



Endorsements for Violation Tracker UK from RSA Fellows

Laura Watkin

“As a Fellow of the RSA, I know that the RSA has a proven track record of delivering durable and innovate solutions to promote positive social impact. I believe that the work undertaken by Andy Agathangelou FRSA and the Transparency Task Force to drive regulatory reform in financial services aligns to the RSA’s objective of delivering social change. The Violation Tracker was originally developed in the USA and became the first wide-ranging database that highlighted corporate misconduct. The Transparency Task Force has developed a highly innovative mission in bringing the Violation Tracker to the UK and promoting it to a UK audience. This will play a pivotal role in identifying, assessing and reforming the current malfeasance in the UK financial services sector.
Laura Watkin FRSA”

Mark Ormston

“The TTF is the perfect organisation/enterprise for an RSA grant.
As a Fellowship member of both the RSA and the TTF, I can explicitly say that their values and ethos are perfectly aligned.
The TTF has incredible drive and purpose, it has driven real change and has simply changed many lives. The TTF shines a light on those most difficult of topics and this particular project ticks every criteria box and is desperately needed in the UK.
Society desperately needs greater transparency in this area and industry wants to better quantify it. Wouldn’t it be perfect if an RSA grant helped power it?
I would very much like you to share my thoughts above with the RSA. I would wholeheartedly like them to seriously consider providing this grant.”

Shann Turnbull

“As an Australian based Ambassador of the Transparency Task Force I can not speak highly enough about the integrity, passion and commitment of Andy Agathangelou and his team in promoting Transparency in the Financial Services industry in the UK but around the world. I also strongly support extending the Violation tracker to the UK as it provides compelling evidence of the Systemic failure of the US system of corporate governance that has followed the systemically unethical UK practices. UK practices has poisoned governance practices around the world with its commitment to a unitary board that provides absolute power for directors to identify and manage their own conflicts of interest to corrupt themselves, their business and society absolutely. This is compounded by allowing directors, rather than shareholders being able to control AGMs at which directors as

supposed to be held to account. The UK corporate system also fails to disclose the ultimate beneficial owners and/or controllers of corporations and yet allows them to misleadingly be described as being “public”.

Kate Makuen

“TTF is engaged in important activity to support reform in financial services; adding the Violation Tracker to its range of projects will help strengthen governance across the industry.”

Annemarie Borg

“As an ambassador of the Transparency Task Force for the last two years I sincerely want to express my full support to the important work the whole team and its supporters are committed to in bringing the financial sector as well as the business sector to realise that the public has a right to expect to be treated with fairness.

Our economy can only thrive with the backing of a healthy Financial system encouraging the business sector to be transparent and act ethically, so as to build trust in the community.

This is the change we have been looking for in the last 20 years, and it is the right time to put down some solid foundations.

Too often do we still hear of abusive practices leaving people feeling helpless or worst even desperate.

One of the ways to achieve this change is to hold the financial sector and the business sector to account. To actively promote **Violation Tracker** is a way forward we should not miss out on. It is a tool for change as it exposes the practices that any company or business will want to avoid, and encourages new businesses to align themselves with new practices which will serve the public interest better.”

David Pitt-Watson

“If policy makers, investors and civil society are to hold companies to account, they need access to comprehensive, objective and well curated data. Right now, I know of no database in the UK which offers that information about companies’ legal violations. Insofar as they are held to account for infringements, it will tend to be based on what has hit the headlines, not what has actually happened. For this reason, I thoroughly endorse the creation of a UK version of Violation Tracker. It is a necessary part of the ecosystem needed to hold commercial organisations accountable. For these reasons I would hope the RSA will support the Transparency Task Force’s enthusiastic endeavours to promote it to UK stakeholders.”

Andrew Mills

“The RSA and the TTF are very different organisations, but they share a purpose of seeking to make the world more just. As a grass roots organisation, the TTF boasts boundless enthusiasm and commitment but lacks material resources. As an established body, the RSA draws on long experience of bringing about positive change. Bringing Violation Tracker to the UK has the potential to increase the transparency and accountability that are essential to achieving sustainable improvements in corporate and public life.”

Jan Flloyd-Douglass

“I find the brilliant social activism that TTF uses to shine a spotlight on the scams within the global financial services sector a critical tool in fighting scams and other crimes.

I'm proud to be a TTF Ambassador as much as I am proud to be an RSA Fellow and Fellowship Councillor.

I personally believe that the Violation Tracker is just the sort of innovative initiative that the RSA should be finding in a critical area. It will be a very impactful piece of work...'