

Volunteer Role/Task Description: Throughcare Volunteer Supporter

Purpose of the role:

To support those on release from prison to make a successful and stable return to both their families and the wider community.

To play a vital role in the smooth running of the project.

To support participants to move on to a life free from offending.

Main tasks:

Supporting individuals to recognise positive influences and relationships within their network.

Helping Participants identify barriers to their return to the community and to identify and support a process to overcome these barriers.

Encouraging and supporting participants to form and maintain positive relationships and networks.

Carrying out role in accordance with Faith in Throughcare model and ethos (as detailed in the Volunteer Handbook).

Attending Training and Information sessions as appropriate.

Desired skills, qualities and experience:



Experience OR an understanding of the issues affecting Ex offenders is desirable but not essential.

More important is the willingness to support people to make positive changes in their lives.

An ability to listen effectively, be non judgemental and understand the need for confidentiality is paramount.

Training and support:



Volunteers will be provided with initial and ongoing training, support and agreed supervision with a named contact with whom they can contact at any time during office hours.

There will be opportunities to discuss further ongoing or additional training which would be of benefit to the project and/or the volunteers progression.

There is an annual training programme that all volunteers are expected to take part in to ensure their own professional Development and to enable them to maintain the skills and knowledge needed to be an effective member of the Faith in Throughcare team.

Where and when:

We will ask volunteers to agree a time commitment that is suitable to all parties and the location will be agreed prior to role being taken up.