

PRISON TEAM NEWSLETTER



JANUARY GOOD NEWS STORY

I started working with an offender as a result of my visits to the workshops. He was previously in the Army and was in the process of being discharged. He had several transferable qualifications from the Army and wanted to work in construction. He had aspirations of studying to be a Civil Engineer. I contacted SSAFA on his behalf for support through the dismissal process. A visit was arranged and they helped with completion of the forms and general understanding. We looked and investigated Universities and what would be required to work as a Civil Engineer. He realised this would be a longer term project and we looked at other options. As part of the Construction Programme I created at Norwich I referred his CV. We received 2 responses and both companies wished to interview him. He contacted the companies and started work 7.1.19. – Claire, HMP Norwich and Wayland

31/01/2019

UCFS PILOT UPDATE

We are in the process of having a prison computer put into our office in HMP Norwich. This means we won't have to book the computer room in the prison before the prisoner can make his claim to UC! This will help to increase numbers going through the pilot. We have 2 more prisoners lined up to make their claims.

EMPLOYER INTERVIEWS...SUCCESS!

We had 2 employers come in to the prison, one on 15/01/2019 and the other on 22/01/19. The interviews were a fantastic success and a potential life changing opportunity for some of our offenders. The first employer has confirmed they will be taking on 2 offenders when they are released! The second is in the process of doing checks and will get back to us in the near future. All in all, 2 very positive visits.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR OFFENDERS

The team have had a meeting with THE FEED an organisation in the hospitality sector. They offer intense support to individuals tailored to their needs, and work experience opportunities in Norwich. We are planning on having visits from the organisation to talk to the offenders and offer their support, keep tuned for more updates.



Hospitality works month is here! check out the intranet page to find out more! (You can only see the page if you are a DWP

The team welcome our newest member, Katie Marden from Lowestoft Contact Centre! We are excited to have her on board! After all of her training, Katie should start with us in March.

[k/news/hospitality-better](#)
Contact your Prison Work Coach team:

Claire.nicol@dwp.gsi.gov.uk

Rachael.powles@dwp.gsi.gov.uk

Mary.scales@dwp.gsi.gov.uk