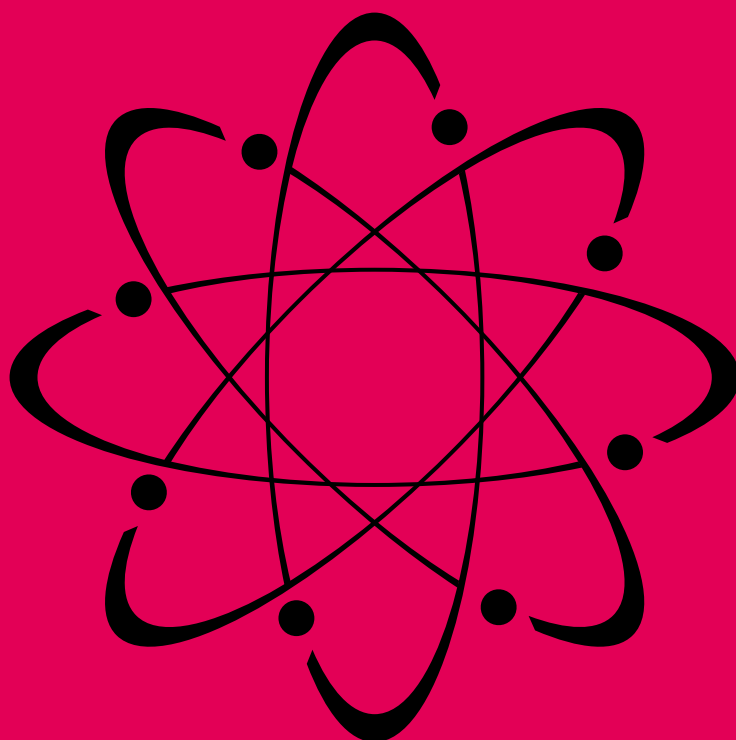


The Prince's Trust
**empowering young people
to break the cycle of offending**




start a chain reaction



Prince's Trust


Working in partnership with





“Before I got involved with The Prince’s Trust I had no self-esteem, was scared all the time and nervous about life. But since going on the Team programme my confidence has grown and I couldn’t be happier now.”

Megan, Team participant



Did you know that over one million young people in the UK are not in education, employment or training?

The Prince's Trust helps young people to develop the skills and confidence they need to move into education, employment, or training. We've helped over 600,000 young people since being established by HRH The Prince of Wales in 1976. Around 78% of the people we help go on to get a job or go back into education or training. And there's a bigger picture – by helping young people, The Trust also helps to reduce unemployment and poverty which contributes to a reduction in crime.

We work with the Police Service in a partnership that benefits everyone. We have a shared vision that contributes to better outcomes for young people and local communities.

A perfect fit

Our programmes fit within the aims and objectives of the Association of Chief Police Officers (ACPO) and Youth Justice Board strategies. We offer flexible opportunities for young people, including offenders or those at risk of offending, which in some circumstances can help them change their offending behaviour or help divert them away from the Criminal Justice System. This in turn can lead to the freeing up of court time and reducing levels of criminality in young people through timely and appropriate interventions. For example, The Trust is working with Lancashire Constabulary and other partners to offer alternatives to custody through their conditional cautioning initiative

"The Prince's Trust listened and gave me choices I never knew about. They knew about my background but supported me anyway."

Andy, Team participant

Working together to change young lives



“The Prince’s Trust has worked in partnership with the Police Service for many years, forming a strong alliance based on common objectives: we are each committed to serving our community, we both enable individuals to make a real personal contribution and, crucially, we share the belief that prevention is better than cure. By offering support to young people at a critical stage in their lives, we can help them tackle their problems. The Prince’s Trust welcomes the ACPO strategy for children and young people as it focuses on many of the areas that The Trust has identified as critical to achieving positive outcomes for young people. This leaflet highlights the benefits of working together in partnership and shows some of our shared successes to date. I hope it also inspires many mutually beneficial partnerships for the future.”



Martina Milburn,
Chief Executive - The Prince’s Trust

“As the lead of the Association of Chief Police Officers (ACPO) I feel that it is my responsibility to ensure the Police Service plays its part in harnessing the productivity of our younger generation. To do this, we have to work together to minimise the risk of their lives and prospects being damaged as a result of being involved in the Criminal Justice System.

Prolific and serious young offenders often represent the most troubled and socially excluded young people in society. It is my opinion that we should be dealing with the root causes of their problems rather than the symptoms. This is not to suggest that punishment and sanction is inappropriate, but rather it should be focussed on re-offenders and the most serious and prolific offenders. We have a duty to protect and help these vulnerable young people and it is my opinion that collectively we should be doing more to support them. We should be identifying early warning signs and proactively tackling the flow of individuals into criminal life.

ACPO’s involvement with The Prince’s Trust shows our commitment to helping young people developing the skills needed to change their lives. It provides the Police Service with the opportunity to challenge perceptions and break down barriers between young people and the Police. At the same time it can further enhance existing skills of youth engagement and communication. There are currently already 48 forces engaged in The Prince’s Trust programmes and I would encourage all forces to recognise the wide-ranging benefits such involvement can bring.”

