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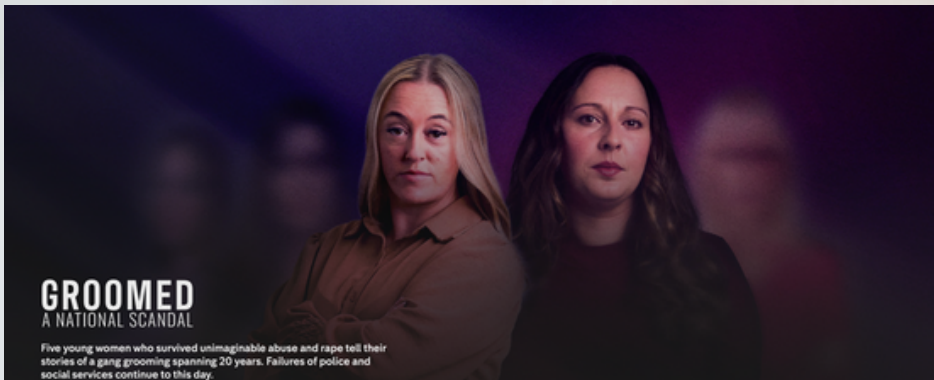


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A PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM MAGGIE

Dear friends and supporters

As summer arrives, I wanted to share a very personal reflection on what has been one of the most defining and challenging six months on this rollercoaster journey of building The Maggie Oliver Foundation from nowhere tbh. This period has been a total whirlwind of media attention, national recognition, legal action, and organisational growth—but most of all, it's been proof that our voice is louder than ever, and that change is not only possible, it's happening!

Back in January, that now notorious tweet by Elon Musk drew global attention to the National Scandal of successive British governments to tackle 'grooming gangs' and I was inundated with requests to speak. Over the course of just 3 weeks, I gave more than 40 interviews across the UK and the world, sharing the painful truths I know only too well around the deliberate and systemic neglect of child victims and the deep-rooted institutional failures I've been shouting out about for 13 years. The response was overwhelming. Our message resonated far beyond Britain, and I was reminded once again that justice and corruption is not just a local issue—it's a global one.

That surge in attention led to something quite special for which I will be eternally grateful - Patrick Christy invited me onto GB News for a powerful discussion about the horrendous neglect of children to their abusers, the woeful state of policing and what needs to change. He went one step further and launched a fundraiser in support of our work. Thanks to his support, the unbelievable generosity we received in response was humbling, and it's had a real, tangible impact. Because of the funds raised, we've been able to strengthen our team, recruit new staff, and welcome experienced trustees to help guide the next phase of our journey. In all honesty our small team with a mighty mission was drowning and in danger of burning out! But thanks to the new additions, we are now flying! They have brought extra energy, knowledge, and determination—and they'll be key to helping us meet the growing demands placed on us as we fight against the establishment for truth and justice. It's ironic really that this is necessary when we are talking about protecting CHILDREN!!!!



This year has also marked the release of a project incredibly close to my heart—the Channel 4 documentary ‘Groomed: A National Scandal’ directed by the respected documentary maker Anna Hall. We worked relentlessly on this for over two years, and the finished programme is a powerful, sensitive exploration of institutional failure and the long-lasting impact of child rape and abuse, and the human consequences when our public bodies turn away. We supported three of our incredibly brave survivors (Steph, Chantelle and Jade) as they found the strength to tell their stories in front of a national audience—stories that had been silenced for far too long. Their courage in speaking out has moved and inspired so many, and I’m incredibly proud of the part we played in supporting them over the past 5 years as they gradually grew in strength and found their voices, finally sharing those truths with the nation.

In June, we also reached a major milestone: The Maggie Oliver Foundation was formally recognised in The Casey National Audit—a landmark report by Baroness Louise Casey highlighting the deliberate and systemic failings within British policing. To see our name acknowledged at the highest level, and also mentioned repeatedly in Parliament, was profoundly emotional for me. Not because we seek praise, but because it marks a major turning point. We are no longer dismissed as just ‘campaigners’ on the margins, or indeed ‘far right extremists jumping on a bandwagon’ as our Prime Minister had stated in January!! We are recognised as the credible, informed, and relentless advocates for change that we are.

