

Welcome to the Printing Charity

We're here for you.

Practical, emotional and financial support for people who work, have worked or are retired from our sectors.



  **Printing Charity**
  Welfare. Education. Heritage.

The ways we help have changed beyond all recognition since we were founded in 1827, but the need for our services is as great as it ever was

We're here for people who work, or have worked, in print, paper, packaging, graphics and the allied trades. We provide practical, emotional, and financial support when life is difficult and we are passionate about championing young talent within our vibrant industry sectors.



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The charity are lifesavers.

– Beneficiary

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Video: **Who we are and what we do, in 90 seconds.**

The Helpline: because everyone needs someone to talk to when life doesn't go according to plan



Our helpline is free, confidential and there for everyone in our industry, whenever it's needed. No problem is too small, or too big: the helpline is there to support with personal and work-related issues, whatever they may be.

There is emotional support from BACP-accredited counsellors available 24/7/365; and access to a practical-focused information and advice service Monday to Friday, 8am to 8pm.

The helpline can also provide support in specific circumstances. It can be an independent sounding-board for managers facing challenges within their teams, or personally, whether a specific issue or something more general. And it is there for Mental Health First Aiders when the role is difficult or distressing, as well as guiding them through options for the people they're helping.



“ I called the helpline in the middle of the night and just being able to speak to someone at that time was a great help.

– Helpline caller feedback

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Video: **Helpline Champions** on how it helps employees in their business.



Rising Star Awards: grants to help our industry's emerging talent shine



Every year, the Rising Star Awards celebrate bright young talent in our industry. Winners at the beginning of their diverse career paths receive grants of up to £1500 to fund courses beyond role-specific employer training that will support personal development and help them progress in their careers and shine.

Anyone aged between 18-30 who works in print, paper, packaging, graphics and the allied trades is eligible to enter, regardless of role.

The key is that they know what they want to achieve from their career, and how the training they're applying for will help them fulfil their ambitions.



What Awards funding can support



Personal skills development



Core skills training



Training from professional bodies



Leadership & management training

Supporting career progression across a range of job roles

Administration
Client management
Communications
Design
Editorial
Finance
HR
Management
Marketing
Business owner
Sustainability
Technical

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This is an amazing, once in a lifetime opportunity to help launch a successful career.

– Rising Star Award winner

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Video:
How the Rising Star Awards help winners shine.

Independent retirement living: a safe, friendly community for pensioners in retirement



As proud members of the Almshouse Association, we offer affordable rental retirement apartments for people retired from our sectors who are of reduced financial means. Those receiving housing benefit are welcome to apply.

Our friendly, safe, supportive and community-focused homes are sited in Basildon and Bletchley. They provide plenty of ways to make new friends, including through the varied social activities on offer. Help is on hand if needed from our small on-site team and out-of-hours community alarm service.

To be eligible to live in our retirement developments, people must have worked in our sector for at least three years overall, or be a dependent of someone who has.



“

It's a lovely place,
it's very friendly here.

– Almshouse resident

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An overview of our Almshouses



Self-contained
one-bedroom
ground or first
floor apartments



Spacious living
room; patio or
Juliet balcony



Fitted kitchen;
shower room



Shared
laundry
facilities



Communal
spaces; large
grounds



Great
locations



Find out more
and enquire.



Financial support and signposting: for people facing hardship



Our grants are designed to help people facing hardship when meeting everyday essential needs is a struggle. Whether in work, looking for work or in retirement, we may be able to help.

How our funding could help



Housing



Home repair



Wellbeing



White goods



Bereavement support



Household goods



Mobility support



We also **signpost** those in need to specialist partner organisations for specific issues, ranging from debt management, benefits, housing and energy costs to physical and mental health challenges.

People who have worked for at least three years in one of the sectors we support, not necessarily consecutively, or are a dependent of someone who has, may be eligible for financial help. We know that everyone's situation is unique, so we encourage people to get in touch to talk through their situation with our friendly team.



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The Printing Charity's support gave me much more than money.

– Beneficiary

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Please contact us to find out more.

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