Ian McPherson QPM,
Assistant Commissioner MPS
and Head of ACPO Business
Area for Children and Young
People



An effective partnership

The Trust has a long and valued history of working with the Police and it is clear there are mutual benefits for both organisations, which impact significantly on individuals and communities. These include:

- giving disadvantaged young people a new start in life.
- reducing crime and disorder by diverting those at risk of offending.
- providing challenging leadership opportunities for Police Officers and staff.
- developing citizenship and a sense of social responsibility amongst young people.
- reducing the burden on the youth justice system and emergency services.
- engaging with young people more effectively.



“Many of the young people I have worked with have spent years in the prison system, and have had to cope with problems most of us could not imagine. With our help they have gained self-esteem, focus and direction in their lives. I feel so proud to be part of their achievements.”

PC Sonya Hill,
West Midlands Police

Working together for a common cause

It makes sense for the Police Service and The Prince’s Trust to work together because we:

- are committed to working with and for our communities.
- share the belief that prevention is better than cure.
- can help more young people in our shared target group by working together to maximise strength, reach and influence.
- encourage consideration of others and social responsibility in young people, raising their awareness of the impact of crime and disorder on communities.
- enable young people to make real personal contributions to society.

How your Police Service can get involved:

- Your staff can volunteer on the Team programme as Team Leaders, Assistant Team Leaders or Employed Participants. These secondment opportunities range from 16 weeks to 12 months or 20 day placements.
- Support xl, our schools programme which targets 14-16 year olds at risk of exclusion and closely matches the safer schools partnership objectives.
- Offer funding for our programmes and schemes running in your area.
- Influence decision-making by providing senior representation on The Prince’s Trust regional and area boards.
- Support and get involved at a local level through neighbourhood Policing teams.
- Provide one to one support as mentors for young people.

We have many other opportunities to get involved that can be tailored to suit your force and community requirements. We have numerous case studies and examples of good practice across the Country. **Get in touch with The Prince’s Trust National Police Liaison Officer on 020 7543 7499 or police@princes-trust.org.uk to find out what you can do.**

“Dorset Police has made a commitment to its communities to listen to and understand them, keep them informed, protected and safe. The Prince’s Trust offers us an invaluable way of fulfilling that commitment. The difference this makes to their lives is immeasurable plus, in giving us the chance to help these youngsters learn and develop, The Prince’s Trust helps us do so too.”

Chris Lee,
Deputy Chief Constable Dorset Police

Everyone benefits

By getting involved in the work of The Prince's Trust, we can encourage shared involvement with other emergency services, leading to a positive outcome for everyone. We've outlined some of the key benefits to young people, your staff and the community as a whole.

Engage with young people

Through the programmes that The Trust runs, the Police work directly with those at risk of offending, offenders and ex-offenders. By engaging with these young people you can:

- challenge perceptions and break down barriers, encouraging mutual understanding between young people and the Police Service.
- boost self-esteem and self-confidence amongst disadvantaged young people, making a real difference to their ability to move forward with their lives.
- raise awareness of the impact that anti-social behaviour has on the community, fostering community awareness and respect.
- increase confidence in the community by working together.

"There's no way I'd become involved in crime again. The Prince's Trust has everything to do with that fact."

Liam, ex-offender

Exceptional staff development

Staff taking part in any of our schemes and programmes can expect to:

- participate in one of the most thorough, practical and rigorous personal development opportunities available.
- learn to operate in an unfamiliar environment, outside their comfort zone.
- develop personal qualities including resourcefulness, determination, commitment, strength of character, communication skills, motivation and leadership style.
- gain a greater understanding of how to deal with difficult and challenging young people.

"Being a Team Leader was a wonderful opportunity, every day brought a new challenge for the young people and myself. I found it exciting and very fulfilling. It has equipped me with so many new skills that really help me in my job."