And we are not just calling for reform—we are taking direct legal action. This year, we are leading on a call for a Judicial Review challenging the Governments refusal to implement the 20 recommendations made in 2022 by the previous national Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse led by Alexis Jay. This is about a culture of dismissal, and a pattern of systemic failures that must be addressed. We may not be lawyers, but we are fearless in our pursuit of justice. And we will continue to challenge these decisions—forcefully, publicly, and with survivors at the heart of everything we do.

We’ve come a long way since I resigned from GMP in protest all those years ago. I didn’t know then what the future path would look like—but I knew I couldn’t remain silent. Today, I stand alongside my team at the head of a growing charity. One that demands answers, demands accountability, and refuses to accept “that’s just how it is” as an excuse.

I can’t let this moment pass though without an enormous personal Thank you to two special people who have made this possible. There has been incredible work done this year, but the challenges and pressures have been immense! This placed inhuman pressure on our small team, and without the total dedication and intense commitment of our Emotional Support Manager Charlene, we wouldn’t be where we are now! Charlene is an exceptional human being with a heart of pure gold, loved by our whole team, and I feel so blessed our paths crossed many years ago and that she is now glued to my side as we travel this road together. Our meeting was written in the stars I’m sure, and maybe we were just meant to find each other.....



My utmost thanks, respect and deepest appreciation also goes to our Senior Advocacy Case Worker and newly promoted 'Team Leader' Maya. Maya has been with us almost 2 years and is herself a survivor. Through often challenging times she has skilfully navigated a hostile environment as we fight alongside those facing challenges from police and a 'system' which doesn't want to listen. Her commitment and expertise alongside her empathy for victims is second to none, and she is changing lives every day, fighting the good fight despite the trauma, and upholding the values and passion of TMOF as she navigates the most complex of cases. Thankyou both. You are special people and together we are changing this world for the better!

To everyone who has supported us—through donations, media platforms, legal expertise, or simply by standing beside us—I thank you. Your faith and belief in us through the toughest of times keeps us going. We are stronger, more focused, and more determined than ever before.

The tide is turning—and we will not stop until the system is forced to change!!!

With love and determination,

Maggie
X.





IN THE MEDIA SPOTLIGHT



Good Morning Britain interview



Jade's interview with Trigonometry podcast



Newsnight interview with Victoria Derbyshire



Julia Hartley-Brewer Interview



Interview with Laura Kuenssberg on BBC politics

Maggie Oliver's January 2025 Media Surge: A Whistleblower's Call for Accountability



In the wake of Elon Musk's tweet in early January 2025 –accusing UK Prime Minister Keir Starmer of failing to prosecute grooming gangs during his tenure as Director of Public Prosecutions—Maggie Oliver, emerged as a prominent voice across British media.

Maggie Oliver, seized the moment to reignite public scrutiny. Her appearances on programs such as **Good Morning Britain, Channel 4 News, Newsnight, Womens Hour, Peston, BBC Today, The World Today News at One** and **ITV Evening News** were marked by impassioned calls for independent investigations and criminal accountability for officials who, in her words, “turned a blind eye”

In interviews and social media posts, Maggie Oliver criticized both Conservative and Labour leadership, stating that inquiries into grooming gang scandals had “led absolutely nowhere” and “wasted millions of pounds”

She emphasized the need for radical reform and transparency, asserting that Starmer was “perhaps as guilty as anyone” for the lack of progress during his time as DPP.

Maggie's commentary resonated with many, especially survivors and advocacy groups, who have long felt sidelined by institutional inertia. Maggie's media presence throughout January was not just reactive—it was strategic, aiming to galvanize public support for systemic change and to ensure that the issue remained in the national spotlight.

As the month progressed, Maggie Oliver's voice became emblematic of a broader demand for justice, accountability, and reform. Her unwavering stance and media visibility reaffirmed her role as a tireless advocate for survivors and a watchdog against institutional failure.





IMPACT FOLLOWING JANUARY MEDIA SURGE

January impact on the Foundation for that month

50 + Media Appearances	342 new contacts	90 new contacts reaching out for support	72 Volunteer offers	148 hours of support provided
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The January 2025 media spotlight on The Maggie Oliver Foundation brought unprecedented national attention to its mission—supporting survivors of child sexual abuse and exploitation.

While the campaign generated a remarkable wave of public support and donations, it also triggered a dramatic increase in demand for the Foundation’s services.

