



Abortion funding: a matter of equal rights and justice

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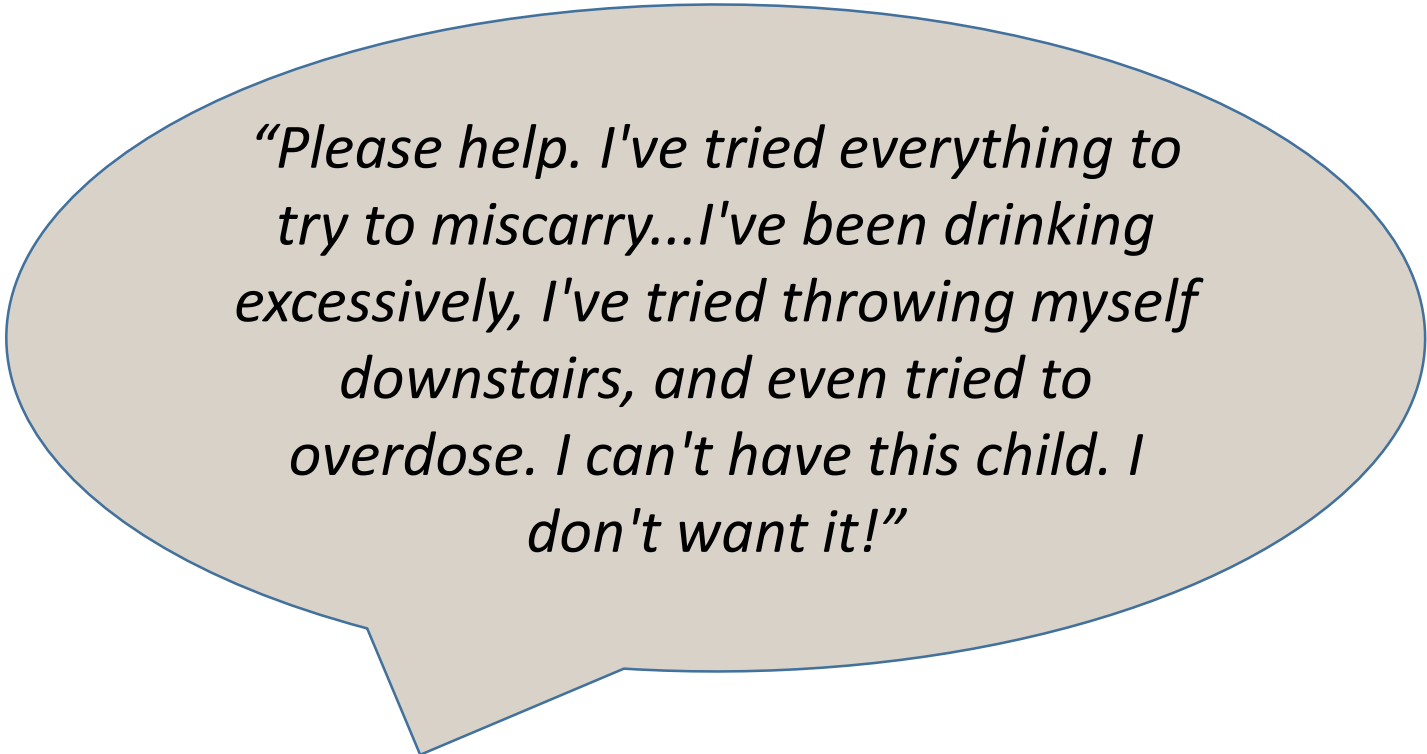
Q: What is Abortion Support Network?

A. ASN is an abortion fund. This means we believe "*I can't afford an abortion*" shouldn't be the only reason someone becomes a parent.



Why Abortion Support Network?

Because people with money have options, and people without money have babies, or do dangerous and desperate things.



“Please help. I've tried everything to try to miscarry...I've been drinking excessively, I've tried throwing myself downstairs, and even tried to overdose. I can't have this child. I don't want it!”

What if ASN weren't here?

