

The National Redress Scheme is for survivors and victims of Church-related abuse.

It does not matter where you live now, or where the abuse or hurt you experienced occurred, when the Scheme opens you are encouraged to apply.

As well as financial redress, eligible applicants will be offered therapeutic, spiritual and emotional support, acknowledgment of wrongdoing on the part of the Church, apology and support.

## **Survivor input at every stage**

Critical to the development and success of the Redress Scheme are the survivors and victims who generously contribute their time and energy to the project.

The Redress Survivor Working Group consists of six people, all of whom have experience of Church-related abuse, who meet regularly to consider different aspects of the Scheme's design.

Two members of the Survivor Working Group sit on the Redress Project Board, which has oversight of the development of the Scheme, and others contribute to different discussions about specific areas of the Scheme's delivery.

Learn more about who is involved in the Redress Scheme and how it is being developed [in the FAQ section](#).

If you would like to contact the Redress Project Team, email: [redress@churchofengland.org](mailto:redress@churchofengland.org)

# Latest updates from the Redress Project

## **March 2024 - Kennedys Law announced as the Redress Scheme Administrator**

The Church of England announces that Kennedys Law will be its Scheme Administrator and help it develop further and manage its National Redress Scheme for victims and survivors of Church-related abuse. The appointment was made after a thorough and rigorous process that actively involved survivor representatives at every stage.

[Read the press release in full](#)

## **February 2024 - An update paper details the recent progress made**

An update paper to General Synod is published. In it, the Redress Project Board outlines the progress that has been made since November.

[Read the update paper here](#)

## **November 2023 - Synod approves first consideration**

General Synod approves the first consideration of the draft Redress Measure which makes legal provision for the creation of a national redress scheme for victims and survivors of Church-related abuse.

[Read the press release in full](#)

## **October 2023 - Draft Abuse Redress Measure published ahead of Synod**

The Business Committee publishes the draft Abuse Redress Measure ahead of November General Synod where members will give first consideration to the proposals.

[Read the Synod papers here](#) (See Tuesday 14th November)

## **July 2023 - Overwhelming support for redress**

General Synod overwhelmingly voted to support the ongoing work on the Church's national redress scheme acknowledging the safeguarding failures of the Church of England and especially their effect on victims and survivors. The presentation and debate, led by the Bishop of Truro, Philip Mounstephen, Chair of the Redress Project Board, included a speech from survivor Jane Chevous, speaking on behalf of the Redress Survivor Working Group.

[Read the press release in full](#)

## Read the latest from the Redress Blog

- [Beyond Dirty Money: A survivor's perspective on redress](#)

22/03/2024



- [Reflections from General Synod: The power of dialogue](#)

04/03/2024



- [My abuse fuels my determination to create a survivor-centred Redress Scheme](#)

23/01/2024



## Support for survivors

If you are a survivor of Church-related abuse and are in need of urgent or immediate support, please take a look at the [Interim Support Scheme](#).

If you would like additional support, you can also contact [Safe Spaces](#), which is a free and independent support service, providing a confidential, personal and safe space for anyone who has been abused by someone in the Church or as a result of their relationship with the Church of England.

As an alternative, you can contact [MACSAS](#), which supports women and men who have been sexually abused, as children or adults, by ministers, clergy or others under the guise of the Church.

There is also [Survivors Voices](#), a survivor-led organisation that runs peer support groups for victim-survivors of all kinds of abuse, including faith-based abuse. It has a newsletter and other special events for survivors of abuse experienced in churches and other faith-based communities.

## 2023 papers

- [Principles, Priorities and Processes](#) - This paper has been put together by the Working Group of survivors and victims of Church-related abuse to communicate our hopes for the Redress Scheme. We have tried to include and represent the voices of other victims and survivors that we have had contact with through the support work and survivor organisations we are connected to.

## 2022 updates

- [December 2022 Board update](#)
- [Letters to \*Church Times\* from Chair of Redress Board, and Survivor and Victim Working Group \(August 2022\)](#)
- [July 2022 Board update](#)

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