

Name of your organisation	APPEAL
Date of TFN event which you pitched at	01/05/2024
Name of the project TFN funded	Righting wrongful convictions and miscarriages of justice
Were you able to undertake your project as you outlined in the application?	Yes
Can you describe and/or demonstrate the specific impact that TFN funding has had against your initial objectives?	<p>APPEAL continues to fight miscarriages of justice, and the core funding received from TFN has allowed us to continue this work. In particular, as outlined in our application form, a focus was placed on raising awareness and campaigning to repeal section 113 (1ZA) snuck into the Criminal Justice Act in 2014, a compensation scheme, that has categorically failed to ensure fairness and justice for all who have been wrongfully convicted. The section introduced a brutal test that only provides for compensation if the basis that your conviction is quashed proves beyond all reasonable doubt that you are innocent – reversing the burden of proof.</p> <p>We are working with JUSTICE on the issue of compensation and are in the final stages of putting together a video featuring victims of miscarriage who are still awaiting their compensation. This video will be played in parliament, and we would be delighted to invite The Funding Network team to this showcase (we'll keep you updated with dates).</p> <p>This video empowers victims to share their stories. In addition, our ongoing campaign is in progress to get support for when we play this video in parliament, to support our campaign to reverse the brutal test.</p> <p>APPEAL's Co-Director, Matt Foot, has been very much front facing about the issue of compensation in the media, in particular in the disappointing result of Sam Hallam and Victor Nealon's unsuccessful appeal for compensation at the European Court of Human Rights.</p> <p>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=evmKcymHCdc&t=25s https://appeal.org.uk/the-sunday-mirror-joins-appeals-calls-for-compensation-for-the-wrongfully-convicted/</p> <p>We have already had some success in raising awareness, whereby the Law Commissions consultation paper on reforming the criminal appeals systems in England and Wales, published in February 2025, makes reference to scrapping the “innocent beyond all reasonable doubt” test for compensation (replaced with a balance of probabilities standard), plus the proposal that miscarriages of justice victims be entitled to support as well as financial compensation.</p> <p>In addition to this, we continue to offer a holistic support to our miscarriage of justice clients, awaiting compensation or otherwise, through what can be a difficult and stressful situation.</p>

What portion of the project did TFN fund?	100%
How many direct beneficiaries did the TFN funded project reach?	We have four victims stories told in the video
How many indirect beneficiaries did the TFN funded project reach?	We identify in our campaign that over 500 people have been denied compensation under the new test
Were you able to leverage further funding as a result of TFN support?	No
If yes, how much were you able to raise and from whom?	-
Did you receive any pro-bono support, volunteer offers or introductions as a result of the event?	No
If yes, please can you provide details of the support you received?	-
How important was TFN funding in helping you achieve your objectives?	We wouldn't have been able to achieve our objectives without TFN funding
Has the training you received from TFN better prepared you in pitching your organisation to potential funders?	Yes
Has TFN increased your capacity to raise further funds?	Yes
Can you tell us any personal stories to highlight the value of the project?	We have due to professional film making been able to attract four different victims stories, including the support of Lord Falconer who will be a crucial advocate in the upcoming campaign. At present we do not have anything that we can upload relevant to the project, however we can send the compensation film on once it has been published. We will also show a snippet of the film at the event on 1st May, before its public showing on 20 May.
Since presenting at TFN, has your organisation undergone any other significant changes?	Office location has changed
Do you have any other comments or feedback on the experience of the TFN process?	Inês has been very supported and engaged in our work since the beginning. It has been great to have so much encouragement for our work from TFN.