A Sharp Rise in Survivor Outreach in the weeks following the media coverage, the Foundation reported a significant spike in survivor referrals and direct requests for help.

Many survivors, previously unaware of the Foundation or hesitant to come forward, were empowered by the public discourse and the visible solidarity shown by thousands across the UK.

This surge placed immediate pressure on the Foundation’s small but dedicated team, which includes just three full-time and two part-time staff, supported by a network of 30 volunteer ambassadors, most of whom are survivors themselves

Strain on Resources and Response Times

The influx of new cases meant longer waiting times for support services such as:

- One-to-one survivor advocacy
- Emotional support

Despite the financial boost from donations, the Foundation faced the challenge of scaling its operations quickly while maintaining the trauma-informed, survivor-led ethos that defines its work.

Strategic Shifts to Meet Demand

In response, the Foundation began by:

- Expanding its volunteer training programme to onboard more survivor ambassadors
- Recruited three further full time experienced members of staff
- Three trustees
- Began to develop an expert Advisory Panel

A Call for Sustainable Support

While the media surge was a catalyst for growth, the Foundation has been clear: sustainable, long-term funding and systemic reform are essential to meet the growing needs of survivors. The January moment was powerful—but it also revealed the scale of unmet need across the country.



**THANK YOU
FOR YOUR
SUPPORT**

**THANK YOU FOR
YOUR GENEROSITY!**

A Heartfelt Thank You to Patrick Christy and Our Incredible Supporters

We want to extend our deepest and most heartfelt thanks to everyone who contributed to the GB News fundraiser in support of The Maggie Oliver Foundation.

Your generosity, compassion, and belief in our mission have made a real and lasting impact. Every donation, every share, and every word of encouragement helps us continue our vital work—empowering survivors of abuse, giving them a voice, and ensuring they are never alone on their journey to healing.



We'd also like to give a **HUGE** thank you to Patrick Christys for his unwavering support, passion, and commitment to our cause. Patrick's dedication has helped shine a light on the work we do and brought our message to a wider audience. We are truly grateful for his advocacy and heart.

Thanks to all of you, we have been able to strengthen our team, so we can provide more resources, more safe spaces, and more hope to those who need it most. You are not just supporters—you are part of a growing movement for justice, dignity, and change.

From all of us at The Maggie Oliver Foundation: thank you.

Your kindness is changing lives.

With gratitude,

The Maggie Oliver Foundation Team





THE CASEY REPORT

A Transformative Meeting with Baroness Louise Casey and Survivors of Abuse

In a powerful and deeply moving gathering, TMOF had the honour of meeting with Baroness Louise Casey, a tireless advocate for social justice and reform. The meeting was arranged to bring together ten courageous survivors of abuse, each of whom shared their lived experiences with honesty, strength, and vulnerability.

Baroness Louise Casey was instructed by the UK Government—specifically the Prime Minister and the Home Secretary—to conduct a National Audit on Group-Based Child Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (CSEA), often referred to in the media as the “grooming gangs” audit. Baroness Casey reached out personally to Maggie in early March and they spent a few hours together. In late May we are extremely encouraged when she recontacted us and asked if we could bring together a group of survivors who were prepared to meet her in person.

The session was not only a platform for these voices to be heard but also a critical step in influencing systemic change. Baroness Casey listened intently, offering compassion and a commitment to action. Her presence underscored the importance of survivor-led dialogue in shaping policies that truly reflect the needs of those most affected.

Each survivor’s story was a testament to resilience and the urgent need for continued reform in how institutions respond to abuse. The atmosphere was one of solidarity, empowerment, and hope—fueled by the belief that real change is possible when those in power are willing to listen and act.

This meeting marked a significant milestone in our ongoing mission to amplify survivor voices and ensure that their experiences lead to meaningful, lasting change. We are deeply grateful to Baroness Casey for her time, empathy, and unwavering dedication to justice.

We were very proud to see a very prominent acknowledgement to the work, not only of Maggie personally, but also to the work of The Maggie Oliver Foundation.

We are often a lone voice, challenging the establishment and this felt like validation that our efforts on behalf of survivors are truly worth the struggles along the way.



