

FACT SHEET 21

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.

The SVP Working with Prisons group is a much needed and expanded area of Vincentian work, focused on the complex needs of people in prison, ex-offenders and their families.

The Working with Prison group seeks to encourage Members of the SVP wherever they are to work alongside Prison Chaplains and many other support organisations already working in prisons.

These specialist support organisations have a clear understanding of exactly what prisoners, ex-offenders and their families really need. Members of the SVP working together with others may well be the better way to help.

Here is a list of some of these specialist organisations:

APEX Trust

APEX Trust seeks to help all offenders and the "hard to reach" and at risk of offending in St Helen's, Merseyside.

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

Phone: 01744 612898
Email: sthelens@apextrust.com
Website: <https://www.apextrust.com/>

Children Heard and Seen

Children Heard and Seen (CHAS) is dedicated to helping children and young people affected by parental imprisonment.

Children Heard and Seen
Hill End Camp
Eynsham Road
Cumnor OX2 9NJ

Email: info@childrenheardandseen.co.uk
Website: <https://childrenheardandseen.co.uk/>

Clean Sheet

Clean Sheet seeks to improve individual lives by the provision of employment opportunities for people with convictions to enable them to reach their full potential. This includes a remote employment service, supporting men and women for up to 3 years to find work.

Caladine, Chantry House
22, Upperton Road

Eastbourne BN21 1BF

Phone: 0300 123 3045

Email: info@cleansheet.org.uk

Website: <https://www.cleansheet.org.uk/>

Invisible Walls

Invisible Walls works with children, families and those in custody to strengthen relationships and reduce isolation. Through prison visitor centres, trauma responsive services, family interventions and school partnerships, we help families feel supported, informed and hopeful about the future.

Invisible Walls Community Interest Company

1 Parc Cottages

Heol Hopcyn John Bridgend

CF35 6AP

Email: info@invisiblewalls.co.uk

Website: <https://invisiblewalls.co.uk/>

Junction 42

Junction 42 aims to empower offenders to take control of their lives and become active contributors to their communities.

Brunswick Methodist Church

Brunswick Place

Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 7BJ

Phone: 0191 261 2684

Email: info@junction42.org

Website: <https://www.junction42.org/>

Langley Trust

The Langley Trust supports people with convictions so that they reintegrate into society, live crime-free and thrive.

Langley Trust

3 & 4 The Square

Manfield Avenue

Coventry CV2 2QJ

Phone: 03330 035 025

Email: info@langleytrust.org

Website: <https://www.langleytrust.org/>

Nepacs

Based in the north of England, Nepacs supports people affected by adverse situations in their lives—this includes prisoners and people impacted by the criminal justice or care systems.

20 Old Elvet

Durham DH1 3HW

Freephone Helpline: 0800 012 1539

Email: support@nepacs.co.uk

Website: <https://nepacs.co.uk/>

New Bridge Foundation

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

1a Elm Park
London SW2 2TX

Phone: 020 8671 3856

Email: info@newbridgefoundation.org.uk

Website: <https://www.newbridgefoundation.org.uk/index>

Out There

Supporting Families of Prisoners

Out There, a Vincentian charity, supports families of prisoners in Greater Manchester impacted by imprisonment of a loved one. Their services include home visits, telephone support, practical assistance, and referrals to welfare and other specialist support agencies.

2A Powell Street
Old Trafford
Greater Manchester M16 7QQ

Phone: 0161 232 8986

Email: info@outtherecharity.org

Website: <http://www.outtherecharity.org>

Partners of Prisoners (POPS)

POPS' prison-based family support services help families navigate and cope with the emotional, practical and social challenges that can arise from having a relative in the prison system.

1079 Rochdale Road
Blackley
Manchester M9 8AJ

Phone: 0161 702 1000

Email: mail@pops.co.uk

Website: <https://www.partnersofprisoners.co.uk/>

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.

PO Box 68226
London SW1P 9WR

Phone: 020 7799 2500 (Monday—Friday 10:00—15:30)

Email: info@prisonfellowship.org.uk

Website: <https://prisonfellowship.org.uk/>

Prison Advice & Care Trust (PACT)

PACT supports people across England and Wales affected by the criminal justice system to make a fresh start.

Homework Southfields

265-269 Wimbledon Park Road
London SW19 6NW
Phone: 020 7735 9535
Email: info@prisonadvice.org.uk
Website: www.prisonadvice.org.uk

Prisoners Families Helpline

The National Prisoners' Families Helpline (operated under contract by PACT) offers free, confidential support and advice for families in England and Wales who have a loved one in contact with the criminal justice system.

Freephone Helpline: 0808 808 2003 [Monday—Friday 9—20:00 Saturday and Sunday 10—15:00]
Website: www.prisonersfamilies.org

ReCoop

ReCoop supports older people, who come into contact with the Justice system, and enables them to lead healthy, dignified and fulfilling lives.

5 Brayford Square
Stepney Green
London E1 0SG
Email: info@recoop.org.uk
Website: www.recoop.org.uk

Shannon Trust

Shannon Trust work across all prisons in England, Wales and Northern Ireland to train and inspire people in prison who can read and do numeracy to teach those who can't.

Freepost SHANNON TRUST
Phone: 020 3764 5250
Email: info@shannontrust.org.uk
Website: <https://www.shannontrust.org.uk/>

Step Together

Step Together support young people in Bristol who are involved with or at risk of entering the criminal justice system.

Engine Shed
Station Approach
Temple Meads
Bristol BS1 6QH
Phone: 0117 955 9042
Email: admin@step-together.org.uk
Website: <https://step-together.org.uk/>

Time-Matters UK

Time-Matters UK supports children who are impacted by parental imprisonment (around 192,000 across England and Wales). It provides group and individual support for children and young people aged 4—18yrs; both face to face and online. It welcomes children from anywhere in the UK who might wish to join them.

Merseyside Play Action Council
1-27 Bridport Street
Liverpool L3 5QF

Email: info@timemattersuk.com

Website: <https://www.timemattersuk.com/>

Yellow Ribbon Community Chaplaincy

Yellow Ribbon Community Chaplaincy provides support for people on release from prison in Staffordshire, Shropshire, Wolverhampton and the West Midlands through mentoring, guidance and practical help.

Meeting Point House
Southwater Square
Telford TF3 4HS

Phone: 01952 878592

Email: info@yellow-ribbon.org

Website: <https://yellowribbonuk.org.uk/>