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supporting voluntary organisations that work with offenders and their families

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SERVICES & PRODUCTS

“ Just a quick message to thank you for *Light Lunch* – it’s a gem. Where others are oh so dull it adds much needed sparkle!”

Penelope Tobin
Barrier Breakers

“ All that comes out of Clinks seems so enabling and friendly.”

Rev John Clarke Alpha
for Prisons Australia

SUPPORTING VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS

Clinks supports voluntary and community organisations delivering services to offenders within England and Wales. We:

- Provide representation and voice
- Promote the sector
- Influence policy and campaign
- Provide information and support
- Undertake research and development.

Keeping you informed

Clinks members are part of a network of over 2,500 organisations and individuals working with offenders. [Members can advertise events, services and publications to this network free of charge.](#)

Light Lunch

Clinks' popular weekly e-bulletin, Light Lunch, is sent to over 2,500 organisations and individuals working with offenders. This publication contains Criminal Justice System news, details of conferences, resources and guidance – all in a concise, well presented e-mail. [Members of Clinks receive Light Lunch free and get priority placing to advertise their activities.](#) Details at: www.clinks.org/ebulletin.aspx

Website

The Clinks website keeps you up-to-date with our work, the Criminal Justice System and the voluntary and community sector. [Clinks members can advertise their jobs and volunteering vacancies free of charge at: \[www.clinks.org\]\(http://www.clinks.org\)](#)

Clinks News

Clinks News is a quarterly magazine featuring the latest news, views and issues from across the Criminal Justice System. The magazine features good practice and success stories, issues and how to address them, policy and expert opinion. [Clinks Members automatically receive a complimentary copy in the post.](#) All editions are available to download via the Clinks website: www.clinks.org/newsletter.aspx

Publications

Clinks produces publications to develop ideas and make recommendations to policy makers, provide a voice for the sector, tackle current issues of injustice or discrimination and highlight challenges faced by the Voluntary and Community Sector. Publications can be found at www.clinks.org/publications.aspx

CJS Briefings

Clinks provides concise, jargon-free briefings regarding developments in the Criminal Justice System. These documents aim to keep the Voluntary and Community Sector informed of topical developments that have implications for their work with offenders and their families. [Sent to Clinks members and available at: \[www.clinks.org/publications.aspx\]\(http://www.clinks.org/publications.aspx\)](#)



“ An excellent and enjoyable course – professionally run and all the information extremely valuable. I will be thoroughly recommending any future courses run by Clinks to my colleagues.”

Teresa Cairney Shaw Trust

Conferences and events

Clinks holds conferences and events on topical issues, relevant to the sector, which:

- Inform the Voluntary and Community Sector of recent developments
- Highlight issues and identify solutions
- Enable discussion and develop ideas
- Showcase the services of the Voluntary and Community Sector
- Provide networking opportunities with peer organisations and across the sectors.

Clinks has a modest bursary fund to help small voluntary members to attend. [Clinks members get up to 20% discount and receive advance notice of conferences and events.](#) Find latest events news at: www.clinks.org/events.aspx

Working with Offenders Directory

Clinks' Working with Offenders Directory is an online resource for organisations seeking to promote their services. Listing your organisation's details is free of charge and can be done quickly and easily online. The directory is used by voluntary sector organisations, prison and probation officers, resettlement teams, commissioners and offenders. To list your organisation free of charge or to search the directory visit: www.clinks.org/wwofirst.aspx

Supporting your organisation

Clinks is dedicated to providing ongoing support to Voluntary and Community Sector organisations. Using our knowledge of the sector and the issues faced by our membership, we advise, support and signpost to sources of further information.

Funding information

Detailing over 4,000 sources of funding in the UK, GRANTnet is an invaluable tool for Voluntary and Community Sector organisations. Supported by a team of 15 researchers at Grantfinder Ltd, the GRANTnet database is updated fortnightly and is presented in a user-friendly, online webpage. [It's available exclusively to Clinks' members free of charge at: \[www.clinks.org/funding.aspx\]\(http://www.clinks.org/funding.aspx\)](#)

Training

Clinks offers a popular range of Criminal Justice System training courses, including:

- Strategic planning
- Quality and performance
- Volunteering in prison
- Volunteering with offenders in the community
- Measuring and reporting outcomes.

