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### Meet our Economic Associates

We're delighted to introduce our panel of Economic Associates who will be supporting our charity projects with economic expertise. Welcome Helen Dunn, Dr. Paul Gower, Dr. Mark Graham and Victoria Sedgwick. [Read about them here.](#)



### We are now on YouTube!

Re-watch our annual lecture with Simon Kuper on our [YouTube channel](#). Thank you to all those that came to what was a very successful evening with great coverage in both the [Guardian](#) and [Telegraph](#). The debate continues. If you have any thoughts on focus areas for next year's lecture, please get in touch.



PBE is celebrating Volunteers' Week, in recognition of our fantastic volunteers. It takes place from **1st-7th June** every year. To follow the conversation on twitter, follow [@ProBonoEcon](#), [@NCVOvolunteers](#) and hashtag [#VolunteersWeek](#).

We will be showcasing the work of individual projects and the overall contribution of skills-based volunteering, specifically the contribution that economists from the public sector, private sector and academia can make to charities.

### Join us!

- Follow us on **Twitter** [@ProBonoEcon](#) and tell others what inspires you to volunteer, how your volunteering helps others or how it has helped you
- Volunteers' Week is also a good time to generate interest in volunteering. Invite your friends to apply to PBE now! <http://www.probonoeconomics.com/i-am-economist>
- Connect with us on **LinkedIn** <https://www.linkedin.com/company/pro-bono-economics>

**Our economist volunteers are offering valuable advice and analysis to charities across the UK. Read about our most recent success stories:**

#### Centre for Investigative Journalism

PBE worked with [The CIJ](#) to help it evaluate a training programme



## Thank you for your feedback!

We asked you for your feedback on our work and we have listened to your responses.

**1. PBE is working to reduce the time it takes to deliver a project.** *We are focusing more internal resource on project management.*

**2. PBE is producing better project briefs.** *We are more effectively scoping our projects from the outset to provide the best possible service to our charities.*

**3. PBE is helping charities to better understand how economists can support them.** *By producing guidance and through more intensive support.*

If you have not yet completed our survey, you can still do so by clicking the link below.

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Office, suggested three ways that the charity can evaluate its work. Thank you to Ahmed for his support. [Read the summary here.](#)

### Goals UK

[GOALS UK](#) is a community interest company whose aim is to address issues of motivation and self-esteem via a training programme. The charity approached PBE to undertake a social impact assessment of the GOALS programme. A PBE volunteer helped GOALS UK to devise a data collection framework for future assessment. Thank you to Alex Baker for his support to GOALS UK. [Read the summary here.](#)

### HighGround

Veterans' charity HighGround needed external support to develop their organisational business plan. PBE matched the charity with consultant Julian Laite to provide high level advice and support. Thank you to Julian for all his efforts. [Read the summary here.](#)

### Shelter Scotland

A second report for [Shelter Scotland's](#) Foundation's First project looked at available data to determine how many households the charity would have to prevent from becoming homeless in 12 months to breakeven. Volunteers estimated Shelter Scotland would need to support a minimum of 24 households each year. A big thank you to Anthony Higney and Conor Doyle from DfID. [Full report here.](#)

### Spitalfields Crypt Trust

[Spitalfields Crypt Trust](#) (SCT) offers a range of support, rehabilitation and training services to people facing a multitude of problems. To access new streams of income, SCT needs to demonstrate the public value of its work. PBE volunteers advised the charity on data collection methods as a precursor to evaluation. Thank you very much, Alex Muscatelli and Mark Gallaher for your work on this project. [Read the summary here.](#)

### Tomorrow's People

A team of economist volunteers from law firm Ashurst worked on a third PBE report for [Tomorrow's People](#), looking at the social value created from a HSBC Opportunity Partnership grant to three of the charity's core programmes. Volunteers estimated benefits to society of £60 million over three years. Thank you very much David Wirth and Tom Punton at Ashurst! [Full report here.](#)

### Transparency International

As part of a research programme investigating illicit financial flows in London's housing market, researchers at Transparency International approached PBE for economic advice on available

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