



WORK AND CAREERS

We helped bridge the gap between prison and work

Finding a job is a key factor in reconstructing life outside prison. And building skills, experience and confidence is critical when ex-offenders are looking for work with a prison record.

We piloted a traineeship initiative, working with Manchester College and Weston College and young offenders in four local prisons. We found that work experience helps offenders develop the soft skills they need in a job – it also gives employers the chance to see an offender's attitude and capability before committing to an apprenticeship or job after release.

We pioneered Maths4Mums, an initiative for women in prison based on our earlier Maths Mentors scheme. We trained a group of female prisoners in a pilot programme to be maths mentors to other prisoners, giving them the skills and self-assurance to teach others basic maths. Not only did the scheme help spread maths skills, it also left the mentors themselves with a stronger sense of self-worth.



Hear Sam Riley on how learning changed his life as an offender

www.youtube.com/watch?v=-QZ1i_nZMNs



Find out more about our work on offender learning

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