Things people have done before calling us:

- Chased 3 packs birth control pills with a bottle of gin
- Sold kids' Christmas presents
- Rationed food for the family
- Asked the rapist for a loan
- Sold the car
- Skipped paying rent
- Drunk floor cleaner
- Etc

How ASN works

Client contacts ASN by phone, email or text message

ASN returns contact

Info on how to arrange least expensive abortion and travel,
or how to access safe but illegal abortion pills online

Financial assessment

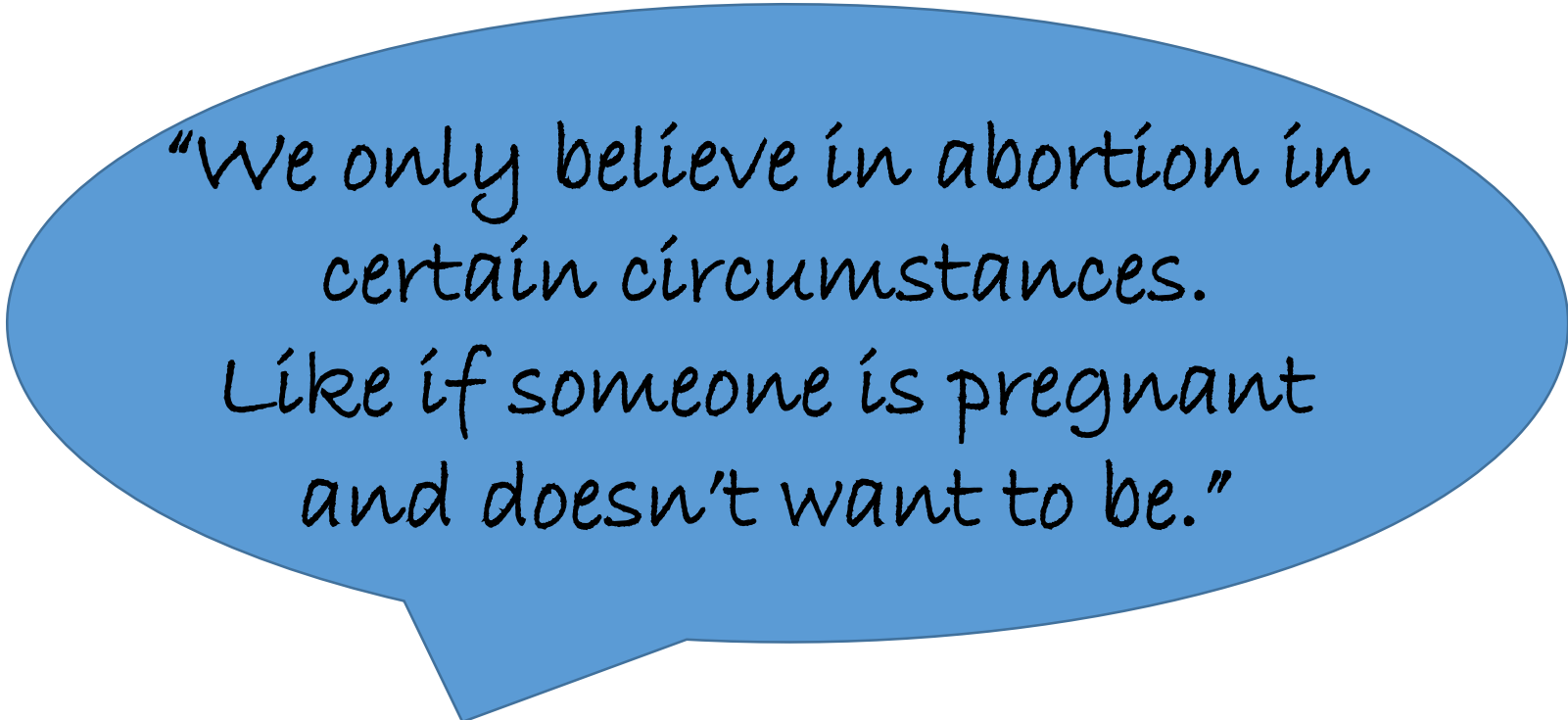
Accommodation if needed

Grant arranged.