Scope and Purpose of the Audit

Baroness Casey's audit, launched in early 2025, was designed to:

- Assess the scale, nature, and characteristics of group-based CSEA across the UK.
- Examine the drivers of this type of offending, including the role of ethnicity, culture, and institutional responses.
- Evaluate the effectiveness of local and national responses to these crimes.
- Recommend further actions, including whether a new national inquiry was necessary



Key Findings and Recommendations

Baroness Casey's report was described as damning and revealed:

- A systemic failure to treat children as children, especially vulnerable girls.
- Institutional denial, fragmentation, and defensiveness in handling abuse cases.
- A lack of robust national data, particularly on the ethnicity of perpetrators.
- Over-representation of Asian and Pakistani-heritage men in local data, with authorities often avoiding the topic for fear of appearing racist

Click [here](#) to read the full report





JUDICIAL REVIEW

The Maggie Oliver Foundation Challenges Government Over Child Sexual Abuse Failures

In a bold and unprecedented move, **The Maggie Oliver Foundation** has issued a judicial review pre-action protocol letter to the UK Government, challenging its failure to fully implement the recommendations of the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse (**IICSA**).

The letter, dated 16 June 2025, was addressed to the Secretary of State for the Home Department, **Rt Hon Yvette Cooper**, and marks a significant escalation in the Foundation's campaign for justice and systemic reform.



This legal action stems from the government's response to the **IICSA's** final report, published in October 2022, which outlined 20 key recommendations aimed at protecting children from sexual abuse and exploitation. While some recommendations were accepted, five were rejected outright and six deferred, with the government citing the need for further consultation.

The Maggie Oliver Foundation, led by **Maggie Oliver**, argues that this inaction places children at continued risk and reflects a broader pattern of governmental failure to address the systemic issues surrounding child sexual exploitation. The Foundation's legal team contends that the government's partial implementation is both unlawful and insufficient in light of the inquiry's damning findings.

Maggie, who tirelessly advocates for survivors of grooming gangs and institutional neglect, stated:

"It's so wrong that any private individual or charity has to do this, but we think it's an important stand to make."

This legal challenge has already garnered significant public support, including generous financial backing from individuals committed to justice and child protection.

We extend our deepest thanks to **Sacha Lord**, founder of The Warehouse Project and former night-time economy adviser to the Greater Manchester mayor, for his unwavering support and generosity.

We also wish to express our sincere gratitude to **Jonathan Gumpel**, whose generous donation has helped make this legal action possible. Your belief in our mission and your commitment to safeguarding children is deeply appreciated.

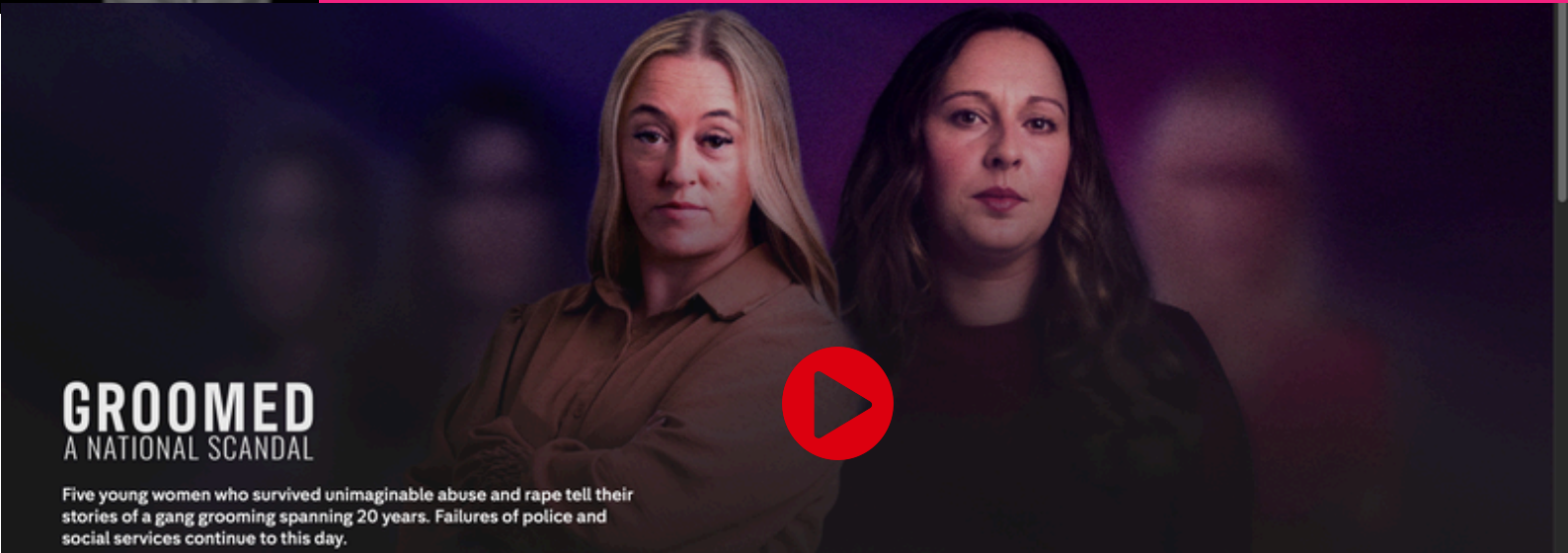
This is a critical moment in the fight for justice for survivors of child sexual abuse—and a call for accountability at the highest levels of government. We are proud to stand with survivors, and with all those who believe that every child deserves to be protected.

