



Welcome.... it's great to be back in touch... Autumn 2020

No Going Back Employment programme launches with interview with the Lord Mayor of London



Despite Covid we are delighted that our No Going Back project launched on 1 July. An initiative funded by the Livery Companies, the aim is to reduce re-offending with employment opportunities coming via the Livery Companies and their members. Following on from the successful “Out for Good” model, the programme navigates the new prison and community environments to engage and prepare candidates for jobs in the built environment. In addition it includes housing for those that get a job but don’t have accommodation. Prison Radio has been an amazing partner for us in HMP Brixton running a series of interviews with Livery members and employers, and for the launch with The Lord Mayor of London. These have been broadcast to supplement the in-cell information packs and interactive quizzes that have been distributed to prisoners with prizes also funded by the Livery to promote the programme. Collaboration with other partners is essential to this project and thank you not only to the partners who have referred some great candidates to us, but also to the Prisons who are referring those returning to London to the project – keep them coming – Bounce Back’s NGB team look forward to working with them.

Inspiring stories...

We have been impressed by the determination of those who have joined us since lockdown. Many are combining their e-learning studies with a variety of jobs including delivery driving, working in grocery stores, gardening and running food banks. Jack completed four courses that have led to a Facilities management role in a large organisation. “I was so pleased to find a really good course for the Facilities Management Diploma. There was so much information, but the course allowed me to take notes on the screen to come back to later. At the end of each module there were activities that enabled me to check my knowledge and I could go back to the module to cement what I had learnt. The test at the end of the ten modules was tough but I had plenty of time to complete it. It’s great to now put my qualification to use with a good job’.

The Social Enterprise is also thriving with our full team working on some exciting jobs. The Coin Street Project was one of our more unique jobs where we are now mentioned on a plaque outside the building for posterity.

Adapting to change

Like many we have taken advantage of the circumstances to develop our online learning and explore different mediums that will work in and out of the prison environment. In order that prison leavers can benefit from this we have been lucky to have been funded to provide tablets and mobile phones.

We remain unable to train in prison but have re-started in the community with various courses including CSCS and other courses including PASMA partnered with HSS – and we’re filming everything so we can embark on more online delivery.

RAS update

Lockdown has been a unique time in the news for activities in space and the enthusiasm in prisons for the universe and the excitement around it has not waned. With the help of the Fellows of the Royal Astronomical Society we have run a 6 week module in HMP Brixton introducing scientific concepts in an accessible way as part of our “Explore” programme. In the form of a series of engaging in-cell broadcasts and education/STEM activity the packs covered the themes of Humans in Space (including technology and engineering), Our Solar System (including mining asteroids and the future of habitation) and Stars and Galaxies – including exploring how we can see so far into the universe using technology and telescopes.

Online with Runway



Your interactive gateway to our community

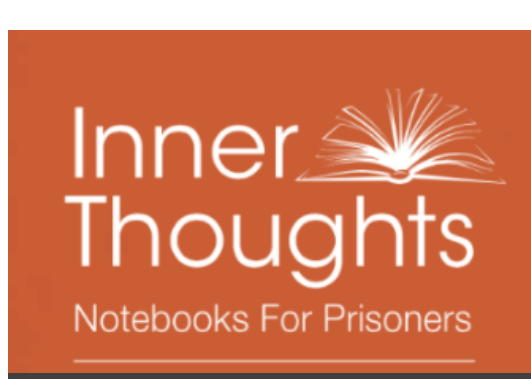
Our new partnership with Runway has enabled us to create an innovative app to develop a unique online community space where our participants, volunteers and team can utilise the power of collaboration to feel connected, have their voices heard, concerns addressed and support each other.

The Bounce Back Violent Crime Reduction Initiative (VCTF) in partnership with the Met Police

is a new programme enabling us to engage with young people and put them on the right track supporting them into education, training and employment. Our dedicated team have already received in excess of 50 referrals and successfully placed our first candidate into our painting and decorating social enterprise.



The period has enabled some amazing collaboration between organisations as we have worked with Switchback, Stand Out and other great organisations, as well as the prisons to overcome the challenges and find solutions to support the guys.



Inner thoughts

Restrictions in prison have inevitably had a much documented effect on self-harm and mental health. Many prisoners have found it helpful to use writing and drawing as a release to anxiety. At the request of HMP Brixton for notebooks we started our Inner Thoughts corporate programme. Landsec supported the first batch of books into prison and Tideway kindly offered to progress this to raise money for more.

OUR THANK YOU's....

go to all who helped us keep our show on the road during Covid:

Landsec for all their support as ever.

The amazing team at **Columbia Threadneedle** who have been so supportive in helping us navigate the business challenges of running the charity during this time.

The London Funders and all those who have supported us with emergency funding so we could develop our technology offer.

Wimbledon College School for their energetic fundraiser.

The **Co-op Community Fund** whose timely funding enabled us to provide e-learning courses and qualifications to over 100 people during lockdown.

Paddington Development Trust whose funding will allow us to continue to support our participants in new ways.

Dulux for an amazing 12 pallets of paint for use in our training and work.

Tideway for the support fund/bursary for individual grants to help 100 people with whatever they need from fares to a pair of shoes, to a tablet or a training course. And **Big Yellow** for our ongoing funding and invaluable storage.

Last but not least... **all our staff** who have not only been here but have helped us raise over £2,500 in the alternative London Marathon 2.6 Challenge by cycling, baking, yoga planks and more...