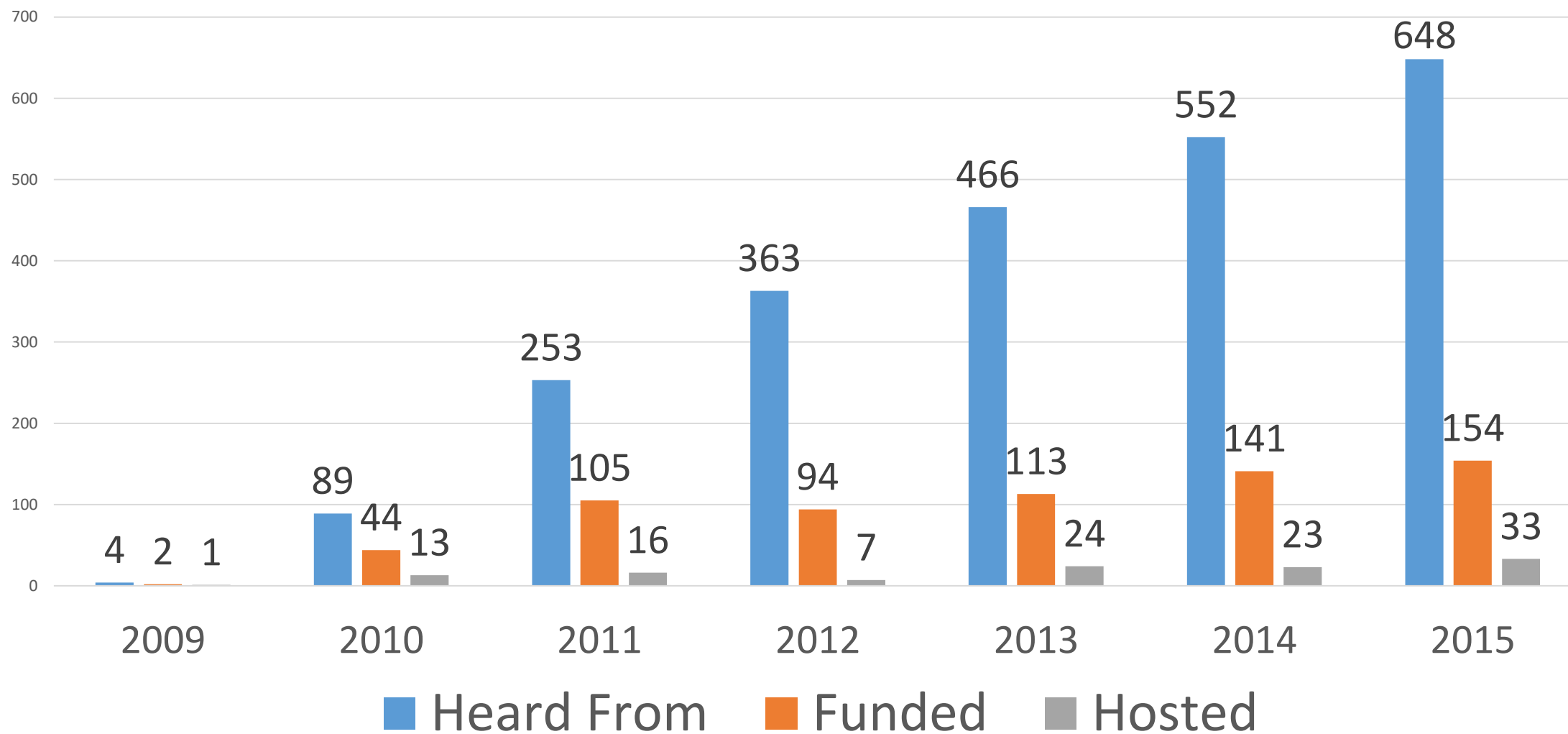
Who can get help from ASN?

