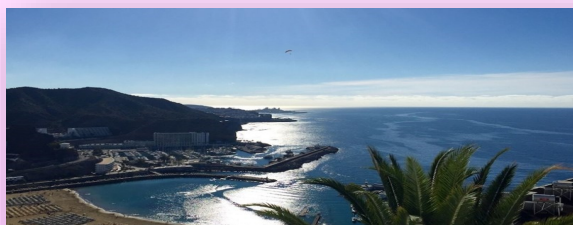
Due to lockdown restrictions the raffle operates online, via a dedicated JustGiving page at:

<https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/maggieoliversunshineraffle>

For only £10 a ticket the Foundation is offering the chance for two lucky winners to win a week in a beautiful apartment in Gran Canaria, at a date to suit them. It's a perfect space for two, close to the beach, local bars and restaurants, and has a large sun-trap terrace for relaxing close to home.

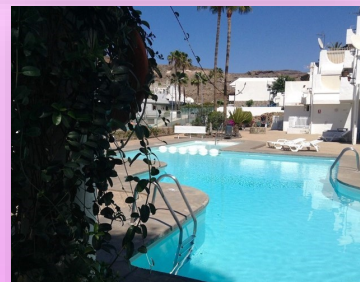
All T&Cs are listed on the JustGiving page above, and you can see some lovely messages of support from those who have donated so far:

"It's a pleasure to show support to this incredible foundation started by an incredible woman"



"The world needs more people like you Maggie"

"What a fabulous foundation to support! Maggie is a true crusader"



"Keep up the good work, Maggie, the nation is behind you!"

The draw will take place on Sunday 21 February 2021, so plenty of time to enter, and at the time of writing over £1200 has been raised in donations. All proceeds will go towards helping survivors, and we are keen to raise as much as we possibly can - could you share this fantastic opportunity with your colleagues, friends, family, social media.... ?

Please help us spread the word about the #MaggieOliverSunshineRaffle.

Thank you and GOOD LUCK!!!!



## WHAT IS IT?

**'The Three Girls' BBC Documentary Workshop:**

On the 23rd and 25th of February, two of our Ambassadors (Jessica and Courtney) will be hosting a Netflix party lasting around three hours, followed by a one-hour Q&A session with Maggie Oliver herself. Tickets will be sold at a minimum of a £10 donation to which all proceeds will go to TMOF. The workshop is aiming to hit an audience of University students and lecturers who are interested and passionate about the law and justice. The workshop is a great insight into what the Maggie Oliver Foundation is and what we do.

*Let's go "Netflix" party!*

## HOW DOES IT WORK?

The Netflix party is divided into two sessions over two days guided by Jessica and Courtney :

**Day one** will show 'The Three Girls' series episodes one and two.

**Day two** will show episode three.

During the Netflix party there will be access to a live discussion throughout the series, giving people the chance to engage and elaborate with others, on the topics of Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE), child grooming and the failings within our criminal justice system.

## Q&A WITH MAGGIE:

Once the series has finished on the second day, there is a follow up Q&A session via zoom with Maggie Oliver. This gives everyone a chance to share their views and opinions and how we can all support the foundation. The more awareness there is, the more understanding there will be, which leads to positive changes.

On completion of the workshop, a certificate will be produced for all who have been actively involved in the workshop- it is a great CV enhancer!

**Together we stand and together we fight-**

**Turning pain into power.**

## Monthly Focus-Survivor Testimonial:



The Maggie Oliver Foundation has really helped and supported me. I spent the majority of my childhood and into my teens being sexually abused. I found the Maggie Oliver Foundation and since then I haven't looked back.

I find it comforting to know that I'm not alone and that is something that has really stood out to me. They make you feel like you're part of a family.

One thing I've learnt over the years is that healing from sexual abuse is a process. At times nothing seems to ease a pain so deep, but as time passes and you find your support network, you begin to heal your past wounds.

It's an impossible journey at times. I hit potholes and windy roads, then take steps backwards. This is when The Maggie Oliver Foundation has been vital. They are making an incredible difference to so many others, like me. It runs through their ethos and the passion they have for protecting, raising awareness and supporting victims/survivors of sexual abuse is just so amazing.

There is a huge gap for their service in society. I have at so many times wanted to be able to have the opportunity, to pick up the phone to a organisation that I know will truly understand my pain. This just doesn't exist for us anywhere else. We need The Maggie Oliver Foundation phone line. I know I speak on behalf of many when I say, it will change lives forever.

There has always been a stigma surrounding sexual abuse/violence. It has got better thanks to people like Maggie and The Foundation, but we still have a way to go. The funding for this service is essential. Speaking from experience, I know that the demand for this service is huge.

I would love nothing more than to see The Maggie Oliver Foundation grow and expand, for them to be able to help and support more people like me.

Any kind of sexual trauma changes you forever. You live with the consequences every single day. The triggers, the flashbacks, the endless daily challenges. The support is so needed because there are sadly just so many of us.

***The Maggie Oliver Foundation will save/change lives.  
That's a fact.***



## Ambassador Secret Santa 2020



One of our absolutely wonderful, kind and caring Ambassadors, Chaz, decided to organise a secret Santa for the team. Despite being an extremely busy member of the team she found the time to lift everyone's spirits in the run up to Christmas.

*"I felt it would be nice as a team to buy a gift for another member of the team. The results were amazing and every member of the team was really excited about it, in particular about 'giving' the present. There was some really thoughtful gifts bought and even 'secret Santa' bought me a gift. It was a really lovely touch as I had not entered myself, as I had organised the gifts to come to me to forward on. I think everyone, definitely had smiles on their faces....which during these times we certainly needed it!"*

Thanks Chaz- from all of the team- it certainly did what you set out to do.



### Maggie's book- 'Survivors' available from all good stockists.

[www.amazon.co.uk/Survivors-Detectives-Battle-Rochdale-Scandal/dp/1789460859](http://www.amazon.co.uk/Survivors-Detectives-Battle-Rochdale-Scandal/dp/1789460859)

\*also available as an audiobook.



## How to donate:



**There are various ways you can support The Maggie Oliver Foundation. We greatly appreciate any donations you can make as every penny will help us to support survivors of sexual abuse:**

**[www.themaggieoliverfoundation.com/donations](http://www.themaggieoliverfoundation.com/donations)**

**You can also donate whilst you shop with Amazon Smile. You can select us as your charity on 'Amazon Smile'. By doing this, every time you place an order, Amazon will donate a percentage of the cost to The Maggie Oliver Foundation – see link here:**

**[www.smile.amazon.co.uk](http://www.smile.amazon.co.uk)**



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- Your GP
- NHS helpline 111
- Samaritans (24/7 helpline offering support) 116 123
- Childline



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