

Specialist support organisations working with people in prison, ex-offenders and families

The aim of the St Vincent de Paul Society is to tackle poverty in all its forms, through the provision of practical assistance to people in need. Our core work is befriending, sitting alongside those who feel lonely or are isolated for whatever reason. So visiting people who are sick, in prison or suffering from addiction is a big part of our work.

Spending time with people is our greatest gift

Recently the SVP has set up SVP Working with Prisons. This a new area of special work, focused on the needs of people in prison, ex-offenders and their families. Under the leadership of Board Member and Trustee Ian Kempell the group is making contact with Central and District Councils and also with individual Conferences throughout England and Wales, to encourage them to make contact with prison Chaplains and also with the many support organisations already working in prisons, and to find out what they need.

These specialist support organisations have a clear understanding of exactly what men and women in prison, ex-offenders and the families of prisoners really need and they can often advise SVP members on the best way to help. Here is a list of some of these specialist organisations:

APEX Charitable Trust

APEX Charitable Trust seeks to help all offenders and the “hard to reach” and at risk of offending within Merseyside since 1996.

Apex Trust, 13 - 15 North Road, St. Helens, Merseyside, WA10 2TW.

 Call: **01744 612898**

 Email: **sthelens@apextrust.com**

 Visit: **www.apextrust.com**



BLAST Foundation

BLAST Foundation wishes to see God’s love in action and lives transformed. BLAST work with people pre release and after release for a minimum of 12 months. It operates, a “meet at the gate” scheme, offers a basic resettlement “kit bag”, aids rebuilding of relationships, with accommodation support and dependencies programme supports.

Blast Foundation, PO Box 4254, Gerrards Cross, Buckinghamshire, SL9 1DB.

 Call: **01753 891829**

 Visit: **www.blastfoundation.org.uk**



Catch-22

Catch-22 provides a large portfolio of services, including offender care in London, Bristol and West Yorkshire.

Catch-22, 27 Pear Tree Street, London, EC1V 3AG.

 Call: **020 7336 4800**

 Visit: **www.catch-22.org.uk**



Clean Sheet

Clean Sheet seeks to improve individual lives by provision of employment opportunities with people with convictions to enable them to reach full potential.

Clean Sheet, PO Box 6364, Coventry, CV6 9LL.

 Call: **0300 123 3045**

 Email: **info@cleansheet.org.uk**

 Visit: **www.cleansheet.org.uk**



Junction 42

Junction 42 is operating in prisons in the north east and is passionate about services for rehabilitation in the lives of offenders and communities visibly changed by the hope of the Gospel.

Junction 42, Brunswick Methodist Church, Brunswick Place, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE1 7BJ.

 Call: **0191 261 2684**

 Email: **info@junction42.org**

 Visit: **www.junction42.org**



Langley House Trust

As a Christian organisation, Langley supports people who have offended or who are at risk of offending so that they reintegrate into society, live crime-free and thrive.

Langley House Trust, PO Box 6364, Coventry, CV6 9LL.

 Call: **03330 035 025**

 Email: **info@langleyhoustrust.org**

 Visit: **www.langleyhoustrust.org**



NEPACS

Operating in the north east, supporting people affected by imprisonment for over 135 years for a positive future for people in prison and their families with practical and emotional support.

Nepacs, 20 Old Elvet, Durham, DH1 3HW.

 Call: **0191 375 7278** Freephone Helpline: **0800 012 1539**

 Email: **support@nepacs.co.uk**

 Visit: **www.nepacs.co.uk**



New Bridge Foundation

New Bridge Foundation links offenders and community, offers a wide range of programmes to help people in prison keep in touch with the outside world.

New Bridge Foundation, 1a Elm Park, London, SW2 2TX.

 Call: **020 8671 3856**

 Email: **info@newbridgefoundation.org.uk**



 Visit: **www.newbridgefoundation.org.uk**



Partners of Prisoners (POPS)

POPS was set up by families of serving prisoners, has now broadened out with new services, runs a national prisoner families helpline, runs prison visitor centre at 11 places and family relationship work at Hindley and Thorn Cross.

POPS, 1079 Rochdale Road, Blackley, Manchester, M9 8AJ.

-  Call: **0161 702 1000**
-  Email: **mail@partnersofprisoners.co.uk**
-  Visit: **www.partnersofprisoners.co.uk**



Prisoners' Families Helpline

The National Prisoners' Families Helpline offers support and information for people with a loved one in contact with the criminal justice system in England and Wales.

-  Call: **0808 808 2003**
-  Email: **info@prisonersfamilies.org**
-  Visit: **www.prisonersfamilies.org**



Prison Fellowship

Prison Fellowship seeks to show Christ's love to people in prison by coming alongside them and supporting them. We seek through prayer and practical care to help, support and develop a Christian ministry to people in prison and their families.

Prison Fellowship, PO Box 68226, London, SW1P 9WR.

-  Call: **020 7799 2500** (in normal office hours)
-  Email: **info@prisonfellowship.org.uk**
-  Visit: **www.prisonfellowship.org.uk**



Prison Advice & Care Trust (PACT)

PACT is a well known charity supporting people in prison, others with convictions and their families to make a fresh start, and minimising harms caused by imprisonment to those convicted and their families and communities.

Prison Advice and Care Trust, 29 Peckham Road, London, SE5 8UA.

-  Call: **020 7735 9535**
-  Email: **info@prisonadvice.org.uk**
-  Visit: **www.prisonadvice.org.uk**



ReCoop

ReCoop promotes the care, rehabilitation of older offenders and ex-offenders, provides of support services, advocacy, financial advice, mentoring, preventing social exclusion.

ReCoop, St Swithuns House, 21 Christchurch Road, Bournemouth, BH1 3NS.

-  Email: **info@recoop.org.uk**
-  Visit: **www.recoop.org.uk**



Shannon Trust

Shannon Trust seeks to transform lives of people in prison by inspiring and helping them to read.

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 **Call: 0203 875 9311**

 **Email: communications@shannontrust.org.uk**

 **Visit: www.shannontrust.org.uk**



Step Together

Step Together is a national charity aiming to reduce re-offending among youth through providing youth mentors to change attitudes.

Step Together, Suite 333, 179 Whiteladies Road, Bristol, BS8 2AG.

 **Call: 0117 955 9042** (Monday to Thursday 9am - 5pm)

 **Email: admin@step-together.org.uk**

 **Visit: www.step-together.org.uk**



Yellow Ribbon Community Chaplaincy

Yellow Ribbon Community Chaplaincy provides support for people on release from prison in Staffordshire, Shropshire, West Midlands through one to one mentoring guidance and practical help so that they do not re-offend.

Yellow Ribbon Community Chaplaincy, Meeting Point House,
Southwater Square, Telford, TF3 4HS.

 **Call: 01952 878592**

 **Visit: www.yellowribbonuk.org.uk**



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Find out more

For more information about 'SVP Working with Prisons' look at our Factsheets:

- **Factsheet 19: Helping people in prison and ex-offenders**
- **Factsheet 20: Helping the families of people in prison**
- **Factsheet 21: Specialist support organisations working with people in prison, ex-offenders and families**

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