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JRF/JRHT

- Who we are
- What we do
- How we fund and commission research

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JRF: Joseph Rowntree Foundation is an endowed foundation funding a UK-wide research and development programme.

JRHT: Joseph Rowntree Housing Trust is a registered housing association and provider of care services managing around 2,500 homes.

We are independent but not neutral.

We are on the side of people and places in poverty.

We search and demonstrate in order to influence.

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We want **lasting change for people and places in poverty, communities where everyone can thrive and a more equal society.** Now and for future generations.

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POVERTY IN THE UK

Our aim: To identify the root causes of poverty and injustice.



PLACE

Our aim: To support resilient communities and places where people thrive.



AGEING SOCIETY

Our aim: To respond positively to the opportunities and challenges of an ageing society.

BRADFORD PROGRAMME

Our ten-year commitment to improving life in Bradford's communities.

Latest:

- [Living through change](#) - how Bradford is coping with global, national and local challenges.



LIVING THROUGH AUSTERITY

How are disadvantaged people and places coping and innovating in this time of austerity?



CLIMATE CHANGE AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

How will climate change affect people and places facing poverty and disadvantage in the UK?



How we work and fund...

- We put a high value on **evidence** from research, practice, experience
- We invest in **programmes** to build and use evidence to inform change
- We invest through **funding others** and bringing **in-house expertise and networks** (Policy & Research & Communications teams)
- We work in **partnership** with others
- We want to learn from and **evaluate** what we do and how we do

Place overview

Supporting resilient communities and places where people thrive

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What we're working on and thinking about...

- **Climate change and social justice** – mitigation, adaptation, behaviours, innovation
- **Young people and housing:** what housing challenges are young people facing?
How can policy overcome these?
- **Housing:** markets, supply, affordability, housing for people on low incomes
- **Derwenthorpe:** a mixed-tenure development with 540 homes on the edge of York - exploring how to achieve a more environmentally and socially sustainable community. (Focus: environmental performance, environmental behaviours, digital inclusion)



Poverty overview

Identifying the root causes of poverty and injustice

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Ongoing Poverty work

Monitoring Poverty and Social Exclusion (MOPSE)

Annual review of progress in
fighting poverty and exclusion
Indicators using official statistics

Minimum Income Standards (MIS)

- Research to find amount needed for a 'minimum acceptable standard of living' – 'living wage'



What we're working on and thinking about...

- **Forced labour:** reducing forced labour in the UK
- **Education and poverty:** closing the attainment gap between richer and poorer children
- **The future of the UK labour market:** creating a labour market that delivers lower poverty and understanding the role of skills
- **How ethnicity affects poverty:** finding solutions to variations in income and deprivation
- **How much does money matter?**
- **Working towards a UK strategy to end poverty for all ages**

Ageing Society overview

Responding positively to the opportunities and challenges of an ageing society.

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What we're working on and thinking about...

- What needs to change so that **older people** with high support needs, can have **a better life**?
- How can neighbourhoods contribute to the well-being of local people – of all ages – at risk of or experiencing **loneliness**?
- **Dementia without walls**: listening to people with dementia and changing our communities to be more inclusive and supportive in York, Bradford & elsewhere
- **Risk, Trust and Relationships** in everyday lives & communities; in care homes



An Ageing Society and...

Housing?

The labour market?

Relations across generations?

Attitudes towards ageing?

As a research funder

How we commission and manage research...

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Funding research

JRF is not a grant-making organisation and does not generally accept speculative enquiries for funding

- Calls for proposals attached to Programmes: www.jrf.org.uk **(sign up to receive e-alerts for funding opportunities)**
- Limited competitions or tenders
- Direct commissions
- Responsive grants/open calls

Funding research

How to submit a proposal in response to a specific call:

- Guidelines and background information for those wishing to respond to a call for proposal are available at: <http://www.jrf.org.uk/funding>
- [Application form and Guidelines](#)
(Word, 141Kb)
- [Budget Form](#)
(Excel, 267Kb)
- [Budget Form Notes](#)
(Word, 248Kb)
- [Receive an email alert](#) whenever we publish a new call for proposals.
(Look under the 'Alerts whenever new material is available' heading.)

Recent call for proposals include:

An Ageing Society:

How does low intensity support happen in relationships?

- For empirical research to explore relationships, trust and risk in an ageing society – and specifically relationships involving low intensity support (or as some describe it, 'that little bit of help'). We are open to funding more than one project within the total resources available and may seek to negotiate with proposers in the final stages of selection.
- Deadline to submit a proposal: 8 October 2012
- Timescale: 24 months
- Budget: up to £230k (incl VAT and expenses)
- Programme: Risk, Trust and Relationships in an Ageing Society
- Includes an interview stage for shortlisted applicants

- **Programme: Future of the UK Labour Market**
 - [How can employment and skills policy or practice reduce poverty?](#)
 - For projects that deliver insights into effective policy and practice solutions through employment and skills that might have an impact on poverty. £50k in total for projects of up to £10k each.
- **Programme: Climate Change and Social Justice**
 - [Evidence review on climate change and social justice](#)
 - To review evidence and identify issues or questions emerging and evidence gaps where there might be potential areas to investigate, which should inform the future JRF climate change and social justice programme. Up to £40k (one project only; incl VAT and expenses).

What we look for in proposals

- Good fit with the brief
- Sound methodology and analytical framework
- Evidence of careful thought around key areas – e.g. ethics, involving people with experience, diversity, UK policy context
- Potential to influence policy and/or practice
- A team that will deliver a quality project
- Value for money – and a sound budget that matches the proposal

JRF does not do Full Economic Costing (sorry!)

Here's our policy...

- We will meet the **actual expenditure** incurred by the Organisation on an approved project, provided it falls within the agreed budget. It is our policy **not to pay indirect costs** for projects funded at Universities (unlike the Research Councils).
- The Funding Councils' block grant Charity Support Fund is one source of support that eligible universities could use to underpin applications to JRF for those costs which are outside JRF's remit.

So why apply to JRF?

- Shared values and principles – including a commitment to bringing about evidence-based change in policy, practice, and thinking ... **increasing impact – REF (Research Excellence Framework)**
- JRF as a partner *during the project* (e.g. JRF Programme Manager, Programme Advisory Groups or Networks or Programme Days)
- JRF as a partner *after the project* (e.g. JRF *Findings* sent to target audiences, convening, commitment to publishing key findings on the JRF website – unless poor quality or methodologically flawed)

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