

EVERYTHING

Impact Stories

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The Everything Network

Summary

Throughout history, Christian leaders have played a decisive role in shaping the cultural, intellectual, and ethical landscape of society. From the reforming influence of figures such as William Wilberforce's Clapham Saints, to the imaginative legacy of writers like C. S. Lewis and J. R. R. Tolkien - the impact on society has been deep and enduring. What is consistent is that none of these changes relied on a single leader. They were forged through a community of those who gathered to pray, to think, and to encourage one another, before returning to their work with renewed clarity and resolve.

That is why the Everything Network convenes a network of Christian leaders from all sectors who share a conviction for change, a common spiritual foundation, and a commitment to work collaboratively for the renewal of culture. We enable leaders to connect deeply, to think more carefully about the responsibilities they have and encourage one another as they exercise influence in public life through the following ways:

1. Annual Conference

A one-day gathering open to all, designed to inspire, inform, and equip 1,000+ Christians for cultural renewal in every sector.

2. Supper Clubs

A dense network of senior leaders, meeting monthly to connect, collaborate, and shape change in their sectors.

3. Leadership Development

A year-long programme for Christians in their first 10 years of work, designed to train and inspire tomorrow’s culture-shapers.

4. Church Roundtables

A twice-yearly gathering of denominational and church network leaders. Equipping the Church for renewal from the grass roots.

“I came to meet leaders from other sectors. I left with a renewed vision for what’s possible - and with people I trust to help build it.”

IMPACT STORY: #1

Description of Impact

Through the leadership of ELDC Alumnus, Jamie Elson-Dew, a deeply personal and urgent social issue has become a matter of national action. Following work on the dangers of online knife sales and the routes through which weapons reach young people, Jamie was pivotal in the formation of a new National Knife Crime Centre was launched in April 2026 to support policing, disrupt illegal supply chains and help protect families from the devastation of knife violence.

Scale of Impact

National policy change: The Crime and Policing Act 2026 strengthens the law around online sales of knives and other weapons.

A new national enforcement centre: The National Knife Crime Centre was launched in April 2026 as a Home Office-led initiative to support policing and tackle the online and grey-market supply of knives.

Protection for young people and families: The centre is designed to close loopholes, disrupt illegal supply routes and help prevent weapons reaching those most at risk of using or being harmed by them.

A generation of young people protected by knife crime bill

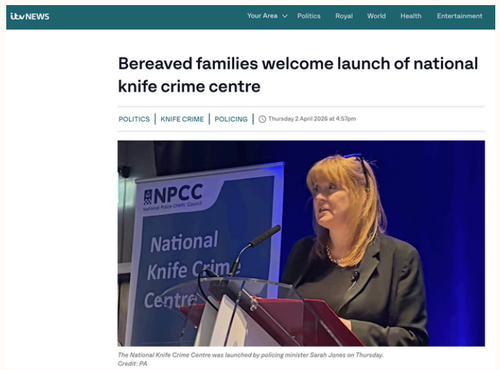


Overview

Knife crime remains one of the UK's most urgent public safety challenges, with 49,151 offences involving knives or sharp instruments recorded in England and Wales in 2025 alone.[1]

One ELDC alumnus has played a significant role in helping the UK respond to this challenge. By working alongside other senior leaders, he has helped shape a national response to knife crime, bringing particular focus to the dangers of online knife sales and the routes through which weapons are acquired and distributed.

Still only in his early 30s and in a junior policing role, he played a critical role in the launch of the National Knife Crime Centre, bringing together policing, government and partners to disrupt the illegal supply of knives. The impact didn't stop there as he continued to engage with politicians, and in April 2026 new legislation was passed by the UK Parliament through the Crime and Policing Act 2026, in order to protect thousands of young people in the UK.



The National Knife Crime Centre was launched by policing minister Sarah Jones on Thursday.
Credit: PA



1 | Office for National Statistics, Crime in England and Wales: year ending December 2025, published 23 April 2026.