- Anyone can get practical information and advice
- Funding is awarded on a case by case basis, depending on financial need.



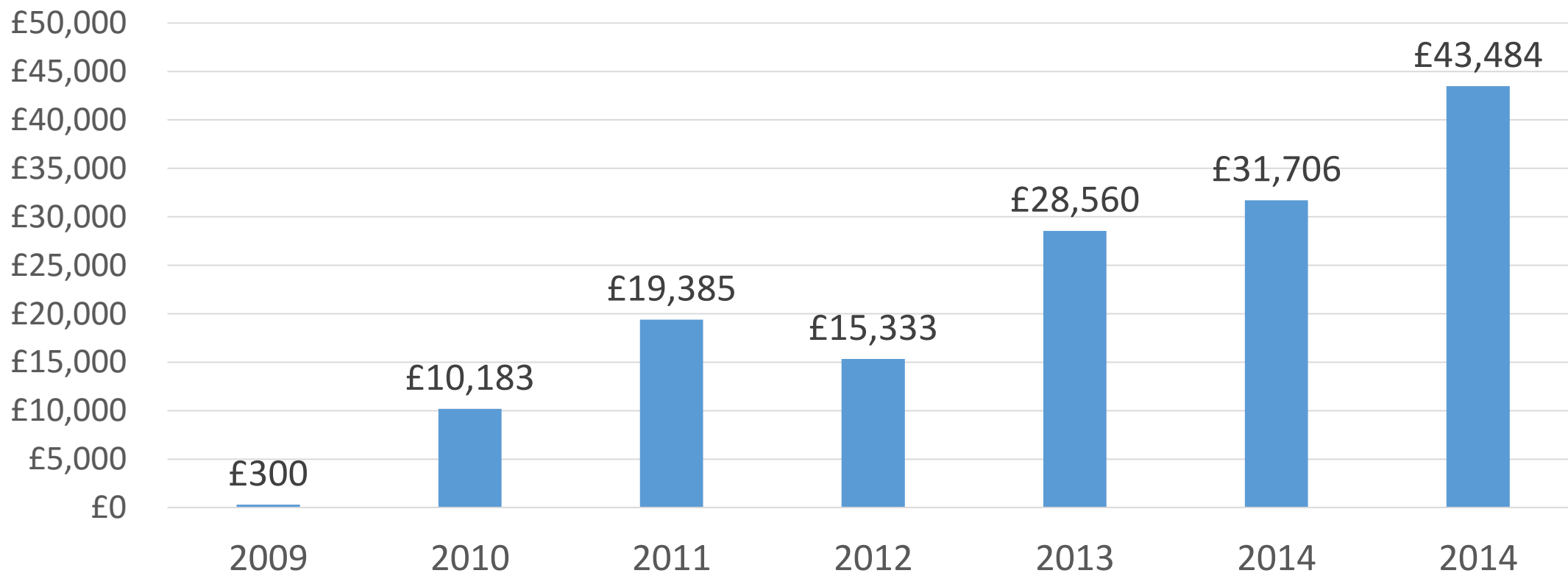
"We only believe in abortion in certain circumstances. Like if someone is pregnant and doesn't want to be."

