

Case for Support Ending Stalking Harm Through Specialist, Survivor Led Support

Executive Summary

Action Against Stalking is Scotland's only charity dedicated exclusively to supporting people affected by stalking. Founded in 2014 by survivor and advocate Ann Moulds, we deliver specialist, trauma-informed, survivor-led services that reduce risk, restore wellbeing and strengthen pathways to justice. Each year we support around 600 people directly and reach thousands more through education, training and awareness. Sustained, unrestricted funding will protect core services, expand prevention work with young people and ensure long-term organisational resilience.

The Problem

Stalking is a pattern of fixated, intrusive and repeated behaviour that causes fear, distress and long-term psychological harm. It is widely misunderstood and under-recognised across statutory systems, which leads to fragmented responses, delayed recognition of harm and limited access to trauma-informed support. Digital technologies have intensified stalking behaviours, increasing reach and complexity and disproportionately affecting women and young people. Without specialist intervention, stalking often escalates, deepens trauma and places heavy demands on individuals, families and public services.

Changing Systems

We strengthen professional and system responses by training multi-agency professionals, contributing to policy development, partnering with Police Scotland and third sector organisations and collaborating with the University of the West of Scotland through the Centre for Action Against Stalking. Survivor voices remain central to our systems work to improve outcomes and support appropriate charging and perpetrator interventions.



Impact and Outcomes

Each year we:

- Support around 600 people directly through advocacy, throughcare and therapy.
- Reach thousands through education, awareness and professional training.
- Reduce isolation and distress, strengthen safety planning and improve engagement with statutory agencies.
- Remove barriers to justice and increase professional understanding of stalking dynamics.

Clients report improved confidence, reduced trauma symptoms and stronger safety outcomes. Our services have enabled faster response times, removal of waiting lists for advocacy support and increased clinical capacity.

Funding Request and Use of Funds

Our delivery model is staff intensive and most income is currently restricted to specific projects. Core organisational costs, salaries, supervision, governance and infrastructure remain underfunded. Unrestricted funding is particularly powerful because it allows flexible, rapid responses to need and sustains essential infrastructure.

Gift Level – What it funds

£10,000 – Targeted therapeutic or education delivery

£25,000 – Practitioner capacity or regional prevention programme

£50,000+ – Core organisational stability or service expansion

How funding will be used

- Retain and develop skilled specialist staff
- Provide trauma-informed therapy and remove waiting lists
- Expand young people's prevention programmes and reach marginalised communities
- Strengthen governance, supervision and organisational infrastructure

Sustainability and Stewardship

We are committed to long-term resilience through diversifying income, developing corporate partnerships, expanding earned income and strengthening individual giving. Our Board provides strong governance and strategic oversight to ensure funds are used responsibly and for maximum impact. We offer tailored reporting and partnership opportunities to demonstrate outcomes and value for funders.



How to Support and Contact

Your investment helps people move from fear to safety, from isolation to support and from trauma to resilience. We welcome conversations about unrestricted funding, multi-year commitments and strategic partnerships.

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We value long-term relationships with funders and partners and look forward to exploring how we can work together to end stalking harm across Scotland.

