



## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Local charity shortlisted for UK Charity Governance Awards 2016**

National charity Family Action, whose headquarters are based in Islington, has been shortlisted for the UK-wide Charity Governance Awards 2016 it was announced today. The charity is in the running for the 'Embracing opportunity and harnessing risk' award and a prize of a £5,000 unrestricted grant. Family Action is one of 18 charities from across the UK that completes the full shortlist.

The Charity Governance Awards is a new not-for-profit initiative created to celebrate outstanding governance in charities, both small and large, highlighting how effective governance makes a difference.

A 14 strong judging panel shortlisted the entries and will select a winner in each of six categories. The winners will be announced at the official awards ceremony, with VIP guest speaker, the BBC broadcaster Edward Stourton, in London on 12 May 2016.

Bryan Portman, Chair and David Holmes CBE, Chief Executive for Family Action said

*"We are honoured to be short listed for the UK Charity Governance Awards and are delighted that the care, rigour and scrutiny Family Action devotes to embracing opportunity and harnessing risk has been recognised in this way."*

The Charity Governance Awards are organised by The Clothworkers' Company – a City Livery company that supports trusteeship initiatives – in partnership with not-for-profit consultancy NPC (New Philanthropy Capital), volunteer matching charity Reach, and recruitment specialists Prospectus.

Michael Howell, Chair of the Trusteeship Committee at the award organisers, The Clothworkers' Company, said

*"Congratulations to our shortlisted entrants – selecting six winners from such a strong field will be tough, and we most certainly have a very inspiring group of charities through to the finals. Our aim in sponsoring these awards is to shine a bright light on great governance. What this reveals is that governance looks different wherever you look – there is no 'one size fits all'."*

*"We hope these awards will become an established stage of the journey towards better governance within the charity sector."*

The judging panel boasts a wealth of experience in charity governance and the voluntary sector. The judges include Dawn Austwick (Chief Executive, Big Lottery Fund), Stephen Greene (CEO and co-founder, RockCorps), Sara Llewellyn (Chief Executive, Barrow Cadbury Trust), Dan Corry (Chief Executive, New Philanthropy Capital) and Janet Thorne (CEO, Reach volunteering) among many other notable names.

For more details of the awards including all categories and shortlists, please visit [www.charitygovernanceawards.co.uk/2016](http://www.charitygovernanceawards.co.uk/2016).

You can follow the awards on Twitter using hashtag #charitygov16.

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## **About Family Action**

Family Action is a charity committed to building stronger families by delivering innovative and effective services and support that reaches out to many of the UK's most vulnerable people.

We seek to empower people and communities to address their issues and challenges through practical, financial and emotional help.

Our work is wide-ranging and includes help for parents-to-be, the provision of many Children's Centres in local communities, intensive family support, emotional health and wellbeing services, counselling, mediation and therapies, support in schools and financial grants programmes. Family Action is also recognised as a leading provider of training and consultancy, offering organisations and their employees services that can help to minimise family issues that may have an adverse impact on work or home life, providing child and adult safeguarding training, and delivering training around Family Placement.

**Registered Charity Number: 264 713**

**Website: [www.family-action.org.uk](http://www.family-action.org.uk)**

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## **About The Clothworkers' Company**

The Clothworkers' Company is a Great XII City Livery Company, established over 500 years ago as a trade association of its day. In addition to supporting the textiles industry with philanthropic support, the livery company focuses on standards of trusteeship, for its members and into the charity sector at large.

[www.clothworkers.co.uk](http://www.clothworkers.co.uk)

## **About NPC (New Philanthropy Capital)**

NPC (New Philanthropy Capital) is a charity think tank and consultancy which occupies a unique position at the nexus between charities and funders, helping them achieve the greatest impact. It is driven by the values and mission of the charity sector, to which it brings the rigour, clarity and analysis needed to better achieve the outcomes we all seek. It also shares the motivations and passion of funders, to which it brings its expertise, experience and track record of success. [www.thinkNPC.org](http://www.thinkNPC.org)

## **About Reach**

Reach has been connecting non-profits with skilled volunteers for over 35 years. Their goal is radically to increase both the scale and impact of volunteering throughout the UK. They cover trusteeship, mentoring, advice, operational roles, short-term projects – any type of volunteering that requires professional expertise.

<https://reachskills.org.uk/>

## **About Prospectus**

Prospectus is a specialist recruitment consultancy and recruitment advertising and design agency working exclusively with the beyond profit sector. They offer a range of recruitment services and appoint at every level, from temporary administrator to chief executive and board roles. <http://prospect-us.co.uk/>



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