



Thomson Reuters Foundation awarded £400,000 from People's Postcode Lottery

Funding to expand editorial team's coverage of under-reported stories on modern slavery, access to land and property rights and LGBT+ issues

London (May 1, 2019) -- The Thomson Reuters Foundation – the charitable arm of the global news and information provider – has won funding for its news coverage of under-reported issues, thanks to players of People's Postcode Lottery.

The Foundation has received a £400,000 grant from the Postcode Heroes Trust, to expand its reporting from the frontlines of the fight against modern slavery, LGBT rights and the lack of land and property rights – all issues that are often not covered by mainstream media outlets. The grant will enable the Foundation's editorial team to increase its focus, in particular on Southeast Asia and Eastern Africa.

By raising awareness of these critical issues, the Foundation's world-class journalism aims to shed light on the hidden plight of vulnerable communities, to ensure these topics remain on the global news agenda, and to educate and empower those working to promote equality and diversity and advance human rights around the world.

All news stories from the Thomson Reuters Foundation are disseminated on the Reuters wires, reaching an audience of up to one billion people a day.

Antonio Zappulla, CEO of the Thomson Reuters Foundation, said: "Journalism has a key role to play in highlighting some of the world's most pressing issues. Modern slavery, the lack of property rights and the discrimination faced by minorities – including LGBT+ people – are key topics that deserve to be covered. As the corporate foundation of the world's leading news and information company, Thomson Reuters, we believe we can play a key role in spearheading awareness and triggering positive change by covering under-reported stories from around the world through fair, accurate and unbiased journalism. At a time where news is becoming increasingly commodified, we have an essential role to play in ensuring that important issues get the attention that they deserve. The grant from People's Postcode Lottery is a vital contribution to accelerate our work. I am very grateful for the trust that the organisation has vested in us."

Stephanie Kerr from the charities team at People's Postcode Lottery said: "We want to help the Foundation to tell people's stories and empower those who have experienced injustices in their lives.

These stories should be told to a wider audience and players of People’s Postcode Lottery can be proud that they are supporting these brave efforts.”

About the Thomson Reuters Foundation:

The Thomson Reuters Foundation acts to promote the highest standards in journalism and spread the practice of legal pro bono worldwide. The organisation runs initiatives that inform, connect and empower people around the world: access to free legal assistance, editorial coverage of the world’s under-reported stories, media development and training, and the [Trust Conference](#).

About People’s Postcode Lottery:

People’s Postcode Lottery manages multiple society lotteries promoted by different charities and good causes. People play with their chosen postcodes for a chance to win cash prizes. A minimum of 32% from each subscription goes directly to charities and good causes across Great Britain and internationally -- players have raised £404 million so far. For details of the charities and good causes which are promoting and benefitting from the lottery draws, please visit <https://www.postcodelottery.co.uk/good-causes/draw-calendar>

It costs £10 a month to play and winning postcodes are announced every day. The maximum amount a single ticket can win is 10% of the draw proceed. For details, please visit www.postcodelottery.co.uk/prizes

New players can sign up to pay using direct debit by calling 0808 10 9 8 7 6 5. New players who sign up online at www.postcodelottery.co.uk can pay using direct debit, debit card or PayPal.

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