



Justice Volunteer Mentoring Service

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Are you interested in volunteering that can change lives and help someone in prison get their life back on track?

The VMS pairs mentors in the Sydney community with mentees in custody who are preparing for release. Volunteers take participants on monthly excursions outside the prison as part of their Sponsored Leave, helping them to practice being in the community. This might involve taking them to a job interview, sharing a meal, teaching them how to use an Opal card, or introducing them to services that can support them. Through this relationship, you can help your mentee to gain confidence, resources and a sense of connection to their community, all of which can make their release a smoother process and reduce their chances of returning to custody.

We are looking for volunteers who:

- Come from a diverse range of identities and backgrounds (any gender, culture, religion, LGBTI identity, etc.)
- Have experience or passion for supporting people who have been through disadvantage, health issues or trauma
- Are non-judgemental with strong communication skills
- Can volunteer for 1-8 hours per fortnight, for 12 months
- Have an unrestricted driver's licence and can travel to western Sydney

Applicants with experiences of incarceration are welcome.

