

Welcome to our Justice Update - bringing you the latest news from our justice service delivery in the secure environment, through the gate and within the communities we serve.

UNLOCKING CONSTRUCTION EVENT



HMP Northumberland hosted several employers from the construction sector in partnership with New Futures Network. The Acorn Training Information Advice and Guidance (IAG) team identified prisoners to attend based on their desire to secure employment upon release within the construction sector. Specifically, those who the IAG supported into a construction qualification with RMF Training Academy.

The IAG team worked to prepare for interviews, ensuring they were in a strong work ready position, for example, having an up-to-date CV, disclosure letter and had participated in mock interviews. This was evident from positive feedback received on the day. Most attendees completed around 4 interviews with different employers. We ended the day with an impressive total of 80 interviews completed.

NRL Construction Recruitment Agency said "We are proud to be invited to today's Unlocking Construction event held at HMP Northumberland, where our team had the valuable opportunity to speak with learners about some of the routes into employment and current job opportunities available to them, as well as sharing advice and guidance around the ways they can best prepare their CVs, interview skills and more. We're grateful for having the chance to play a part in this wonderful event and would like to thank everyone involved in organising it. We hope our sessions with the learners were useful and look forward to providing any further support needed to aid their careers."

An attendee of the event said "It was a great day and gives me opportunities to think about. I haven't had an interview for years and this event has now given me confidence in what I can do." and another said "Brilliant event and I feel privileged to be part of the day and be given a chance. A wonderful experience".

This is the first major event delivered by the IAG Team in partnership with the Employment Hub and Job Centre Plus.



BUILDING SOCIAL SKILLS

Our Information, Advice and Guidance (IAG) service in prisons help to support the rehabilitation of those we work with. Our staff in HMP Oakwood successfully support the development of social skills for those who receive little or no visitors during their time in prison with a monthly social interaction and games morning.

This informal activity was created to build social skills, reduce exclusion and increase awareness of our IAG service within the prison. Keep up the great justice work Team HMP Oakwood!



PARTNER WITH US

We are seeking like-minded partners in various locations nationally to help us deliver criminal justice services and collaborate on upcoming opportunities from the Ministry of Justice (MOJ) including CFO Evolution, to further enhance our justice support offer.

We are looking to partner with organisations who share our core values of Integrity, Commitment, Partnership, Excellence and Investment, and are especially interested in applications from providers with a proven track record of delivering high quality, value-added services, supporting individuals with a range of complex needs who have lived experience of the criminal justice system to increase their social capital and achieve sustainable outcomes on resettlement, positively affecting the risk of re-offending.

To learn more about this opportunity, please visit www.acorntraining.co.uk/partner-with-us-justice



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