



Ruhama announced as winner of the Charity of the Year 2024

We are delighted to announce that Ruhama won Charity of the Year at the Charities Institute Ireland, Charity Excellence Awards held in the Mansion House, Dublin on Thursday 3 October 2024.

Barbara Condon, CEO of Ruhama, said:

'We are thrilled to win this prestigious award. Being shortlisted among such esteemed charities is humbling and an honour.'

'Our team works towards transforming the lives of women impacted by sexual exploitation and sexual violence and providing hope for a brighter future. The work is complex and not without challenges but, ultimately, people's lives can be changed for the better. We do this through a holistic approach that centres the needs of each individual to heal from the trauma they have experienced and works collaboratively with them to achieve their life goals.'

'Thank you to the Charity Institute Ireland and all of our funders, advocates, staff and volunteers who collectively have made this work possible. Ultimately, though, this award is a tribute to the indomitable spirit of the survivors we support. Their courage and resilience inspire us every day.'

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Notes to Editors

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About Ruhama

Ruhama has been supporting women impacted by prostitution and human trafficking for sexual exploitation since 1989. Ruhama works with some of the most marginalised and vulnerable women in society. We provide a diverse range of holistic services including Outreach, Casework, Counselling/Trauma Therapy, an Education and Development Programme, Bridge to Work Programme, Seeking Safety, Training and Policy/Advocacy work.

Ruhama actively works on both national and international levels to influence policy and legislation to protect and support women impacted by sexual exploitation. The charity is involved in civil society led work to ensure the implementation and oversight of legislation and national strategies to tackle sexual exploitation, including the Third National Domestic Sexual Gender Based Violence Strategy and the Third National Action Plan to prevent and combat Human Trafficking in Ireland.

Ruhama's recently-released Annual Report for 2023 presents an overview of our work and can be accessed [here](#).