How we've helped 2009-2015

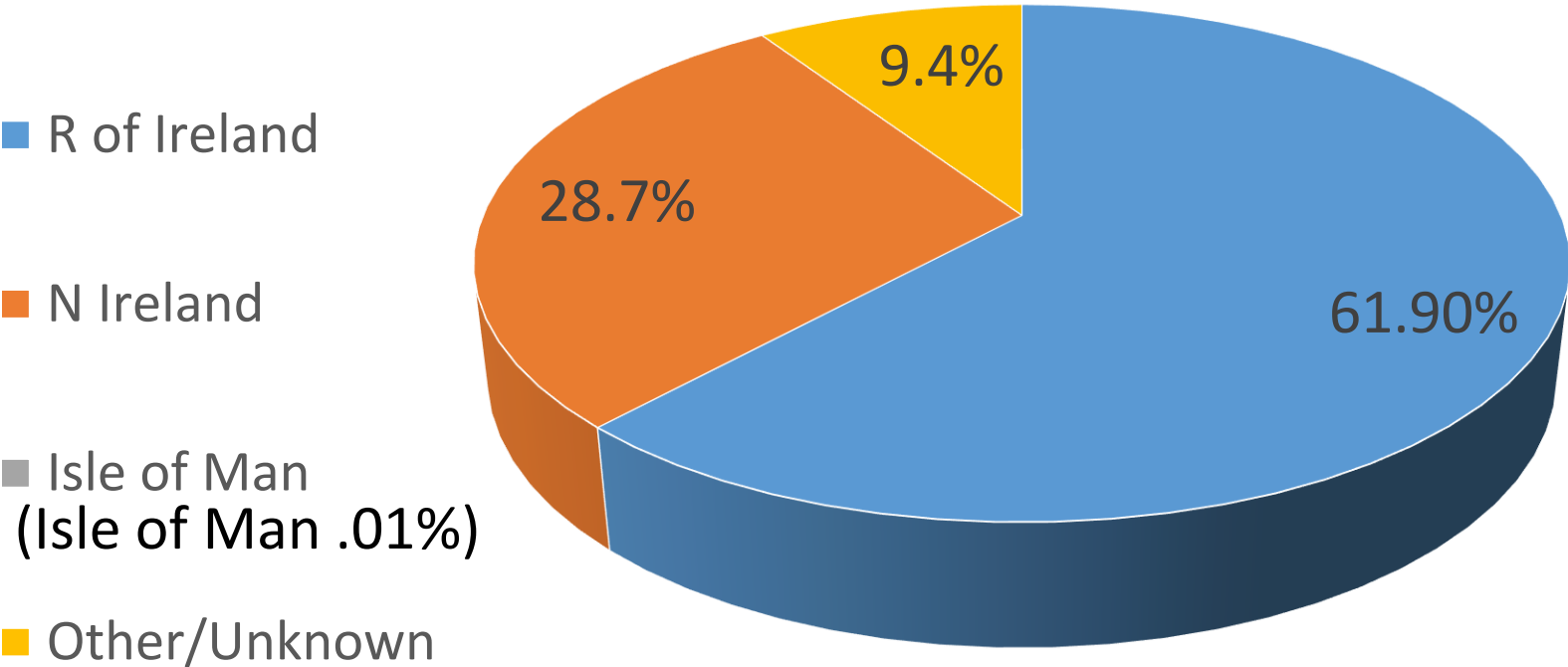


How we've helped 2009-2015

Amount funded



Clients have contacted us from:



Who we've helped 2009-2015

- Aged 13 to 51
- 62 were migrants, refugees or travellers
- 50 needed a visa to travel to England
- 95 in or escaping abusive relationship
- 98 had non-pregnancy related medical issues
- 44 had pregnancies with foetal abnormalities
- 62 were pregnant as a result of rape
- 17 tried to self-harm or self-abort
- 15 were homeless
- 13 arrived too late to obtain an abortion

*"My finances are very stretched with caring for my family. I live in rural Ireland and the **travel** alone is more than I can afford."*

"I cannot afford nor provide for a child yet I cannot afford an abortion. I feel sick thinking about it. I feel like I have no choices due to lack of money."

"I was raped last month but never did anything about it as I blamed myself. I need to have an abortion but I haven't got the money."

"My teenage daughter is pregnant and the stress of it has made her suicidal."

"I hate the thought of abortion but my baby's not going to make it. I can't stand the thought of watching my baby die".

"I never understood before how being able to have an abortion could be empowering, but now I do."

What can you do to help?

- Donate – every little helps!
- Keep in touch via Twitter or Facebook
- Sign up for our eBulletin via www.abortionsupport.org.uk
- Volunteer – www.abortionsupport.org.uk/volunteer



Any questions?

