

VOLUNTEER BEFRIENDER REQUEST SLIP
Please return to:
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"It can make you
feel better getting
letters, a little bit
loved and not
forgotten"



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NO LETTERS?

NO VISITS?

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Befriending

Many people in prison don't have visits or letters. Most of us need someone to talk things over with - someone we can trust, who doesn't put labels on us, who talks straight, stays in touch and doesn't make promises they can't keep.

New Bridge Befriending supports you while you're in prison, by establishing and maintaining contact through letter writing and visiting.

New Bridge Befriending isn't just a pen pal scheme - our volunteers will come and see you as well as write to you. New Bridge Befrienders aren't attached to the prison you're in but to you and, therefore, they will continue being your volunteer even as you move to different prisons.

New Bridge Befrienders are trained before starting to write to you to and visit you and they are continuously supported through our monthly support group meetings.

New Bridge Befrienders come from all walks of life and from various backgrounds. All the people who become a New Bridge Befriender share a common desire to help people. They offer patience, warmth, understanding and dependability and are good listeners.

How to apply for a Befriender

If you would like a New Bridge Befriender please complete the tear-off slip on this leaflet and return it to our Befriending Team.

We'll write to you when we receive your request and we'll send your Offender Management Unit a form, which your supervisor should complete with you and both of you must sign. This form requests details about your index offence, sentence, previous convictions, date of birth and hobbies/interests. **The more you tell us about yourself, particularly your hobbies and interests, the easier it will be for us to find you a suitable befriender.**

When we receive your completed form, we will add you to those who are waiting for a New Bridge Befriender. Sometimes it can take a while to find you someone suitable but we'll keep in touch with you in the meantime.

Once one of our befrienders selects you, they will write to you introducing themselves. After you get to know each other better, your befriender will offer to come and see you. However, it is entirely your choice and if you would prefer not to be visited they will just continue to exchange letters with you.



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I would like to apply for a New Bridge Befriender

My name is

I'm at

HMP _____

My prison number is

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