IMPACT STORY: #2

Description of Impact

Three Supper Club members combine to address the housing crisis in the UK.

Through their role on the Social Impact Advisory Board, the three Christian leaders contributed to the thinking, relationships and strategic case that helped enable the Chancellor's landmark commitment to social and affordable housing.

Scale of Impact

Cross-sector leadership: Senior Christian Business, government, and civil service leaders collaborated to drive nationally significant social impact.

Housing delivery at scale: Enabled 10,000 new social and affordable homes nationwide.

Economic impact: Supported the creation of 24,000 jobs and influenced a major long-term government investment commitment.

Building homes, restoring family stability, renewing hope



Overview

For more than a generation, the UK's housing crisis has left millions without access to a secure, affordable home, turning housing insecurity into a driver of poverty, family instability and intergenerational disadvantage.[2]

Through the Everything Supper Club, three leaders from business, government and the Civil Service came together around one of the UK's most urgent social needs. Each contributed uniquely: a business leader willing to commit billions of pounds to delivery; a senior civil servant responsible for the UK's social impact investment budget, who committed her department's support; and a government leader able to navigate the political and institutional landscape.

What made this possible was the strength of relationship and shared conviction between them. Through trust built across sectors, they kept working together where others might have given up. Their collaboration helped create the conditions for a landmark national commitment: a £39 billion, 10-year investment in social and affordable housing, described by government as the biggest boost in a generation.


Rachel Reeves to unveil £39bn housing boost in spending review shake-up

Chancellor promises biggest investment in social and affordable homes in a generation to hit 1.5m target




Britain's housing crisis gets a lifeline with £39bn committed to building affordable homes in Spending Review

News By Joseph Mullane published 11 June 2025

The government has committed an unprecedented £39 billion over the next decade to build 1.5 million affordable homes, signaling a significant, long-term push to ease the nation's housing crisis

2 | Joseph Rowntree Foundation, Housing and poverty, UK Poverty Statistics, last updated 27 January 2026.

IMPACT STORY: #3

Description of Impact

Robert Hughes-Penney, an Everything Network member and Sheriff of the City of London, has initiated a major civic conversation on justice system renewal through the Justice for All Series.

Hosted at the Old Bailey, the series helps to examine urgent challenges facing the justice system, creating space for courageous, evidence-informed dialogue on the future of the justice system in the UK.

Scale of Impact

Convening at the highest levels: The series brings together leading voices from the judiciary, civil service, business, academia and civil society to discuss practical routes to justice reform.

A landmark civic platform: The Justice for All Series is centred on the Old Bailey, one of the world's most iconic criminal courts, giving symbolic and practical weight to the conversation.

Evidence-led reform agenda: RAND Europe has produced research papers alongside the programme, connecting justice reform to social stability, economic prosperity and system effectiveness.



Renewing justice at the heart of public life

Overview

Justice is one of the foundations of a flourishing society. It protects freedom, underpins trust, strengthens the economy and gives dignity to the vulnerable. Yet the justice system in the UK is under growing pressure: overstretched, underfunded and struggling to meet the needs of those who rely on it most.

As Sheriff of the City of London, Robert Hughes-Penney has used his position not simply as a ceremonial office, but as a platform for renewal. Through the Justice for All Series, conceived by Robert and hosted at the Old Bailey, he has convened some of the country's most senior and influential voices (including Everything Supper Club members) to ask what a just society requires today.

The series explores key areas of contemporary justice, including justice for the accused, justice for victims and survivors, justice for prison leavers and the financing of justice. Each gathering combines keynote input, expert panels and open discussion, creating a rare space where law, government, business and civil society can think together.


