



Julia Unwin CBE

Julia is Chief Executive of the Joseph Rowntree Foundation and the Joseph Rowntree Housing Trust.

The Joseph Rowntree Foundation was established a century ago in the United Kingdom and has grown to an endowment of about 250 million pounds. The associated Joseph Rowntree Housing Trust is a major social housing provider with 2500 units under management.

The Foundation searches out the underlying causes of poverty and inequality, and identifies solutions – through research and learning from experience. It demonstrates solutions – by developing and running services, stewardship of land and buildings, innovating and supporting others to innovate. It influences positive and lasting change – publishing and promoting evidence, and bringing people together to share ideas.

Rowntree's research and policy work on housing, ageing and poverty is widely respected across the UK and internationally.

She was a member of the Housing Corporation Board for 10 years and a Charity Commissioner from 1998-2003. Julia was also Deputy Chair of the Food Standards Agency and worked as an independent consultant operating within government and the voluntary and corporate sectors. In that role, she focused on the development of services and in particular the governance and funding of voluntary organisations. Julia has researched and written extensively on the role, governance and funding of the voluntary sector.

She previously held a position as chair of the Refugee Council from 1995 until 1998, and is currently a member of the University of York's Council. Julia was awarded a Fellowship of the City and Guilds of London Institute in June 2012. Julia was presented with an honorary Doctor of Laws from the University of York St John in November 2012 in recognition of her work.

Julia has written several books, the most recent of which, *Why Fight Poverty?*, was published in November 2013.



Jill Reichstein

Jill is Chair of the Reichstein Foundation.

Jill's involvement with social change philanthropy grew from her early involvement with the first women's refuge in Victoria and with the community childcare movement. As chair of the Reichstein Foundation since 1987, Jill has been active in developing strategic partnerships and alliances towards growing progressive philanthropy as well as mentoring and resourcing new donors who are seeking to clarify their own philanthropic direction.

Jill is also on the board of the Koorie Heritage Trust, Trust for Young Australians, Melbourne Health Ethics Committee, Igniting Change and is the Chair of the Australian Environmental Grantmakers Network.



Catherine Brown

Catherine is Chief Executive Officer of the Lord Mayor's Charitable Foundation.

Prior to joining the Foundation, Catherine was the director at Catherine Brown and Associates, providing strategic, organisational development, governance and legal advice and guidance to foundations and not-for-profit organisations throughout Australia.

In 2010, Catherine published *Great Foundations - a 360° guide to building resilient and effective not-for-profit organisations* with ACER Press. *Great Foundations* provides practical advice to help enhance the knowledge of Australian not-for-profit CEOs and Board directors.

Catherine has held senior executive positions with Multiple Sclerosis Society of Victoria, Wesley Mission Melbourne and is a former CEO of Brain Foundation Victoria (now BrainLink). She has more than 12 years' experience as Chair or Deputy Chair of statutory authorities in the health and women's sectors.

Catherine has a Law Degree from the University of Melbourne, a Graduate Diploma in Business Administration from Swinburne University and is a member of the Law Institute of Victoria and a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.