



Kawan Kawan Programme

Position: Befriender (Kawan Kawan)

Objective of the Programme:

- Be a Befriender to an Inmate
- Part of the Prisons Throughcare Framework – Incare & Aftercare Support
- To provide support & guidance to an inmate with limited pro-social/family support
- To work with ISCOS with aftercare support/programmes upon inmate's release

Befriender Role:

Incare – While inmate is still incarcerated (up to 6 months prior to release)

- Paired with an Inmate due to be released within the next 6 months
- A monthly correspondence through Prison's E-letter System as a primary means of communication
- Idea is to build rapport, establish a positive relationship
- Address concerns and queries
- Simple target and goal setting upon release
- 1 or 2 Physical meet up sessions in Prisons or video conferencing could be arranged
- Verbal or email updates/progress to ISCOS Staff coordinating the programme

Aftercare – Once inmate is released

- A dedicated 6 months follow through
- Weekly/Bi-weekly follow up for first 3 months upon release
- Verbal or email updates/progress to ISCOS Staff coordinating the programme
- Work with ISCOS to address immediate needs
- Physical meet up sessions at ISCOS premises or a preferred location

Aims

- Befriender's aim is to cultivate independence in inmate/ex-offender.
- Befriender should give inmate/ex-offender a chance to problem solve.
- Ask inmate/ex-offender reflective questions or enable client to find solutions on their own.

Eligibility requirement:

- Minimum 30 years old
- Comfortable & Confident to work with inmates/ex-offenders
- Experience working with similar groups of individuals is beneficial but not required
- Befriender can highlight to ISCOS Staff on preferences/considerations for the inmate pairing eg; (Age, Address, Language Spoken etc.)

Time Commitment:

- Minimum 1 year commitment consisting of up to 6 months Incare, 6 months Aftercare.
- Mixture of virtual meet up, Physical meet-up, Calls & Texting. Min Frequency
 - Incare – Monthly email correspondence
 - Aftercare – Weekly or Bi Weekly follow up/Meet Up for first 3 months of release, after which a monthly follow up

Supervision/Training:

- Mandatory Volunteer Orientation and Befrienders training provided
- Individual meetings with ISCOS Staff coordinating the programme when necessary.
- Opportunity to attend skills development workshops/courses to handle inmates/ex-offender groups

Benefits:

- Make a difference in the life of an inmate/ex-offender
- Be involved directly in the reintegration of an ex-offender
- Give back and contribute to the community.
- Be recognized as both an ISCOS and Prisons/Home Team Volunteer – eligibility for volunteer recognition and awards