**Release Prison Partnership**

**Volunteer Application**

Thank you for your interest in volunteering with Release Prison Partnership! Building relationships by including members of the community in the reintegration process is at the heart of what we do. Our volunteers are currently supporting 150+ prisoners and ex-offenders, visiting people in prison and providing guidance and mentoring on release.

**Ways you can get involved in our mission –**

* Mentoring Team – you can visit a person in prison or an ex-offender in the community for an hour every other week
* Courses in Prisons - Leading and facilitating group discussions in one of our character development courses (Alpha Bible Study, Communications, Addiction Recovery\*, Restorative Practices\*)
* Music Team - practicing and performing in prisons with musicians from the ‘inside’ and out

\*People with an offending background or in recovery from addiction issues and who have a lively Christian faith are encouraged to apply to facilitate Addiction Recovery and Restorative Practices Courses.

**Volunteers must be –**

* Over the age of 21
* Committed to a minimum of a two-year term for at least 1 hour every 2-3 weeks
* Empathic, non-judgemental, committed, reliable, and have a positive attitude

**To Apply –**

* Complete, sign, and submit the following volunteer application to the Release office by email or post
* Once the application form is received Release will invite you for interview.
* You must complete Volunteer Training and receive your Irish Prison approval before joining a programme.

Thank you for taking the time to apply to Release Prison Partnership.

Kind Regards

Pat McRann

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**Full Name:** Click here to enter text.

**Address:** Click here to enter text.

**Date of Birth**: Click here to enter text.

**Gender**:      [ ] Female         [ ]  Male

**Email**: Click here to enter text.

**Phone:** Click here to enter text.

**Primary Language**: Click here to enter text.

**Other Language(s**): Click here to enter text.

**Highest Education Level**: Click here to enter text.

**How did you learn about Release?**Click here to enter text.

**Please list any qualifications or training courses you have completed which you feel might be useful in this organisation:**

Click here to enter text.

**Do you play any musical instruments and /or sing?**

Click here to enter text.

**Please describe any previous volunteer roles or relevant experience:**

**Why do you want to work with prisoners and ex-offenders?**

Click here to enter text.

**Working with prisoners and ex-offenders can be challenging. Please explain how you feel you are well suited for this role.**

Click here to enter text.

**Are there any groups of people or categories of offenders who you would be uncomfortable working with**?

Click here to enter text.

**What would you like to accomplish as a volunteer?**

Click here to enter text.

**I’m Interested In:**

[ ] Mentoring

[ ] Courses in Prisons

[ ] Music Team

[ ] Fundraising

[ ] Board Membership

**Please indicate your availability to volunteer**

Weekdays [ ] Weekends [ ]  Mornings [ ]  Evenings [ ]  Flexible [ ]

**Have you ever been convicted of a crime?** [ ] Yes [ ] No

**If yes, please give details of the offence**: Click here to enter text.

**Did you serve a prison sentence?** [ ] Yes [ ]  No

**Release Date:** Click here to enter text.

**Are you currently**: On Parole? [ ] Yes [ ] No

On Probation? [ ]  Yes [ ] No

I understand that regardless of background I will also have to be approved by the Irish Prison Service for service within any prison and agree to complete the standard IPS form: [ ]  Yes

**Please supply the contact details of two referees**:

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| Name:  |  Click here to enter text. | Relationship to you:  | Click here to enter text. |
| Phone Number:  | Click here to enter text. | Email address: | Click here to enter text. |
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**Commitment Statement:**

  By submitting this application, I agree to:

* Abide by the policies and procedures of Release, especially in regard to prison safety, support and supervision
* Keep confidential all information I obtain through this organisation
* Complete any programme training required by this organisation
* Work with volunteers and clients from other backgrounds, ages, religions, cultures, genders and sexual orientations.
* Notify Release of any problems or conflicts of interest I might encounter in any aspect of my involvement.
* Understand that my volunteer status will be reviewed annually.

In accordance with the Data Protection Act, Release will hereby store the details of this application in a confidential encrypted database, and will remove them one year after your volunteering term has finished. If your application is unsuccessful, your details will be destroyed. By submitting this application, you are opting in to receive occasional communications from Release. If you wish to opt out, you may unsubscribe or email us at info@release.ie

**Volunteer signature**:

**Date:**