
GRANT PROCESS & CRITERIA



ABOUT JUSTICE TOGETHER

- [Justice Together](#) aims to ensure that people who use the UK immigration system can access justice fairly and equally, enabling them to get on with their lives.
- Launched in 2020 with a decade-long vision, founded by 11 independent funders and informed by two years of research, development and field consultation.
- More than £9 million of new funding has been committed over the next 5 years.
- Founding funders include; [Paul Hamlyn Foundation](#), [AB Charitable Trust](#), [Baring Foundation](#), [Barrow Cadbury Trust](#), [Comic Relief](#), [Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust](#), [Oak Foundation](#), [Unbound Philanthropy](#), [Trust for London](#), [Metropolitan Housing Trust](#) and [Tudor Trust](#).
- Justice Together is hosted by Justice Collaborations, a registered charity, and subsidiary of [The Legal Education Foundation](#) (A funding partner)



Vision & Mission

Our vision is that people who use the UK immigration system can access justice fairly and equally, so that they can get on with their lives.

Our mission is to transform access to justice in the immigration system, by building a community of people and organisations with diverse backgrounds, strengths and experiences. Through grant-making and collaboration, we will strengthen the connection between lived experience, front-line advice and influencing strategies to create lasting change.

- ‘Access to justice’ means people’s ability to secure their immigration rights and move forward with their lives. This encompasses dismantling systemic barriers and simplifying laws as well as provision of timely, high quality, affordable legal advice

Change goals



We will build a community bringing together lived and learned experience of the immigration system, frontline evidence and influencing strategies to achieve the following goals:

- 1. A fair, timely and accessible immigration system**
- 2. A more sustainably resourced immigration advice and legal system**
- 3. A more accessible, sustainable, collaborative, and co-ordinated sector to strengthen and increase access to immigration advice and legal provision**

Goal 1: A fair & accessible immigration system

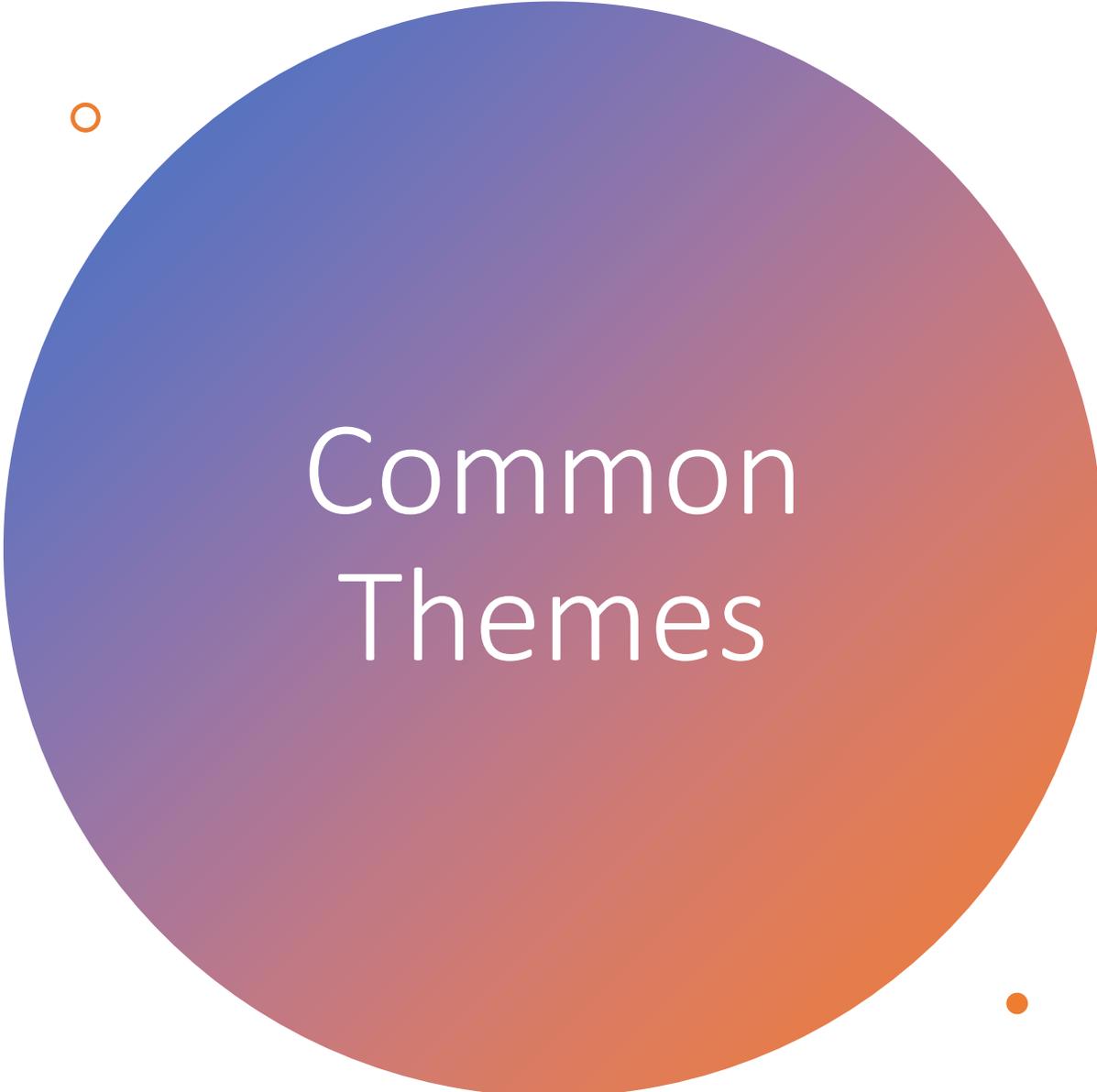
- Stronger connections, partnerships & trust between influencing orgs, lawyers, advice orgs & grassroots
- Casework data is better used in influencing work
- People with lived experience of the immigration system take a lead in influencing & wider change
- Anti-racist strategy better integrated into org plans & approaches
- Policy, campaigning & strategic litigation is developed with a community & movement lawyering approach
- Systemic threats to access to justice are identified and strategies developed to address these
- Influencing strategies at a local level build power and change from the ground up
- Improved understanding of racism & actionable commitment to tackle it
- Improved immigration policy is fair, timely & accessible