Read the letter in full [here](#)





GROOMED PREMIERE



GROOMED A NATIONAL SCANDAL

Five young women who survived unimaginable abuse and rape tell their stories of a gang grooming spanning 20 years. Failures of police and social services continue to this day.

The premiere of *Groomed: A National Scandal*, which aired on Channel 4 on April 30, 2025, was a deeply emotional and powerful event, attended by survivors of grooming gangs and representatives from The Maggie Oliver Foundation—a charity dedicated to supporting victims of child sexual exploitation and advocating for justice.

The documentary, directed by Anna Hall, tells the harrowing stories of five young women who survived years of abuse at the hands of grooming gangs, primarily in Northern England. It exposes the systemic failures of police and social services over two decades, highlighting how these institutions repeatedly failed to protect vulnerable children.

The Maggie Oliver Foundation, played a significant role in the planning and development of this documentary. Three of the survivors involved has been been supported by The Maggie Oliver Foundation over a period of upto five years and they were present at the premier, standing together in solidarity and strength. Their presence underscored the importance of survivor-led advocacy and the ongoing need for systemic reform.

Maggie herself, who appears in the documentary, has long been a vocal critic of institutional failures in handling grooming gang cases. At the premiere, she praised the bravery of the women who shared their stories and reiterated the Foundation’s mission: to ensure that no survivor is ever silenced or ignored again.

Only last week, Maggie, these survivors and Anna Hall attended the House of Lords, where the documentary was screened followed by a Q&A

Among the attendees were survivors Chantelle and Jade, both of whom were supported by The Maggie Oliver Foundation.

Chantelle, who was abused from the age of 11, said:

“We were labelled prostitutes. I’ve been fighting since I was a kid. I opened up, I told the police, I told social services—why am I still here, in 2025, aged 33, fighting for justice?”

The event was not only a film screening but also a moment of public reckoning. It brought together campaigners, journalists, and members of the public to confront the uncomfortable truths about how widespread and mishandled these cases have been. The survivors’ testimonies were met with standing ovations, and the atmosphere was one of both sorrow and empowerment.



Jade, who was targeted at 14 and later wrongfully prosecuted, added:

“I was put on police protection because I was high risk. Eighteen days later, I was arrested for being part of a grooming gang. None of the men who abused me have been charged.”





BOARD ANNOUNCEMENT

Vice-Chair

We are thrilled to announce that Andrew, one of our outstanding trustees, has agreed to become our Vice Chair at TMOF.

Since joining us in June 2023, Andrew has proven to be a dedicated and capable member of our board, bringing a wealth of experience to our team.

As the Vice Chair, Andrew will play a crucial role in supporting the Chair and ensuring the board functions effectively. His responsibilities include leading board meetings in the Chair's absence, serving as the charity's spokesperson when needed, assisting the Chair with their duties, helping build a cohesive board team, and taking on special tasks or projects as requested.

Overall, the Vice Chair's role is vital in maintaining the charity's governance and ensuring smooth operations.

Maggie is deeply grateful to Andrew for taking on this responsibility and supporting her.





WELCOME TO OUR NEW TRUSTEES

Allison

Allison Howe has been Head of Governance, Risk and Compliance and Society Secretary at the NSPCC since 2017.

