



The Nehemiah Project Impact Report 2016/17

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What we do



Nehemiah has over 20 years' experience working with men with a history of addiction, who are arguably some of the most marginalised and excluded individuals in society. The Charity's Supported Housing Programme provides a structured environment with education and therapeutic support for our Residents, who mostly join us from homelessness or prison.

We support our men to transform their lives, giving them the opportunity to start a new life without addiction with new goals for a future without drugs or alcohol. This will have the added benefit of reducing offending, homelessness and addiction in the community, one life at a time

We ensure that every man has a tailored programme of support, with progress regularly monitored by their keyworker.

"I didn't really used to ask for help, I thought it was a sign of weakness. Now I know it is a sign of strength."

Lester

An Uphill Journey

In 2016, we worked with a total of 31 men, of these:

27 came to us through-the-gate from prison

24 had a history of homelessness

31 report to have some kind of addiction

4 had no record of offending

In 2016 74% of our residents remained free of addiction, far exceeding the national average for remaining abstinent for one year (30%). Of the 31 men:

22 men engaged with the programme

9 started the year in Move-on, then went into work and independent housing

11 successfully graduated A New Future and progressed to Move-on

Some of the challenges we faced:

7 lapsed and were asked to leave

4 chose to leave the programme before graduation but are now living independently

1 man returned to prison after lapsing

In four years, we know of only one man in the 120 we have worked with who has returned to rough sleeping. Apart from the human value of this outcome, it is estimated that keeping a rough sleeper off the streets saves between £24,000 and £30,000 (DCLG, 2012).

As far as we know only 5% of the men we have worked with in the past five years have reoffended. In comparison, 30-40% of released prisoners UK-wide reoffend within 12 months (London CRCs published performance 20165-16, www.gov.uk).

Fact of the matter



Alcohol is 10% of the UK burden of disease and death, making alcohol one of the three biggest lifestyle risk factors for disease and death in the UK, after smoking and obesity.



Alcohol-related harm costs England around £21bn per year, with £3.5bn to the NHS, £11bn tackling alcohol related crime and £7.3bn from lost of work days and productivity costs.



There were 3,346 drug poisoning deaths registered in England and Wales in 2014. Of these, 2,248 (or 67%) were drug misuse deaths involving illegal drugs.



Prison has a poor record for reducing reoffending – 46% of adults are reconvicted within one year of release. For those serving sentences of less than 12 months this increases to 60%.



Levels of drug use are high amongst offenders, 64% of prisoners reported having used drugs in the four weeks before custody.



Local agencies report 8,096 people slept rough in London alone throughout 2015/16 – A six per cent rise on the previous year, and more than double the figure of 3,673 in 2009/10.

Source: Prison Reform Trust, Bromley Alcohol Concern, Crisis & Office of National Statistics

“I’m 24 and thanks to Nehemiah, still have my whole life ahead of me” **Jack**

Our Ambassadors

Nehemiah has two Ambassadors, these appointments recognise those who have contributed to the work, growth and standing of the project.



Richard Steer

Worldwide Chairman of Gleeds

Richard is a champion of Gleeds philanthropic work, including raising almost £300,000 in celebration of the organisation's 130 year anniversary. He has generously supported Nehemiah in the past two years and directed our Gala Fundraising Ball in 2015 at London Guildhall, at which Gleeds Ambassador Sir Steve Redgrave was guest speaker. Richard worked with CEO Dr John Patience and others on 'Rehabilitation by Design' a paper which explores proposed prison reform in the UK and is being considered at UK government level.



Monsignor Roger Reader

Prisons Adviser to the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales.

Fr Roger Reader is a priest of the Diocese of Westminster. He was ordained in 1995 and has worked full time in prisons since 1998, first as chaplain at HM Prison Whitemoor for three years and then for 12 years at HM Prison Feltham. He is a former Anglican and worked part-time for six years at HM Prison Pentonville during his nine years as an Anglican clergyman. Fr Roger has a passion to see men coming out of prison better supported and has been instrumental in establishing Nehemiah's partnership with the Order of Malta.

Volunteer and Work Experience

Inspired by what you've been reading? We are always looking for talented individuals to volunteer with us. Volunteers bring diversity and new perspectives to our work with Residents - and it is fun!

If you would like to volunteer, we will invite you to an informal interview. Basic training will be given on professional boundaries and safeguarding. To find out more, visit our website: www.tnp.org.uk/get-involved/volunteer.



Prayer

We are a Christian organisation and believe in the importance of prayer. If you pray, please remember the Nehemiah Project.

To receive our regular prayer letter, please get in **contact** enquiries@tnp.org.uk

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