Goal 2: A sustainably resourced immigration advice and legal system

- Clear structures into which additional funding can add value & maximise impact by working together
- Philanthropic funding partners co-ordinate & commit to sustainable, long-term funding
- Funding streams are committed from new sources that cover the range of immigration advice needs from the beginning of a person's journey
- Funding reaches a wider range of orgs, particularly those led by people with lived experience of the immigration system
- Pathways for aligned funding exist between the initiative & public sector opportunities
- Funding partners in statutory, private and philanthropic sectors understand & support spending on advice and representation, with an improved evidence base
- Improved administration of legal aid
- Improved national policy on legal aid & advice funding

Goal 3: A more accessible, sustainable, collaborative, and coordinated sector to strengthen and increase access to immigration advice and legal provision

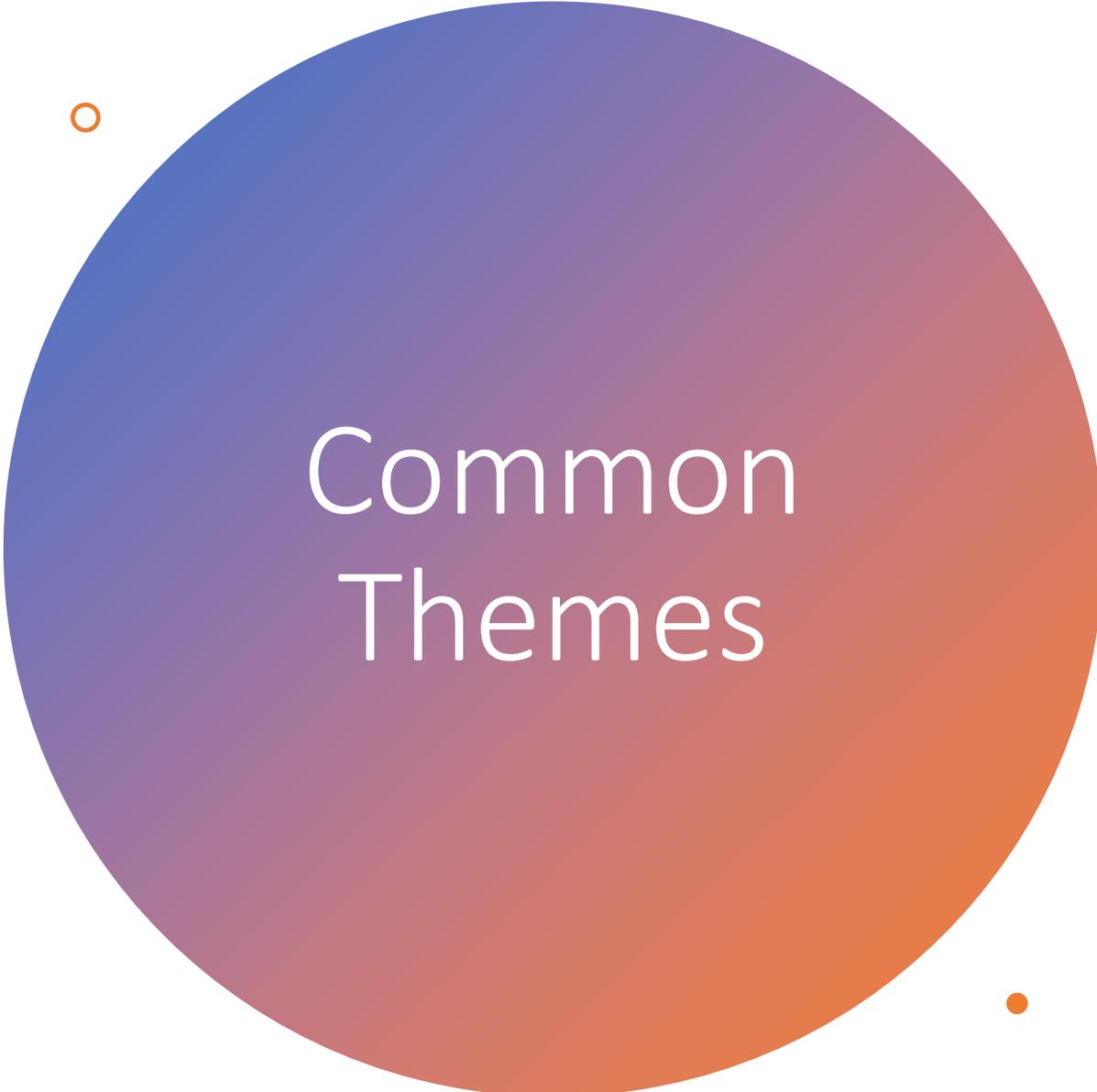
- Advice organisations feel supported through a network of peers & can tackle shared issues together
- Regions without the partnership and supervision infrastructure to take on specialist legal advice have a pathway to addressing this
- Improved recruitment and retention of legal practitioners & advisors at OISC level 2 & above
- Referral routes & partnerships between organisations are improved
- Practitioners are less likely to burn out & are supported to cope with the emotional impact of their work
- Organisations are able to make the case for the wider impact of their work & sustain & adapt their services
- Organisations are supported to be able to prioritise development (e.g. staff wellbeing, IT infrastructure, management time)
- Improved quality of legal advice
- Mechanisms exist to monitor quality & support continued improvement



