

Gratitude Britain

The **Gratitude Britain** research project funded by the John Templeton Foundation, encompasses the flagship research work of the Jubilee Centre for Character and Virtues as well as a number of other research and development work.

We aim to make the new Centre into a major international hub of interdisciplinary research into character, virtue and virtue education – research with both theoretical and practical applications.

We understand character to encompass the morally evaluable, reason-responsive and educable part of human personality, and we understand virtues as states of character concerned with morally praiseworthy feelings and conduct in specific spheres of human life. By adopting broad and permissive specifications of the terms under scrutiny in our research, we aim to alleviate the concerns of those who consider the notions of character and virtue outdated, unclear, anti-democratic, paternalistic and conservative.

The focus of the work is on the virtue of Gratitude, from a range of different perspectives, including the 'Attitude to Gratitude' project looking at 'How do we, as a nation, understand gratitude?', complimented by other smaller projects such as 'Thank You Film Awards', 'Give Thanks, Give Back', 'Theological Roots of Gratitude in the Three Major Monotheistic Faiths', and 'Good Neighbours in a Good Neighbourhood'.

Our other flagship work focusses on virtues, values and decision making in doctors, teachers and lawyers ('Virtues, Values and Decision-Making in Three Professions in the UK in the 21st Century') and how are character and virtue being developed in schools across Britain ('Character and Virtue Education in British Schools').

For more information, please view the [Jubilee Centre for Character and Virtues \(http://www.jubileecentre.ac.uk/\)](http://www.jubileecentre.ac.uk/) website