She has a background in Charity and Public Sector Governance and has a track record in helping charities and public sector organisations improve governance.

We are absolutely delighted to welcome Allison as a trustee of The Maggie Oliver Foundation and we look forward to learning from her expertise as we move forward and continue to develop and improve our services.



Danielle

Danielle is the founding Director of the Centre for Safer Society, working to prevent violence, abuse and harm across the UK. Her previous roles have included commissioning and strategy in local Government, and a senior role within the national domestic abuse charity SafeLives. She has worked extensively to improve responses to sexual abuse and exploitation through her work in research, policy and training. She is committed to continuing to create change through her role as a trustee with TMOF.





WELCOME TO OUR NEW TRUSTEES

Maria

Maria Bellocci is a forward-thinking senior executive with nearly three decades of experience across the profit and not-for-profit sectors, including service as a charity trustee. Renowned for steering organisations through periods of growth and transformation, she has founded new entities, optimised mature operations, and advised boards on strategic direction and good governance.



Her expertise spans strategic development, financial oversight, fundraising, and stakeholder engagement, all underpinned by a strong commitment to social justice and the eradication of global poverty. Maria has negotiated multi-million-pound partnerships, implemented robust risk-management frameworks, and ensured compliance with charity and company law for UK-registered and international organisations. She currently serves as Chief Operating Officer for the Global Steering Group for Impact Investment and as Deputy Chief Executive Officer of The Sociological Review Foundation. In these roles, she oversees governance, finance, and operations across multiple jurisdictions, leads diverse teams, and shapes long-term strategic plans.

A lifelong learner, Maria recently earned an Executive MBA and holds professional certifications in leadership, project management (PRINCE2, AgilePM), and change management. These qualifications, coupled with extensive board-level experience, enable her to add immediate value as a trustee by safeguarding mission, strengthening governance, and championing sustainable growth for organisations dedicated to social impact.





INTRODUCING OUR NEW STAFF MEMBERS

We are thrilled to introduce our new members of staff to our team. Cecile and Rhonda, who will play a pivotal role in driving change and strategy as we advance on our remarkable journey.

Cecile joins us as our 'Charity Co-Ordinator' and will support our team, with admin support, streamlining and simplifying our processes and creating accessibility for the entire team.

While Rhonda joins us as a 'Advocacy Caseworker', where she will be supporting and guiding our survivors, through a complex justice system.



Cecile

I'm Cecile and I am the **Charity Co-Ordinator** at The Maggie Oliver Foundation. I have extensive experience in administrative support and event organisation and bring a wealth of expertise in coordinating behind the scenes operations for TMOF.

I am skilled at developing systems that maximise efficiency and resource utilisation, ensuring TMOF operations are both streamlined and effective, whether overseeing fundraising events, engaging with donors, or managing internal processes.

I am committed to creating a positive, results-oriented atmosphere that strengthens the foundation's impact and broadens its reach. I'm genuinely excited to work alongside Maggie and the entire team as we keep making a meaningful impact on the lives of those who turn to us for support, as well as those who have yet to benefit from the help we offer.



Rhonda

My name is Rhonda and I am immensely proud to be part of the staff team at **The Maggie Oliver Foundation** as an **Advocacy Caseworker**

I'm a mother of two boys, and my youngest son is autistic.

Before joining the Foundation, I worked in the autism sector, driven by a deep desire to push for greater understanding and meaningful change in education and support for autistic individuals.

I also have lived experience of childhood sexual abuse at the hands of my father, as well as emotional abuse from my mother. As an adult, I stood alongside my siblings in seeking justice, and we were successful in securing a conviction against our perpetrator.

I was drawn to the Foundation because I want to be part of something that makes a real difference in the lives of survivors. I'm passionate about helping others find hope, healing, and justice.

I also recognise the important and often overlooked link between abuse and autism, due to the vulnerability and trusting nature of many autistic individuals. I believe my professional and personal experience in this area is a real asset to the Foundation's work.





A TRIBUTE TO ONE OF OUR SPECIAL AMBASSADORS

It is with the deepest sadness, that we announce the passing, of one of our very special ambassadors, **Nicola Gott.**

Nicola passed away at home on 8th May, following an illness, surrounded by her devoted husband Michael and her two beautiful daughters Natalie and Elise.