Common Themes

Advice Challenges:

- Deserts and droughts, provision centered around urban areas
- Capacity at specialist levels including supervision
- Recruitment and retention
- Poor quality advice
- Lack of empathy
- Lack of early intervention
- Impending problems caused by end of EU Settlement Scheme
- Capacity to engage with influencing, strategic litigation and campaigning



Common Themes

Advice Opportunities:

- Collaboration and coordination (within sector, beyond immigration sector, formal partnerships, holistic approach)
- Strengthen OISC Level 2 and 3 supervision and support
- Build leadership amongst people with lived experience
- Share learning and best practices amongst regions
- Feed into influencing and policy work

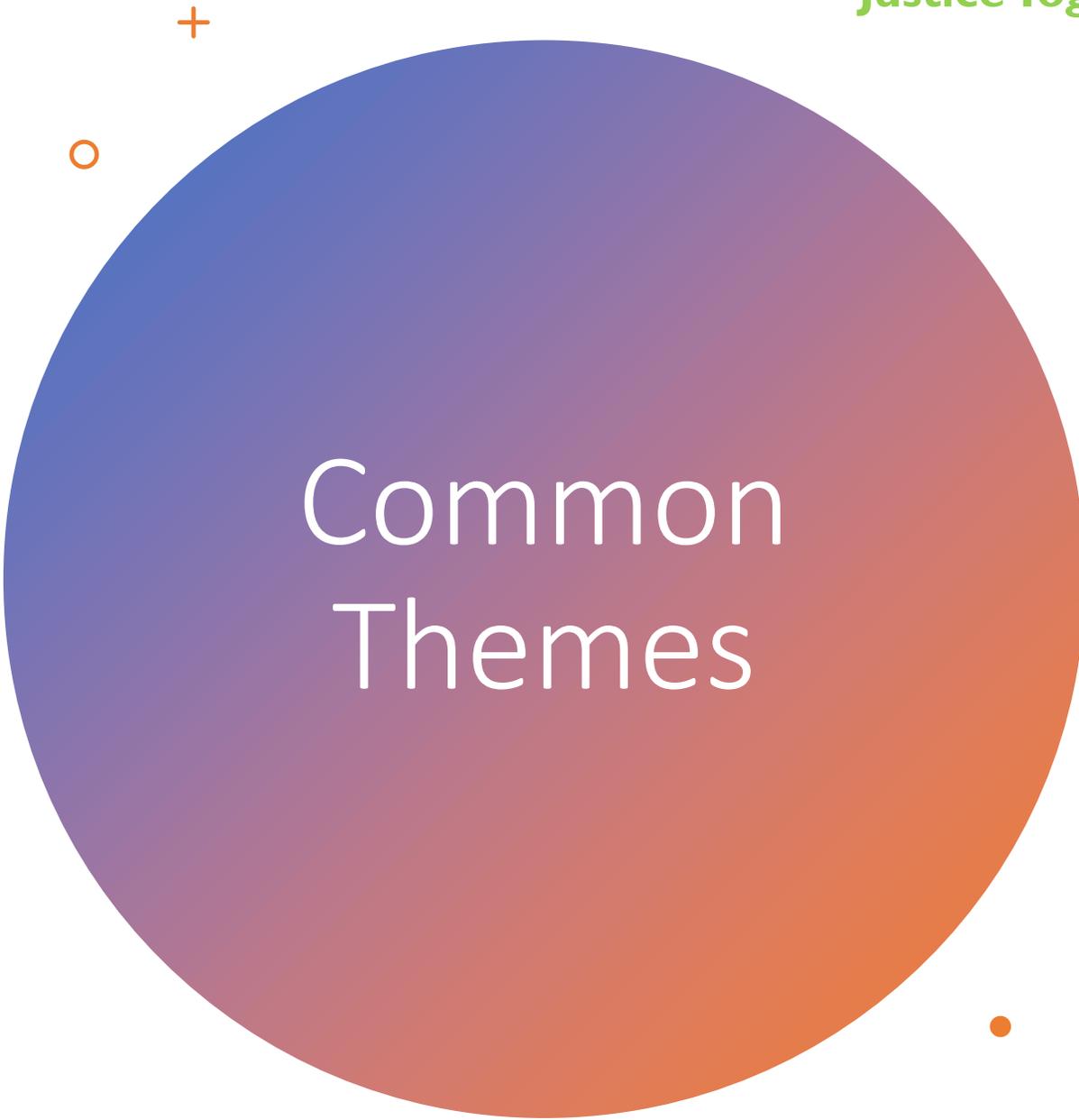
ADVICE & REPRESENTATION GRANT

Autumn round open in the following areas: *London, Southeast, Yorkshire & Humber and Northern Ireland*

- Focus is on specialist immigration advice at OISC Level 2 or above
- Focus on **collaboration and connection** (amongst advice workers; between advice and legal; between advice, legal and holistic)
- Referral routes and pathways
- **Questions to consider:** How will a person's journey be improved? How will it build capacity?
- Prioritise work that is led by and informed by people with lived experience
- Support our partners to become anti-racist organisations.
- We define anti-racism as: **“an active and conscious effort to work against multidimensional aspects of racism.”** –*Robert J. Patterson, professor of African American Studies at Georgetown University.*
- Data collection

Advice/Influencing together:

- Applications that include both specialist advice and local influencing



Common Themes

Influencing Themes:

- Collaboration and community and movement lawyering models
- Tackling racism in the immigration system
- Fair Borders Bill
- High cost of citizenship fees and immigration fees in general
- Challenges to judicial review and the Human Rights Act
- Windrush Review recommendations
- Reduced scrutiny and accountability for Home Office policies and actions
- Digitalization of justice and the use of online tools and algorithms
