

## Honours for Trustee and former Rebuilding Childhoods Board Chair



We're delighted to let you know that two of our long-time supporters and volunteers, have been awarded MBEs by Her Majesty The Queen, for services to children.

The honours for Tarek Khat, one of our Trustees and Diala Khat, former Chair of our Rebuilding Childhoods Board, were announced today.

The [Honorary British awards](#) are conferred to foreign and Commonwealth nationals who have made an outstanding contribution to the United Kingdom.

A supporter since 2006, Tarek quickly took up the opportunity to become a member of the Rebuilding Childhoods (RC) Board, going on to Chair the Board in 2010. To date the RC Board has raised £22 million for children who have suffered abuse, helping them to rebuild their lives and move forward.

Tarek became an NSPCC Honorary Council member in 2013 and a year later he took on the role of Trustee, a position he remains in today. Amongst the long list of achievements he has been responsible for, Tarek, a co-Founder and CEO of a global financial services business, has supported the NSPCC in developing many key corporate relationships, organising major donor events and spearheading new fundraising initiatives.

Diala, an early-stage private equity investor, has also been supporting our work for 15 years. Beginning as an Event Committee member, moving on to work with our Rebuilding Childhoods Board and taking over as Chair, for 5 years, in 2015.

Diala has been instrumental in securing major partnerships, high-value sponsorships, hosting numerous engagement dinners, conceiving and organising hugely impactful fundraising galas and events and spearheading strategic collaborations, all contributing in a large scale to the £22 million raised to date by the successful volunteer RC Board. After standing down as Chair of our Rebuilding Childhoods Board last year, Diala has continued to support the NSPCC.

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Congratulations to both Tarek and Diala!

Chair of Trustees Neil Berkett said:

“Tarek and Diala have been supporting the NSPCC for 15 years. They’ve never stopped looking for creative opportunities to engage potential donors and have raised a significant amount of money for our services. Their leadership in our fundraising comes from a deep understanding of our work on the ground to prevent abuse and support children.

“They have contributed enormously, Tarek as a Trustee and both as leading members of the Rebuilding Childhoods Board. On behalf of the NSPCC and the children we work with, I’m extremely proud of the work they have done and the recognition they have received.”

In a joint statement, Tarek and Diala said:

“It has been such a privilege for us to work alongside such an amazing and dedicated team of individuals at the NSPCC for the last 15 years and we are also delighted that the NSPCC is being recognised with this honour for the work that it does day in and day out to improve the lives of children.”

**ENDS**

## **Support NSPCC**

As we move from crisis to recovery, at the NSPCC we’re still here for children. Today, the shockwaves of the coronavirus pandemic are being felt in every community of the UK and Channel Islands.

It’s time for us to all work together – to rebuild our society so it’s better for our children, to continue to adapt how we work on the frontline of child protection, and to go further.

All of this is only possible with your support. You helped us be here before the pandemic, you helped us be here on the frontline throughout, and now we need your help so we can still be here, for every child.

## **About the NSPCC**

The NSPCC is the leading children’s charity fighting to end child abuse in the UK and Channel Islands. Using voluntary donations, which make up around 90 per cent of our funding, we help children who’ve been abused to rebuild their lives, we protect children at risk, and we find the best ways of preventing child abuse from ever happening. So when a child needs a helping hand, we’ll be there. When parents are finding it tough, we’ll help. When laws need to change, or governments need to do more, we won’t give up until things improve.

Our Childline service provides a safe, confidential place for children with no one else to turn to, whatever their worry, whenever they need help. Children can contact Childline 365 days a year.

Our free NSPCC Helpline provides adults with a place they can get advice and support, share their concerns about a child or get general information about child protection. Adults can contact the Helpline 365 days a year.

### **NSPCC helpline**

Phone: 0808 800 5000  
Visit [nspcc.org.uk](https://www.nspcc.org.uk)

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