



COMMUNITY CHAPLAINCY NORFOLK



PRAYER NEWSLETTER



Give thanks for our new mentors, giving up time to attend the course and committing to supporting clients in the future. Pray they will feel supported by staff and equipped by the training to make a confident start.

We have hit the ground running this year and have already completed another training course; signing up another four mentors to join the team. Two others couldn't complete the course, but when they do, hopefully they will sign up too.



Jack with some of our new (& existing) mentors at the recent training course. It wasn't too cold, they were just about to leave when Abby snapped the photo!



Please pray for wisdom, compassion, patience and discernment for our staff as they seek to help vulnerable clients.

Staff Training

Abby, Jack & Claire are always on the look out for appropriate training to help them as they continue to move the charity forward and keep their skills up-to-date as they train and support volunteers and interact with clients.

Recently Abby and Claire attended a free day's training on Trauma, Informed Care. This was an excellent course; overwhelming in parts, but there are ways to work with people to help them overcome and start to make a better future.

This week we are all attending an update on Safeguarding.



Give thanks for all our Trustees. We are so thankful for the new Trustees who have joined us and the skills and experience they bring to the Board. We have a diverse and active team supporting the staff.

The CCN Family

Trustees, staff, mentors, clients & supporters. We currently have 22 mentors and 23 clients, but this changes all the time due to mentor training courses and referrals throughout the year. On average just over 50% of those who start the training finish and become CCN mentors. Recruiting mentors has to be a joint decision between CCN and the person. Sometimes the training highlights that the trainee doesn't have the skills or time commitment required, which is OK and part of what the course is designed to do.

Trustee Update

Paula Callam has been on our board of trustees for three years this year and has recently taken the chair. At the end of last year we said goodbye and thank you to three other trustees but have just appointed two more.

Jo Gillies-Wheatley and Roy Burrows. Jo's profession is in Human Resources, and she currently works as the internal Director of Operations at St Martins Housing Trust. Roy retired early, last year. He was a corporate lawyer and has charity experience due to the Charity Foundation he was part of through his work. He is a lay minister in the Church of England and attends Winterton Church.

We are always looking for people who could join the Board, so please consider whether you, or someone you know, has a heart for our work and some experience or skills to bring.



We have recently taken on a few more clients and Abby and Jack are in the process of matching them to mentors. Please pray for insight as they look to see who would work best with who.

Volunteer Mentor Training
31 May & 7 June
2 x Saturdays
9.30 to 4.30 - lunch inc.
Norwich
Please pass this on!

Prison Visits

In January Abby and Claire visited HMP Wayland where volunteer Chaplain Jon Spalding gave them a tour. As well as visiting the Chaplaincy they also spoke with three prisoners due to be released in the next few months who had shown an interest in having a mentor.

Last week Jack and Claire visited HMP Warren Hill on the Suffolk coast, they had been invited to take part in a Forum made up of prison staff, prisoners and members of the Education Advisory Board; one of those being an employer who trains and employs prisoners and prison leavers in his business of manufacturing car transporters. As well as discussing education, training and employment, it was also about supporting prisoners through mentoring as they re-enter society.



Thank God for the relationship we have with Prisons and the Probation Service. Pray that this will continue to develop and mean an increase in help and support for prison leavers.



Funding

We are constantly looking for possible funders and grants we can apply for, this makes up the bulk of our income, but we are also looking for individuals who would be willing to set up a standing order to donate an amount on a regular monthly basis. As you can imagine, this makes it easier for us to budget and plan ahead. If this is something you could do, alongside your valued prayer support, please email claire@norfolkchaplains.org.uk.



Our Roadshows

We recently gave a presentation at the Great Yarmouth Civic Society. Abby spoke about our work, the criminal justice system and the obstacles prison leavers face. She then interviewed one of our clients and a mentor, and there was time for questions. We were well received, and they asked if we would speak at another organisation! Could we come to a church or organisation you belong to or know of?



Claire & Jack with two of our mentors at last year's Voluntary Norfolk event



"Enlarge the place of your tent, stretch your tent curtains wide, do not hold back; lengthen your cords, strengthen your stakes." Isaiah 54: 2

Lord we pray that this will be true for us as we seek to widen our networks and support more people. We pray for continued provision through volunteer time and financial donations. Thank you for your provision so far.