

Who we are

The Voluntary Solidarity Fund (VSF) International is a **charity accelerator**. Our purpose is to overcome economic marginalisation. We strongly believe in second chances. We think that by helping individuals lead a happier, healthier life, we can break the vicious cycle of poverty, despair, and hopelessness that results from economic and social marginalisation.

Our Vision

is a world in which people have **equal access** to education, healthcare, jobs, and the chance to become active contributors to society.

Our Mission

is to **support, facilitate and accelerate** existing, highly skilled, and successful organisations that are acting in local communities, running programmes aimed to establish full self-sufficiency.

4 partner charities

Over **2000** individuals reintegrated into society

3500+ hours dedicated to the mission

Key facts

- > In 2018, **1 in 4** Europeans was at risk of poverty. (Eurostat)
- > The average income of the richest 10% is **9x** that of the poorest 10% in OECDs. (OECD)
- > The risk of poverty is significantly greater among **women, young adults**, and people with **long-standing health limitations**. (Eurostat)

Our partner charities & projects we're funding

Providence Row

Tackling the root causes of homelessness to help people get off, and stay off, the streets.

Project: support the cost of 80 individuals through their Employability & Progression Programme.

Women@TheWell

Supporting women whose lives are entangled in the sex trade and those at risk, to exit from a life involved in prostitution.

Project: to build a psychosocial infrastructure, including specialist psychotherapeutic accompaniment.

The Guild of Our Lady of Good Counsel

Helping Mothers-To-Be and New Mothers in crisis.

Project: to build an online training program for vulnerable pregnant women to develop long-term skills and provide real-time virtual support and advice.

Pact - Prison Advice & Care Trust

Providing support to prisoners and respective families in building a fresh start and creating a safer community.

Project: Investing in Volunteers program – development of the most fit for purpose and effective framework for volunteer involvement.



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**Give someone a fish, you feed them for a day.
Teach someone how to fish, you feed them for a lifetime.**

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