

# Introducing The Welcome Directory



## Who Are We?

The Welcome Directory is a multi-faith organisation. We maintain a directory of registered faith communities who have declared their commitment to welcoming prison leavers and providing them with appropriate support beyond the gates. This directory is used by prison chaplains, probation workers and prison leavers themselves, to identify welcoming communities upon release from prison.



## Searchable Map

Our website includes a searchable map, displaying all registered faith communities. This enables individuals leaving prison, chaplaincy and resettlement teams to easily identify welcoming faith communities beyond the gates. To explore the map, [click here](#).

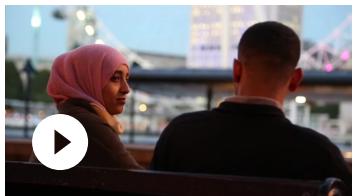
## Prisons Awareness Course

The Prisons Awareness Course is designed to offer insights into the prison experience and to equip faith communities to support and welcome prison leavers.

The materials are available on our website [here](#), but are currently being re-worked due to COVID19. Please let us know if you'd like to be notified when the first online session is ready.

## Leaving Prison in Faith: Video Series

You may be interested in hearing from prison leavers themselves about the power of faith communities. If so, click the thumbnails below for a video series created by our patron, Dr Ruth Armstrong, an award-winning Criminology researcher at the University of Cambridge.



HOPES



CONNECTIONS



COMMUNITY

## How do I register my faith community?

Firstly you must confirm that you meet the following requirements:

- **Permission** from Senior Faith Leader
- **Policy** for Safeguarding and named lead
- **Promoter** or 'Champion' who will advocate on issues relating to prisons within the faith community
- **Prison Link**, either through volunteering at a local prison, previous significant experience or completing the Prisons Awareness Course

If you meet all of these requirements, you are ready to begin registration here: <https://www.welcomedirectory.org.uk/Register-Now.php>

**If you have any questions or require further information, please don't hesitate to ask.**

You can find our FAQs here: <https://www.welcomedirectory.org.uk/FAQs.php>

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