



Alpha for Prisons

Prison Ministry Conference 'Working together inside and outside the prison wall'

Organisations Exhibiting at the Conference

(1) Prison Ministry (Host) – <http://caringforexoffenders.org> and www.alphafriends.org/prisons

The Prison Ministry department at Holy Trinity Brompton and Alpha International co-ordinates: Alpha for Prisons, Caring for Ex-Offenders, the Addiction Recovery Course and Mentoring. This stand also features a guest appearance from the Philippians Project, seeking to make the Apostle Paul's letters available to those in prison using a multimedia format.

(2) Prison Fellowship (Host) - www.prisonfellowship.org.uk

Prison Fellowship mobilises and enables volunteers from the Christian community, through prayer, practical action and values-based programmes, to restore all those affected by crime. Prison Fellowship runs national programmes such as Sycamore Tree and Angel Tree, and is structured through a network of prayer groups around England and Wales.

(16) Betel of Britain - <http://betelofbritain.wordpress.com>

Betel of Britain offer long term residential care to those with substance abuse, alcohol or homelessness related problems. They help addicts, ex-offenders, prostitutes and those on the fringes of society that may otherwise go unnoticed. They offer an opportunity to break free from these life controlling issues free of charge in their communities, and can usually offer a place within a couple of days.

(7) Community Chaplaincy

The Community Chaplaincies of London work together to help ex-prisoners re-settle into the community. Each service is slightly different, but all provide a certain amount of mentoring support using trained volunteers, or in some cases paid staff. Each project has a strong faith core, but is non-proselytising.

(14) Free on the Inside – www.foti.org.uk

FREE on the INSIDE offers Freedom4 which is a dynamic and involving three day course based on the established CURSILLO concept. The participants (Pilgrims) will mainly be serving prisoners, ex-offenders and those on the fringes of our society with problems in their lives. Following the three days is the 4th day...the rest of their lives! Regular reunions and support programmes are available so the Pilgrims become empowered to face the future on a sound Spiritual basis.

(9) Green Pastures - www.greenpastureshousing.co.uk

Green Pastures is working towards the end of homelessness in the UK. It purchases property on the open market and utilises local housing allowance to cover its overheads. Loans from stakeholders and equity in existing properties provide the necessary funds. The company typically partners with churches who take care of both the tenants and the properties. Green Pastures supports prison chaplaincies and has re-housed dozens of ex-offenders up and down the country.

(5) Justice Reflections – www.justicereflections.org.uk

Justice Reflections is an ecumenical collection of theological papers appearing three times a year. It is a joint project of the International Prison Chaplains' Association, the International Commission for Catholic Prison Pastoral Care and Prison Fellowship International. It is put together by a team of volunteers and printed in a prison print shop. It is funded by donations and recipients in the West are asked to make a donation sufficient to go towards the copies being supplied free to those working abroad who cannot afford to make a significant donation. They welcome contributions between 2,000 and 8,000 words on any subjects related to the promotion of justice worldwide.