- Brexit and the approaching EU Settlement Scheme deadline

INFLUENCING GRANTS

- Long-term development and strategies
- Community lawyering approach
- Collaboration and coalition work
- Support our partners to become anti-racist organisations.
- Data collection

Currently, we have two influencing streams:

National Influencing

- Responding to work and learning that is coming from on the ground and frontline work

Local Influencing

- ***For local influencing grants:*** This round open in: *North West, North East, London, South East, Yorkshire & Humber, Northern Ireland and Scotland.*

WHAT WE WILL NOT FUND

- Work that operates in isolation from other stakeholders within the area.
- Delivery of advice at OISC level I.
- Replacing statutory funding, including Legal Aid (where available).
- Work whose main focus is around access to or provision of housing, healthcare, destitution, the right to work or challenges to the existence of detention, bail from detention or conditions in detention. We will consider applications that focus on providing specialist legal advice in detention settings.
- Work that does not contribute to Justice Together's change goals.
- Work that is not legally charitable including work for private benefit.

If seeking solicitor training contract level work – *Refer to Justice First Fellowship program.*

[Justice First Fellowship | Providing Training Contracts to the Social Welfare lawyers of the future \(thelegaleducationfoundation.org\)](http://thelegaleducationfoundation.org)

FINAL POINTS

- Funding for 3years
- Funding amounts for individual organisations £90,000-300,000 for influencing collaborations up to £400,000 and regional advice collaborations up to £600,000
- Seek to fund full spectrum of immigration work – not just asylum.
- Information on previously awarded grants, full criteria available, as well as downloadable application guidance, on website. Application is also be available in Word format for drafting ease.
- Request an initial phone to discuss specific
- Applications due 15th September 2021

Before applying, please read:

- [our strategy](#)
- [application guidance](#)
- [frequently asked questions](#)

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