Nicola joined the TMOF family and spent 3 years providing life changing support via our **'Pain into Power'** listening ear service. Dedicating her entire Saturday's, to provide those vital support calls to her brave survivors, despite having a high pressurised job within a prison in her paid role. Supporting others is what drove Nicola. Providing a voice to 'the voiceless'.

It was for those very reasons, why Nicola became our first 'ever' **ambassador of the year.** Which was voted by the staff team. To say Nicola was shocked was an understatement. Nicola just never realised how special she was.

That is why, we have renamed our 'Long Service' award, awarded to our ambassadors who have dedicated 5 years of service, **'The Nicola Gott, Long Service award'**, which will allow Nicola to remain as part of the TMOF family. (Look out in the next edition, who is our first recipient of this special award)

One of Nicola's last wishes was for donations to be made in her memory, to continue to support the Foundations work.

A selfless woman, who is going to be truly missed by us all at TMOF.

To donate in Nicola's memory please scan the QR code or click [here](#)





WELCOME TO OUR NEW AMBASSADOR'S

Angela

I have been in nursing for over 20 years. Predominantly in palliative care, although at times, in nursing education as well.

I am a survivor of abuse. I know what it is to experience cruelty, predatory behaviour and manipulation. I understand pain. I have also felt the devastation of being betrayed by the people who should have been protectors and defenders. I have always had a strong sense of justice and conviction.

I firmly believe that if you are sitting there thinking “somebody should do something about this”, that somebody is you. I believe the only thing evil needs to prevail is for good people to do nothing. To me, there is nothing more important than supporting people who have experienced the most horrific torment and injustice. I feel honoured and truly privileged to be able to do so.



Sherrie

As a survivor of various forms of abuse, coming from a family environment marked by complex relationships and financial instability. My personal experiences and understanding empower me to effectively support those facing challenges. I am deeply passionate about advocating for others.

While completing my PHD in cross culture business management, I have worked with a number of organisations such as the NSPCC and Royal British Legion supporting people from various backgrounds.

I now feel motivated to do more by applying my skills, experience, and knowledge to better support others.

I was drawn in particular to The Maggie Oliver Foundation by the immense bravery and self-sacrifice shown by those involved, which inspires hope for survivors.

As an Ambassador, I want to do all I can to provide a safe space and compassionate listening ear.



Jane

Hello my name is Jane and during the day I work as a mental health support worker. I volunteer for Samaritans and I am almost at the end of studying a level 3 course in Counselling Skills at my local college.

I have a real passion for understanding the human condition better and for increasing my listening skills to improve my practice in work and as a Samaritan. I know how invaluable it can be for us all to be able to be honest and authentic with our feelings and experiences with another person who doesn't judge or advise. They just listen.

If you haven't experienced that feeling of been genuinely heard before, it can be quite magical as the listener listens for empathic understanding and only wants to see things from your point of view.

Maybe for the first time you feel someone "gets you". Wherever you are on your journey I look forward to meeting you and working together for a more peaceful future.



Liz

My name is Liz, and I'm absolutely honoured to be working with the Maggie Oliver Foundation, and in a capacity to support survivors of abuse.

I have been determined for a number of years to give something back to the foundation after "Three Girls" made me recognise behaviours used by my own abuser.

As a survivor myself, I have always turned my own pain into power and have strived to ensure I am not defined by what happened to me - but how I have made an impact on other people's lives. I have been in the position where I turned to the wrong people for support in my time of need - and I'm really passionate about being that right person for anyone reaching out for support.



Lisa Mc

I am an Academic Development Manager in the higher education sector where I design and deliver professional development in learning and teaching skills.

I have worked in the education sector for 29 years.

I began as a secondary school teacher, moved into further education and then into higher education.

I have always passionately believed in the power of education to change people's lives and in the power of knowledge and understanding to create wider societal change.

Since watching the drama, *Three Girls*, and subsequently learning how widespread the abuse and cover-up was, I have followed the unfolding of the enormity of this scandal and Maggie's determination to hold a spotlight onto it.

I decided to become an ambassador for the Foundation as I believe in its central mission of turning pain into power and I wanted to be a part of an organisation that supports survivors of abuse who have not had their voices heard.



