

## How to Book

**£48 per person**

Includes a pre-dinner drink, 3 course dinner, soft drinks.

Book your table of 8 and **1 ticket will be FREE!**

**£336 per table**

Book online at:

[www.goldengiving.com/event/GiftofWordsDinner](http://www.goldengiving.com/event/GiftofWordsDinner)

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## Gift of Words Appeal

By supporting this event you will be directly helping our Gift of Words appeal. We need to raise £75,000 a year to ensure that we can continue to provide community English classes to asylum seekers, refugees and other migrants here in the North East. We deliver this through our Action Language service.



Many people cannot access mainstream funded English classes and so for the past ten years we have been providing a welcoming language learning and integration project. We provide community-led Skills for Life English classes, which are taught by volunteers who are qualified teachers and dedicated assistants, who volunteer their time, in order to plug this gap in provision. From small beginnings this has grown significantly to the point that last year we enrolled 1,139 learners and ran over 40 classes a week.

For ten years this project has been mainly funded by grants from Trusts and Foundations and for the last four years from one particularly large grant which has enabled the service to grow enormously. However, grant funding is not a sustainable way to fund the project and so we need to urgently raise £75,000 per year to ensure we can continue providing this vital service for so many people into the future.

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CELEBRATING 10 YEARS



CHARITY DINNER DANCE

Friday 14th June 2019

6.00 – 10.30pm



Pre-Dinner Drink / Three Course Meal / Poetry  
Speakers / Live Music / Raffle

Dress Code: Black Tie

The Turbine Hall, CastleGate, Newcastle upon Tyne

# Celebrate our 10th Anniversary in style at our Gift of Words Charity Dinner Dance

This prestigious Black-Tie evening will be a celebration of the contribution refugees have made to the North East and the work of Action Foundation over the last decade. Join us for an evening of dining, dancing, poetry and inspirational speakers on the eve of Refugee Week 2019.

We are delighted to be welcoming Rev. Paul Butler, The Bishop of Durham, as our after-dinner speaker as well as award-winning poet Selina Nwulu and our Patron, Maurice Wren, CEO of The Refugee Council.

A sumptuous three course dinner will be prepared and served to you by the fabulous Jacob & Tori Caterers.

Soak up the history and atmosphere in the unique venue of The Turbine Hall at CastleGate, which originally housed the turbines that produced the electricity for the city trams of Newcastle. With its cavernous ceiling and charming architecture, you and your guests are in for a special treat. Dance the night away to the sounds of The Crossings Band whilst soaking up the ambience and finish the evening with a nightcap at the bar and your raffle ticket in hand!



## After-Dinner Speaker: Rev. Paul Butler, The Bishop of Durham

Paul is the lead bishop for refugee matters in the House of Lords. He co-chaired the National Refugee Welcome Board for its first 18 months and sat on the All Party Parliamentary Group for Refugees Inquiry 'Refugees Welcome'. He is now part of the Resettlement, Asylum and Migration Policy project, a cross-party initiative working to reimagine a migration system for a successful and integrated Britain.



## Poetry: Selina Nwulu

Selina is a poet and essayist who has worked in a number of social policy roles at the Equality and Human Rights Commission and the RSA. She is currently director of a human rights education programme. She was also Young Poet Laureate for London 2015.



## Reflections from our Patron: Maurice Wren, Chief Executive of the Refugee Council

Maurice has been a supporter of Action Foundation from its inception 10 years ago and became Patron in 2014. He worked as a Director in the homelessness and refugee protection fields at Shelter and Asylum Aid prior to joining The Refugee Council in March 2013. He co-founded the ground-breaking Independent Asylum Commission in 2007, Detention Forum in 2009 and is presently Co-Chair of the National Asylum Stakeholder Forum at the Home Office. Maurice also chairs UK Refugee Week.



## Live Music: Jillian Rochester

Jillian is studying Linguistics and Japanese at Newcastle University and is passionate about how a shared understanding of language can break down cultural barriers. She is part of the City Church community, the church that started Action Foundation. Jillian will be accompanied by Tom Norrington on guitar to sing a number of acoustic songs that will reflect some of the themes of the evening.



## Action Foundation, Chief Executive Julian Prior

Julian is the founder and Chief Executive of Action Foundation. He will reflect on the history of the charity and the impact that it has made by showing a film that celebrates the achievements of beneficiaries and volunteers. He will also provide an update on the 'Gift of Words' appeal to raise money for Action Language (see reverse). Julian is the Chair of Trustees for NACCOM (the No Accommodation Network) and was the author of 'Asylum Matters', the report produced on behalf of the Centre for Social Justice in 2008.

## Live Music: The Crossings Band

Born out of a North-East community music charity working with asylum seekers and refugees, and firmly linked to the Crossings Community Group, The Crossings Band is a unique collective of musicians and songwriters. Playing music inspired by African, Middle Eastern, and Balkan grooves, many songs were written by people from all over the world in the community music sessions.