PC Lesley Chapman,
Hertfordshire Police

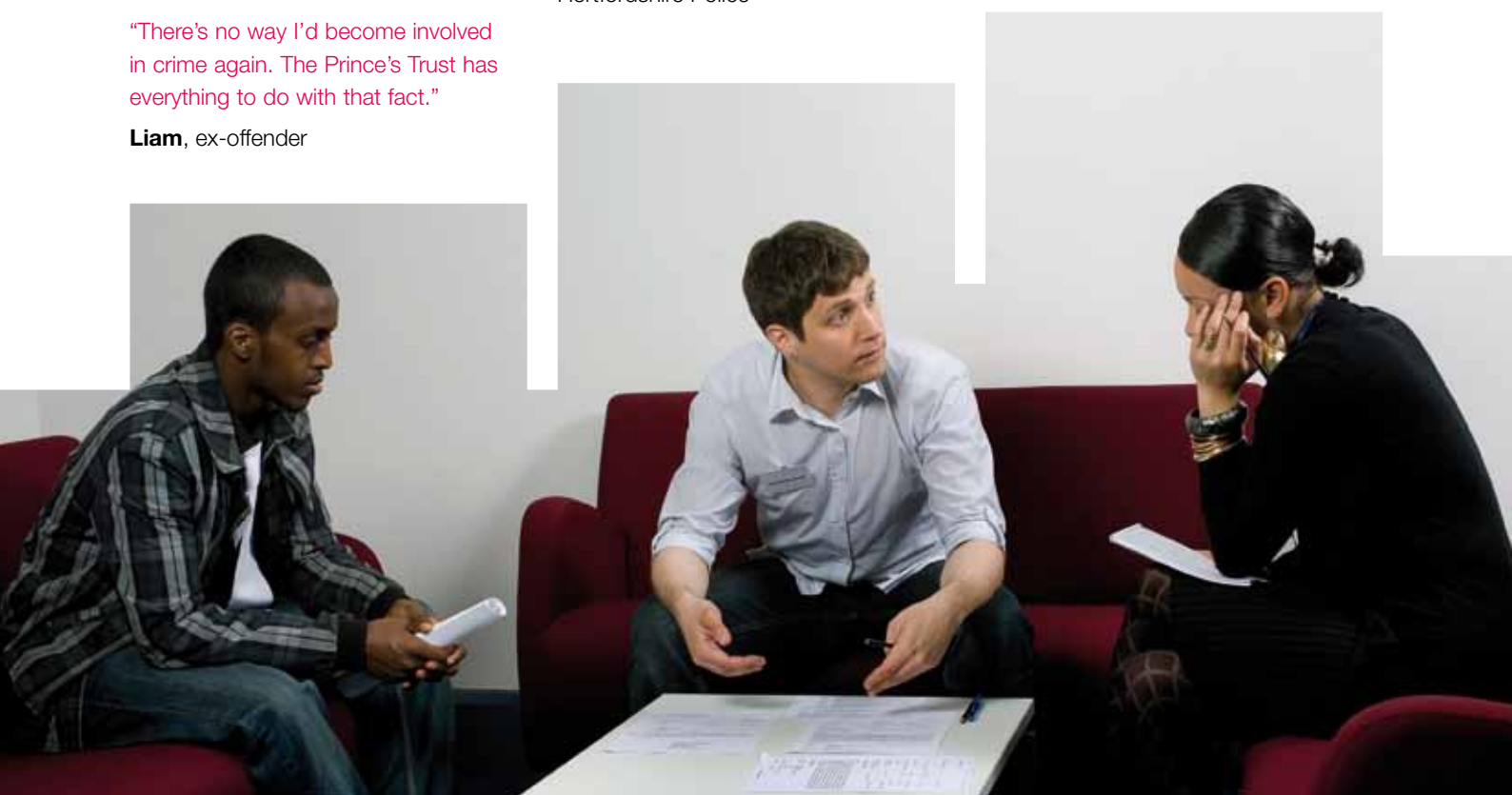
Join us and make a difference

By promoting closer working relationships between emergency services through shared involvement with The Trust, the whole community can benefit from:

- reduced crime and disorder by targeting those most at risk of offending and improving community confidence in the Police Service.
- local crime and disorder hotspots being addressed in a more constructive way.
- the emergency services working together in partnership with The Trust to target the most deprived areas and improving the quality of the local environment.

"I am very clear that this type of partnership – between the Police, local authority and the voluntary sector – provides a really powerful basis for developing programmes to reduce re-offending."

Stephen Rimmer,
Director General – The Home Office



Case Study:

Ben Williams, 24, Wolverhampton

Ben had been involved with drugs since the age of 12. He sold class A drugs and his lifestyle led to him leaving home at 14 and being kicked out of school. By the age of 18 he had been convicted of drug dealing and sent to prison for two years. Several attempts were made on his life and it finally hit home when he was shot in the leg. He knew things had to change.

Whilst recovering in hospital, he met Dave Webb who was the Police Officer investigating his case. Dave was due to start a secondment to The Prince's Trust and persuaded Ben to apply to join his Team.

Team changed Ben's life and made him realise that he could make something of himself. He went to a detox clinic after Team to overcome his drug addiction and trained to become a football coach and youth worker. He now volunteers at a homeless shelter and has a full-time job with the YMCA.

Ben says without The Prince's Trust Team programme and the support of Dave Webb, as well as his family and other organisations, he would not have had the confidence to turn his life around and look to the future. He and Dave Webb remain good friends and Ben freely admits his views of the Police have completely changed. With his offending past behind him, he has now been recruited as a Young Ambassador for The Trust to inspire other young people to turn their lives around



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Together we can:

- **Divert** those at risk of offending towards positive activities
- **Enable** ex-offenders to gain employment or training, offering an alternative route to re-offending
- **Support** communities by increasing confidence and safety
- **Develop** the skills of Officers and staff through secondment and programme participation
- **Build** citizenship and community cohesion
- **Challenge** stereotypical perceptions – of Police and young people alike

To find out how you can get involved contact
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