Our trainers are experienced professionals with thorough knowledge of the Criminal Justice System and the Voluntary and Community Sector. [Clinks Members receive up to 20% discount on training.](#) For more information, visit the Clinks training page at: www.clinks.org/training.aspx





“ Thank you for the excellent training this morning. It is exactly what is needed for voluntary groups and helped to demystify the procurement process and the new NOMS structure.”

Bridget Moss PACT

ENDERS AND THE FAMILIES

Regional work

Clinks' regional work enables us to provide more focussed support in a specific area. It gives us expertise on local and regional issues which we can then communicate nationally in order to influence policy. We achieve this by developing local networks and representing our members – and the wider sector – on a number of influential bodies.

Volunteering & Mentoring Network

Clinks co-ordinates a Volunteering and Mentoring Network to support organisations that work with offenders as volunteers. The network identifies and shares good practice, and promotes all aspects of volunteering across the Criminal Justice System. For more information, or to join the network contact nathan.dick@clinks.org

Representation and influence

Promoting the sector

Clinks promotes the scale, diversity and quality of work undertaken by an estimated 1,200 Voluntary and Community Sector organisations working with offenders. We celebrate their successes and use case studies of organisations to highlight and share good practice.

Campaigns

Clinks runs campaigns on specific issues of relevance to the sector, such as the importance of the offender voice in the Criminal Justice System, discrimination in the system and how the sector is funded.

Lobbying and representation

Where issues have an impact on the Voluntary and Community Sector working in criminal justice, Clinks lobbies as the collective voice of the sector and encourages and enables organisations to lobby independently. We have good links with the Ministry of Justice, NOMS and the Office of the Third Sector and represent organisations working with offenders on a wide range of bodies. We lobby for improved sector representation and provide support and information to ensure that diverse voices are heard.

Member consultations

Clinks regularly consults its membership regarding Voluntary and Community Sector and Criminal Justice System developments. These consultations serve to give our members a voice on issues that may affect their work. Such consultations also give members an opportunity to tell us about other issues of concern to them, which helps to ensure that Clinks is well informed of what matters to the sector. We use this understanding to inform our work and ensure we can provide effective representation.





Clinks supports, represents and campaigns for the VCS working with offenders in England and Wales. We offer two types of membership: **Member** and **Friend**. You can become a **Member** if you are a non-profit organisation that supports the aims of Clinks. Individuals and organisations not eligible for full membership can benefit from our services and support our work by becoming a **Friend**. Friends include prison and probation services, private companies, statutory sector, and consultants.

The benefits of joining...

	Member	Friend
■ Stay informed and up-to-date: weekly e-bulletin; quarterly newsletters; briefings	✓	✓
■ Influence policy and decision makers through consultations	✓	✓
■ Up to 20% discount on training, events and publications	✓	-
■ Up to 10% discount on training, events and publications	-	✓
■ Advance notice of training, events and publications	✓	✓
■ Advice, support and free access to GRANTnet	✓	-
■ Shape Clinks' future strategy and development	✓	-
■ Free marketing opportunities to a network 2,500 contacts	✓	✓

Annual membership fees...

Volunteer-run organisations	Free	-
Fewer than 10 paid staff	£25	-
10 to 20 paid staff	£50	-
More than 20 paid staff	£75	-
Individuals	-	£25
Public sector organisations	-	£85
Private sector organisations	-	£95

Application for membership

I/we would like to become: a **Member** of Clinks a **Friend** of Clinks (please tick as appropriate)

Contact name

Job title (if applicable)

Name of organisation (if applicable)

Address

Post code

Tel.

E-mail

Web site

Registered charity no. (if applicable)

Company no. (if applicable)

In no more than 50 words, please tell us about your organisation (if applicable)

How did you hear about Clinks?

I/we enclose our membership fee of £ . We have paid staff (if applicable)

Please post your membership form with payment to: (cheques payable to 'Clinks')

Karen Desai, Clinks, 25 Micklegate, York, YO1 6JH

If you have an enquiry please contact Karen Desai at karen.desai@clinks.org or call 01904 673 970



Data protection

Clinks will hold your personal data on an electronic database for the purposes of administration of your membership and to enable us to communicate with you on matters related to Clinks' activities and your membership. We will not pass this information to any third party or use it for any other purpose. We will collect and process all personal data in line with the Data Protection Act 1998. If you do not wish us to hold this information on our database please tick here



“ Clinks membership – it’s the best spent £25 anyone could wish for!”
Steve Woodford Foundation Housing

“ Do you know what? I think *Light Lunch* is just about the most brilliant thing!”
Jane Schofield Bishop of Guildford’s Foundation

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