

FUNDING THE JUNCTION

Marginalised groups, such as ex-offenders and ex-addicts face multiple and complex barriers when trying to join the labour market. For many, prison is a 'revolving door' where with every prison cycle, they become more and more socially excluded.

There are currently over 80,000 people serving custodial sentences in the UK and 67% of them will re-offend within two years of leaving custody.* **However, evidence shows that having a job reduces the likelihood of re-offending by up to 50%.**

That is why Tomorrow's People has launched an initiative to help ex-offenders reintegrate into society through work. Through support, education and training, we help them build the skills and confidence they need to achieve economic independence. This initiative is called The Junction.

The Junction is a residential programme which sees training and work as the route to 'recovery' and integration. A number of social enterprise businesses will provide The Junction with the basis of its income generation, allowing programmes to develop and expand without over-reliance on external funding. Once fully operational, The Junction will provide the blueprint for future schemes around the UK.

Funding Options

Package 1

For organisations who wish to make a one-off donation:

- **£9,500** will put an ex-offender through the programme for one year at The Junction, including accommodation (compared to £37,500 to keep someone in prison).
- **£36,000** will put a Social Enterprise Adviser into The Junction, whose role it would be to support ex-offenders through the programme and into employment.
- **£70,000** will enable us to run a social enterprise business for one year.

* Figures given by Lord Ramsbotham, Chief Inspector of Prisons, 1995-2001 (as quoted in The Independent 30th November 2006).

- **£200,000** will support our capital appeal, ensuring the future of The Junction.

Package 2

- For organisations who wish to make a longer-term commitment, we have additional opportunities for corporate endorsement and employee engagement (details on request):
- **£28,500 per year for three years** will put nine ex-offenders through the programme and into employment over a three year period.
- **£36,000 per year for three years** will fund a Social Enterprise Adviser over a three year period. His/her role will be to support ex-offenders through the programme and into employment.
- **£70,000 per year for three years** will enable The Junction to run a social enterprise business for three years.
- **£100,000 per year for three years** will contribute to the capital appeal to secure a suitable property for The Junction.

To take forward any of these funding options, please see the attached pledge form or contact Tomorrow's People at: headoffice@tomorrows-people.co.uk

"Tomorrow's People continues to develop innovative ways to help disadvantaged individuals change their lives for the better. I have been struck by the lack of provision for those who come out of custody and hope to make a new life. Tomorrow's People works with individuals facing a host of challenges, whether it be a lack of skills or education, or a criminal record, to find and keep a job."

Frances Cairncross, Rector of Exeter College, Oxford and former High Sheriff of Greater London

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