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Justice for All Series Launches with Debate on the Rule of Law and the Economic Legacy of Magna Carta

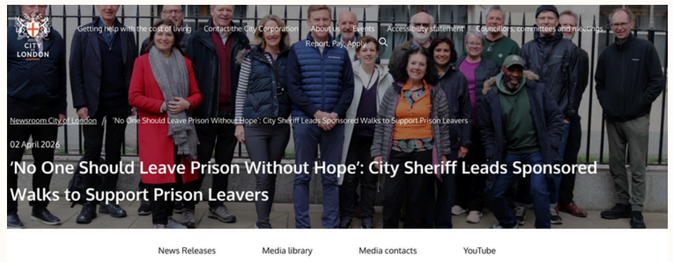
(L–R, Maha Jweied, CEO, Responsible Business Initiative for Justice, The Rt Revd Philip Mounstephan, Bishop of Winchester, moderator Caroline Haughey OBE KC, Rt Hon Alex Chalk KC, former Lord Chancellor and Secretary of State for Justice and Dr Karen Brewer, Secretary General, Commonwealth Magistrates and Judges Association)

London, UK: More than eight centuries after Magna Carta established the principle that no one should be denied or delayed access to justice, the first *Justice for All* event has brought together leading voices from the judiciary, government, faith, and civil society to explore the enduring economic and moral importance of justice.

The event, held last week at the Old Bailey, marked the launch of the Justice for All series, a year-long initiative conceived by Alderman Robert Hughes Penney, Sheriff of the City of London, to explore the future of the UKs justice system.

In the presence of an original Magna Carta, the event opened with remarks from the Recorder of London, Mark Lucraft KC, who launched the Justice for All series and framed the evening's discussion around the enduring importance of the rule of law, access to justice, and global accountability.

Lord Neuberger, former President of the UK Supreme Court, delivered the keynote address, warning of the erosion of public confidence in justice systems due to chronic underfunding, inefficiency, and political neglect. He cautioned


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IMPACT STORY: #4

Description of Impact

At an Everything Supper Club, soprano Samantha Crawford and writer Rhidian Brook discovered a shared passion to expose human trafficking. Their connection has grown into a major artistic collaboration with other leading artists in the opera world. Together, they are developing a full-scale opera to bring the plight of those trapped in exploitation before global audiences. Four international opera houses are interested, with the first commissioning the opera for 2029.

Scale of Impact

A catalytic connection: The project began through a relationship formed at an Everything Supper Club, demonstrating the power of convening leaders across disciplines.

International artistic reach: Four international opera houses have expressed interest in premiering the work, creating the potential for global cultural influence.

Public awareness through beauty: By using opera, the project has the potential to reach audiences emotionally and imaginatively, not just intellectually, on the issue of human trafficking.

Artists combine to bring human trafficking into the public imagination



Overview

Some injustices remain hidden because society does not know how to look at them for long enough. human trafficking is one of those injustices: vast in scale, devastating in consequence, and often invisible to those with the power to act.

At an Everything Supper Club, soprano Samantha Crawford and writer Rhidian Brook met and discovered a shared conviction that this issue needed to be brought into the public imagination in a new way. Their conversation became the beginning of a major artistic collaboration. Others have since joined the project, bringing further musical depth and public credibility to the creation of the opera production - Slave.

The ambition is not simply to produce a performance, but to create a work of art capable of awakening empathy, attention and action. Opera can hold grief, beauty, complexity and moral urgency in a way few art forms can. Through music and story, the project seeks to give voice to those caught in exploitation and invite audiences to confront what is often unseen.





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In Conclusion

These stories offer only a small glimpse of the impact already emerging through the Everything Network, as Christian leaders are connected, encouraged and strengthened to act with courage in the places where they carry influence.

Across a range of critical issues and cross-sector collaborations, we are beginning to see what becomes possible when leaders build trust, share conviction and work together to shape the world for good and for the glory of God.

As the Everything Network continues to grow in depth, maturity and reach, our prayer is that these stories would be among many more to come - as a growing movement of leaders, united in faith and purpose, contiune to renew culture for generations to come.

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