Helen

My name is Helen and I started a career in teaching; a job that I absolutely loved and consequently devoted my working life to. My motivator as a teacher was having the opportunity to make a difference to little lives. In 2004, I became a Headteacher; a role with a wide range of responsibilities including the privilege of working closely with some amazing children, their families and staff.

Working in a primary school, I was able to create a safe place for our children; a place where they could be themselves take risks with learning and reach their full potential. Teaching is so much more than an academic curriculum

and test results. For me, it was all about relationships. This was my school family and I had a duty to care, listen, safeguard and protect every single member of this special family; children and adults alike.





SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

Maggie Oliver at the Lansdowne Club – A Powerful and Unforgettable Engagement

Maggie Oliver, founder of **The Maggie Oliver Foundation**, delivered a deeply impactful and emotionally charged speech at the Lansdowne Club, leaving a lasting impression on all in attendance. Hosted by the Connaught Executive Network, the event featured Maggie as a keynote speaker, where she shared her personal journey and the harrowing truths behind the grooming scandals she helped expose.

Chris Mason of the Connaught Executive Network described Maggie as “passionate, frank, and forthright,” noting that her ability to convey the reality of what happened—through the lens of someone who lived it—was both moving and eye-opening. The audience was visibly affected, with many expressing that it was only after hearing Maggie speak that they truly grasped the gravity of the injustices she has fought to bring to light.

Maggie’s talk not only highlighted the systemic failures within law enforcement but also emphasized the ongoing work of **The Maggie Oliver Foundation** in supporting survivors of abuse. The event served as a powerful call to action, urging communities and institutions to listen, believe, and act.



Maggie’s presence at the Lansdowne Club was more than just a speaking engagement—it was a moment of truth, courage, and inspiration that resonated deeply with everyone in the room.





WELCOME BACK

We are delighted to welcome back **Lisa**, **Catherine**, and **Anita** as ambassadors!

After taking some time away to focus on personal matters, they are now ready to rejoin us with renewed energy and enthusiasm.



Lisa has been greatly missed, and we are excited to see her bring her unique insights and expertise back to our team.

Catherine returns with a wealth of new experiences, and we are excited to have her back within the team, to help support the staff team

Anita took time off to welcome her beautiful twins into the world, and we are thrilled to have her back, ready to share her incredible journey with us again



We are thrilled to have them back and look forward to the incredible contributions they will continue to make.





A HUGE THANK YOU!

Thank you to our amazing ambassador who is seen pictured with her grandson, while visiting London while she used her ‘Room to Reward’ award after being nominated via our Volunteer Recognition Scheme.

Here’s what Heather had to say about her experience

“I was nominated by The Maggie Oliver Foundation for my support work with adult survivors of child sexual abuse and exploitation.”

“The scheme enabled me to take my grandson on his first trip to London. Big Ben, and Paddington Bear were at the top of his list to visit.”



We are so pleased that Heather and her grandson enjoyed their trip to London. It’s so important to us at The Maggie Oliver Foundation, to recognise our ambassadors in this way. Because without our ambassadors, we could not continue with our important work. ‘We hope Paddington shared his marmalade sandwiches with you both’





SUPPORT OUR BOOK

Survivors: One Brave Detective's Battle to Expose the Rochdale Child Abuse Scandal

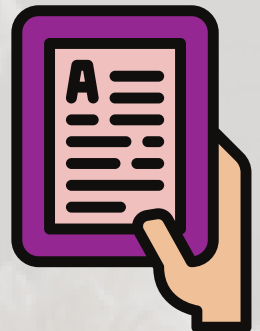
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When detective Maggie Oliver first discovered that children as young as 10 were being groomed, abused and trafficked for sex by gangs of men in the Rochdale area, she felt like a lonely voice calling for people to act.

This is the heart-breaking and shocking story of how the actions of one determined detective secured convictions in what is now one of the most notorious grooming cases in the UK. Along the way Maggie discovered countless examples of how the authorities were letting down our most vulnerable children. She blew the whistle, losing her job and at times her mind at times, in a bid to stop others from experiencing the same.



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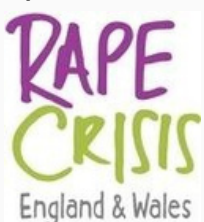
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Your **GP or your local A&E Department** if you need urgent mental health support or are feeling suicidal.

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