

Working with those in the criminal justice system? Clinks can help!

Working with those in the criminal justice system can be challenging. The landscape changes rapidly, and it's hard to keep up with who you need to be talking to. We also know more people are asking for support, and their needs are increasing in complexity and severity. At the same time, funding has been cut considerably over the last ten years.

We know it's hard, and we are here to help!

Clinks is the membership charity for voluntary organisations supporting people affected by the criminal justice system in England and Wales. Clinks membership offers you a voice to influence change, and practical assistance and support from a community of like-minded professionals and peers. Clinks' services complement those offered by [Croydon Voluntary Action](#).

Be heard: Clinks provides a collective voice for voluntary organisations working in criminal justice. We work hard to develop links with key stakeholders, from Ministers to commissioners.

Stay informed and up-to-date in a fast-changing sector: Clinks provides weekly updates and concise, targeted information, so you can easily stay up-to-date.

Find current funding information: Clinks provides free, unlimited access to a funding directory containing information on grants and loans. We also advertise funding opportunities in our newsletters and are regularly asked by funders to highlight opportunities to our members.

Develop partnerships and networks: Clinks can identify potential partners and support services for clients through our online directories.

Be better connected with the wider voluntary sector: Clinks runs informative and engaging events and training covering a range of topics that affect people in the criminal justice system.

Be supported at a local and national level: Clinks has an Area Development Team covering the North East and North West of England and Wales who provide support at a regional level, including running network meetings, helping organisations navigate the sector, and brokering partnerships with key stakeholders. They listen and respond to the views and experiences of front line staff and local voluntary organisations to ensure Clinks' policy work reflects regional and local differences.

Share good practice and receive specialised support: Clinks' networks provide support, information and an opportunity to meet peers. Currently, we run networks for:

- Arts practitioners working in criminal justice
- Organisations providing specialist support to women
- Organisations supporting families
- Managers of service user involvement forums.

Join Clinks

Membership is free for organisations with an income of less than £30,000 and then starts at just £20 per year. Clinks would like to offer a **20% discount on membership** for your first year with code CVS2019. Details of our membership fees can be found online at clinks.org/membership.