

Media Release

COLUMBIA THREADNEEDLE FOUNDATION PROUD TO SUPPORT CLEAN BREAK'S PERFORMANCE 'SWEATBOX' ON CITY GIVING DAY

Clean Break will be hosting a day of performances of their production 'Sweatbox' outside Mansion House on 24 September 2019

LONDON 11 SEPTEMBER 2019: Columbia Threadneedle Foundation, the charity of leading asset manager Columbia Threadneedle Investments, is proud to be showcasing our partner charity Clean Break's performance of 'Sweatbox' outside Mansion House on City Giving Day, 24 September 2019.

Clean Break is a women's charity and theatre company that supports women with lived experience of the criminal justice system. Their production of Sweatbox invites audiences to enter the back of a prison van in which three women share their stories as they are transported from court to prison, from prison to prison, from prison to court. What unfolds is a revealing and emotional 15-minute journey through anticipation to arrival.

Alison Jefferis, Chair of Columbia Threadneedle Foundation, said: "We are proud to partner with Clean Break in bringing Sweatbox to the city. Clean Break celebrates its 40th anniversary in 2019, so we felt it fitting to use City Giving Day to support Clean Break's ground-breaking theatre which puts women's voices at its heart and effects profound and positive change in the lives of women. Women's offending is frequently underpinned by a range of complex, gender-specific needs. Clean Break's work raises difficult questions and inspires debate - we hope to bring these important stories to new audiences across the city."

You can find out more about Clean Break and their production Sweatbox [here](#).

Clean Break was set up in 1979 by two women prisoners who believed that theatre could bring the hidden stories of imprisoned women to a wider audience. Through theatre and tailored support, Clean Break builds women's resilience, skills and creativity and gives them a voice. The Foundation will support Clean Break's Members Programme, which is open to women aged 17 and above who have lived experience of the criminal justice system or are at risk of entering it. It offers a foundation of learning and skills in theatre performance, creativity and wellbeing, as well

as opportunities to engage in professional, public facing performance projects. Through a unique repertory of new plays and theatre-based creative learning, Clean Break raises difficult questions, inspires debate, and helps to effect profound and positive change in the lives of women with experience of the criminal justice system.

Columbia Threadneedle Foundation is committed to investing in the community through partnerships that create positive social impact. We focus on charities that are driving social change through their work with disadvantaged or marginalised people, often using education, art or sport to engender lasting change. Common threads we look for in our programmes and charity partners include the ability to build skills and confidence, challenge perspectives and broaden horizons.

Columbia Threadneedle views philanthropy as investment in the future and we apply similar principles to our investment and charitable activities, with the aim of delivering measurable improvement to individual lives and the broader community. We partner with charities that share our goals and values and can deliver a return on our investment in terms of long-term, sustainable social change.

In addition to financial support, the Foundation provides volunteering and pro bono opportunities for Columbia Threadneedle employees, to encourage meaningful engagement with our charity partners. The Foundation also supports the efforts of employees raising money for charity, via payroll giving and matched giving programmes.

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