

HMP Jamestown are seeking volunteers



Can you spare some time each week to volunteer inside HMP Jamestown?



ST. HELENA ISLAND

Maybe you can:

- ❖ Help prisoners to 'give back' by assisting with prison based community projects, arts, crafts or sewing
- ❖ Help prisoners develop their Maths, English or IT
- ❖ Listen & help prisoners improve their reading skills
- ❖ Help prisoners develop employment skills or a trade
- ❖ Act as a positive role model
- ❖ Help us get our plastics recycling project going

Contact the prison: 22541 or jay.kendall@sainthelena.gov.sh
linda.fuller@sainthelena.gov.sh to discuss criteria and suitability.

#Altogether Better

#Altogether Safer

#Reducing Reoffending

#Resettlement

The impact of volunteering in HMP...



A prisoner perspective *Yes I have enjoyed working with Volunteer X and it has been helpful and very important and useful in helping me plan my way forward.*

I have really missed intellectual conversation and it's been a great opportunity to debate issues.

It's opened up opportunities for prisoners to access books and educational help but also a wider range for of skills that they might need to assist them upon their release.

It has been discussed amongst the prisoners that a volunteer program would also be beneficial to those who haven't tried it yet.
Prisoner W March 2022

My thoughts about working with a volunteer..... *It has been a great privilege to have this opportunity to learn new skills especially with the great help from Volunteer X, she is a wonderful person with a lot of patience and a great sense of humour.*

So far I've learned how to use IT, how to create a 'word' document, how to open and save documents, how to create a business plan, we also did how to use Power Point, I also learnt how to create a poster for advertising.

I learnt how to access the Internet Google BBC Bitesize learning tools which I enjoyed.

Volunteer X also helped me in terms with creating and advertising for my business so that I have a job and income when I leave.

I also learnt about using pictures for advertising and about how to approach tourist board and yacht club etc. it also helped me with my English skills.

I would encourage anyone to learn any new skills that the HMP will provide. Prisoner Z March 2022

A Volunteers perspective.... *When I came to St Helena on holiday I had every intention of volunteering somewhere within the community during the months I was going to be here. By chance, I met and spoke with the Prison Manager and within days I had volunteered to support his learning and education agenda aimed at reducing reoffending.*

The experience has been very positive and I would really encourage anyone to consider volunteering. Whether they just have the odd hour a week to help hear someone read, or can talk them through using a computer, learning a new craft, writing a CV, or simply having a conversation to help them think about and plan for applying for work when they leave. Volunteer X March 2022.

My thoughts about learning with a volunteer ... *I did enjoy it. I have learnt how to identify my skills and how to put them in a CV. I have written two CV to help me get work when I leave here. One CV is about my gardening skills and one about my mechanics skills.*

I have learnt how to use a computer and get used to working a keyboard. We looked at BBC learning on line and subjects I would like to learn about.

I learnt how to save documents and write them using Word. I learnt how to spell check and how to make adverts to put in shops to get self-employed work gardening when I leave here.

I would tell people to give a go. Prisoner Y March 2022