



Community Support Volunteer for ex-offenders - Lancashire, South Yorkshire, West Yorkshire and Cumbria.

Role Description

Aim:

To provide support to offenders/ex-offenders and their families through mentoring and befriending to encourage full integration and to prevent social exclusion.

The role includes:

- Supporting and accompanying offenders to appointments and meetings
- Researching and developing links with local services
- Meeting with offenders in custody before release from prison and at the gate on day of release, where appropriate
- Working to meet the needs identified between the offender and their Offender Manager
- Participating in restorative justice programmes
- Completing exit surveys/interviews with offenders
- Completing an induction and attending criminal justice training
- Recording information including behaviour, compliance and engagement

Experience & Skills:

Applicants without the following skills or experience will still be considered as we provide training and support to help you work towards acquiring these skills.

- Previous paid or voluntary work
- Communication and interpersonal skills
- Ability to work as part of a team
- Ability to stay calm under pressure
- Ability to deal calmly and sensitively with prisoners and families under stress
- Ability to respect confidentiality
- Non-judgmental attitude towards prisoners and their families
- Organised and able to use initiative
- Flexibility



Important information:

Hours of work:	TBC – flexible around volunteers. All roles are Monday-Friday between work hours
Time commitment:	4 hours per week for 3 months (minimum)
Training:	All training is provided
Expenses:	Reasonable travel costs (on public transport) or mileage will be reimbursed including travel to attend training. Subsistence i.e. lunch will be provided for all day shifts or training events

This post is subject to security clearances and enhanced DBS.

To Apply/Enquire please email Chloe.duxbury@prisonadvice.org.uk