



Community  
Payback

## Calling social enterprises and third sector organisations – work with us to provide opportunities for offenders

**Staffordshire and West Midlands Probation Trust Community Payback Division is looking for new partners to collaborate with.**

Community Payback is the delivery arm of the Staffordshire and West Midlands Probation Trust for the implementation of orders given to offenders by the Courts for them to carry out Unpaid Work as part of a Community Order – previously known as Community Service.

Offenders are sent to us with between 40 and 300 hours to work. Depending on the person's offending history and the actual offence sentenced for we carry out a placement risk assessment and decide what type of work the offender can do. If they are assessed as low risk they are usually found work in an Individual Placement such as a charity shop where they are supervised by a member of staff from that organisation. If they are deemed to be medium risk they will work on a Group supervised by one of our own Supervisors or on a Group supervised by a member of staff from one of our Partner Organisations. We provide training for the staff members of our Partners and they are supported by one of our Probation Service Officers. Any offender assessed as high risk will be supervised by our own staff.

**As part of our drive to work within the government's vision for the "Big Society" we are now looking to carry out more of our work with Social Enterprises and Third Sector Organisations.** This can be of benefit to all involved. The offender can access training and development that we cannot provide, the Social Enterprise or Third Sector Organisation can have workers to assist them with the attainment of their objectives and goals and we can hit our targets for the completion of orders and decreasing re-offending.

We currently work with many organisations which provide Individual Placements, several Partners with whom we have Service Level Agreements to work Groups of offenders and have recently started to work with our first Social Enterprise Partner on a recycling project. We now wish to expand this network of Partners and would welcome the chance to discuss involvement with any organisation that was interested in working with us.

**If you would like to start a conversation please contact Steve Walker at Staffordshire and West Midlands Probation Trust.**

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