

Support

Life-changing

Compassionate

CAP Money Course

CAP Job Clubs

Love

we are

**christians
against
poverty**

Hope

Mission

Salvation

Faithful

Freedom

Relentless

CAP Debt Centres

Restoration

Mission

Justice

Pioneering

Empowering

Charity overview

Lifting people out of debt and poverty

Charity history

International Director, John Kirkby, founded Christians Against Poverty (CAP) in 1996 in response to the poverty he saw in his hometown of Bradford. He felt compelled to use his skills gained through 17 years' experience in the consumer finance industry. CAP was born to bring about sustained poverty relief through debt counselling, financial education, and a back to work programme. CAP's unique personal approach means that people are supported every step of the way to help themselves out of debt, poverty and their causes.

CAP operates through a growing network of CAP Debt Centres, CAP Money Courses and CAP Job Clubs, all opened in partnership with local churches. The charity has been recognised for its achievements by winning the Sunday Times Best Small Company to Work for Award 2008 and 2009, the Sunday Times Best Not-For-Profit to Work for Well Being Award 2012, and the Sunday Times Best Not-For-Profit to Work for Best Leader Award 2010, 2012 and 2013.

Core values

Christians Against Poverty exists to:

Serve the poor

Save the lost

With the Church

Across the nation

Cultural values

As a charity, we aim to keep the following values at the forefront of our culture:

Christ-centred and generous

Passionate and united

Compassionate and fun

Professional and risk-taking

Charity objectives

- The relief of poverty for persons in the United Kingdom and elsewhere who are in conditions of need, hardship or distress by reason of their social and/or economic circumstances by providing and promoting the provision of advice and other services.
- The advancement of education of the public in all matters relating to the management of their personal finances.
- The advancement of Christian faith and doctrine.

Statement of faith

We believe in one God who is eternal and created all things. We believe in the Trinity of God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. He is totally loving and completely holy.

We believe that sin has separated each of us from God and his purpose for our lives and that Jesus Christ is the only one who can reconcile us to God. Jesus lived a sinless and exemplary life, died on the cross in our place, and rose again to prove his victory and empower us for life.

We believe that in order to receive forgiveness we must repent of our sins, believe in Jesus Christ, and commit to live by God's will for our lives. Through that process, we will gain eternal life with God.

We believe that the Bible is God's word and that it is applicable to our every day lives. We believe that God has equipped us through the power and gifts of the Holy Spirit so we can achieve his purpose for our lives. That purpose is to worship him, fulfil our role in the Church and serve the community in which we live.

We believe that God wants to transform us so that we can live generous lives in order to help others. We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ will one day return in power and glory.

Mission statement

We are passionate about releasing people in our nation from a life sentence of debt, poverty and their causes. Working with the Church, we bring good news, hope and freedom. We are Christians Against Poverty.

Ethos statement

The ethos of Christians Against Poverty is encompassed in our mission statement, vision statement, core values and statement of faith. Our ethos and motivation is rooted in our faith in Jesus Christ and his love, compassion and justice. This, in turn, reflects in our internal relationships and leads us to serve our clients and all those we interact with in the same way. Christians Against Poverty believe that our activities are an outworking of our faith; that what we do is as a direct result of who we are and what we believe.

Vision statement

Our vision is to bring good news, hope and freedom to people in every UK community. We will do this by tackling debt, poverty and their causes through a network of local churches running 3,000 CAP projects by 2021.

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