

Our Vision

Guernsey Caring for Ex-Offenders' ('GCFEQ') vision is to reduce re-offending by reintegrating ex-offenders (of any faith or none) into society through the local church.

Working in partnership with other agencies, GCFEQ seeks to support ex-offenders to live changed lives.

We believe that by breaking the cycle of crime, individuals, families and neighbourhoods can be transformed.



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CARING FOR
EX-OFFENDERS LBG

Reintegrating individuals into the community



A Christian charity supporting ex-offenders
to live changed lives

What is Guernsey Caring for ex-offenders?

GCFEQ is an independent charity working across local churches of all denominations. The charity is overseen by a team of directors, with its office being based at Holy Trinity Church Centre in St Peter Port. A full-time GCFEQ Co-ordinator is supported by a team of volunteers working as Mentors, Prison Visitors and Support Workers. The work of GCFEQ is funded by grants and donations from grant-making bodies, private individuals and the Island's churches.

How does it work?

GCFEQ assists an ex-offender's resettlement into society by training a Caring for Ex-Offender team in order to mentor and support them. The Mentor establishes a relationship with the individual whilst they are still in prison, visits them if possible, meets them at the gate on release, helps them attend initial appointments and obtain basic needs. Integrating into a community after time spent in prison can be a daunting challenge, and every individual requires a number of necessary elements to successfully live a transformed life. GCFEQ signposts ex-offenders to the resources that can help them achieve housing, employment, education, recover from addictions, family relationships, healthcare and debt and benefits advice. Local churches also offer a variety of resources, and willing congregation members are often available to assist the mentors in directing ex-offenders through other areas, including writing CVs, filling in forms, going to interviews and other practical matters.

How does this affect you?

If you are in prison and would like one-to-one mentoring or extra support upon release, then please speak to a Prison Officer, the Offender Management Unit or the prison Chaplaincy. They will arrange for the GCFEQ Co-ordinator to help you complete a referral form.



If you are an ex-offender and are no longer in prison but would still like support, then please contact the GCFEQ Co-ordinator using the contact details in this leaflet. The Co-ordinator will then arrange to meet with you over a coffee to explore how we can best help.



If you are a church member and would like to be involved with the work of GCFEQ or just find out more, then we would love to hear from you. Please get in touch using the contact details in this leaflet.



If you are another organisation with similar goals, we would love to work together in caring for ex-offenders. GCFEQ aims to reduce reoffending, and in an effort to do this most effectively, we work closely with the Probation Service, Prison Services, Police Authorities, and other charitable and statutory groups also working towards this goal. If you are currently working with an individual who you believe may benefit from the additional support of Guernsey Caring for Ex-Offenders, we can offer our resources to assist with reintegration into the community.