

The Gavin MacFadyen Award 2021

This years joint winners are firstly,

Dr Justin Schlosberg and **Andrew Feinstein** of [Truth Defence](#) for their work [Damage Control](#)

This work exposed the vested interests and questionable agenda of both the APPG on Whistleblowing and WBUK. If the proposed law, “The Office for The Whistleblower” is enacted, then the consequences will inevitably be, countless lost lives, avoidable harm, fraud, and other abuses continuing unchecked; decades of injustice for whistleblowers and less people willing to speak out and suffer the consequences.

Whistleblowers more than most understand the importance of great Journalism, to be a whistleblower is to be silenced, smeared, disbelieved, discredited; treated as expendable, worthless. At the lowest point in their lives, they approached WBUK, desperate for support to be ignored or treated as a profit opportunity.

These are the whistleblowers that voted for Truth Defence in huge numbers in recognition of their work in exposing the lies, the deceit of vested interests. If I could sum up the act of whistleblowing in one word, that word would be truth. Truth Defence for exposing the dishonesty surrounding truth-tellers.

Joint Winners.

Ali and Lucy Tabrizi for the amazing [Seaspiracy](#). Great journalism has the power to change the world, this documentary has the power to save the world. Telling the truth takes courage and whistleblowers voted for this documentary in huge numbers because they recognised that courage. The suffering,

destruction and cruelty involved is heart-breaking. This documentary has the power to change the world because it is changing behaviour. The greed and dishonesty that drive the lies we have been told; the false narrative has been blown wide open by Seaspiracy. You cannot watch this documentary without tears, anger, disgust, and a deep gratitude to those who had the courage to show us the truth.

Finally, **Netflix** for [Seaspiracy](#) without those willing to print, broadcast and invest in truth, there would be no great journalism. **Netflix** was nominated for bringing the truth to our screens and for its investment in truly great documentaries, films that highlight issues that never make the news. Knowledge is power, the power to change behaviour, open eyes, expose hypocrisy and injustice.

Eileen Chubb on behalf of all the whistleblowers at Compassion in Care and the Whistler.

We will be announcing details of the award venue very soon.