

*A jail sentence shouldn't be about society's revenge but rather a chance to change the direction of a life*

Lord Corbett of Castle Vale

## **The Robin Corbett Award for Prisoner Rehabilitation**

Following Lord Corbett's death in February 2012, his family has established with the Prison Reform Trust a lasting memorial to his exceptional work in penal reform. Robin Corbett was the respected chair of the Home Affairs Committee. For ten years until his death Robin chaired the All Party Parliamentary Penal Affairs Group to which the Prison Reform Trust, supported by the Barrow Cadbury Trust, provides the secretariat.

This annual award will be for outstanding rehabilitative work with prisoners done by a small charity or community group working in partnership with prison staff. Uniquely, the award will champion work that fosters personal responsibility and encourages people in prison, and ex-offenders, to help themselves and others. Robin Corbett had a particular interest in prisoners' education and people in prison 'learning through doing'.

Nominations are invited from prison governors and directors. The awards panel comprises: members of Robin Corbett's family; Lord Ramsbotham, Co-Chair of the All Party Group; Eoin McLennan-Murray, President of the Prison Governors' Association; a former prisoner; and Juliet Lyon, director of the Prison Reform Trust. The award (or awards) and the cash prize(s) will be presented at a ceremony in Parliament.

## **Eligibility:**

Each governing governor / director may make up to two nominations per year.

- Nominated organisations must be small registered charities or other not for profit bodies that work with serving prisoners.
- Achievements must be clearly stated and backed up with evidence of success.
- The emphasis should be on work that fosters personal responsibility and encourages people in prison, and ex-offenders, to help themselves and others.
- The impact of the work should be verified by both prisoners and external sources.

The award will bring benefits to the winning organisation, including raising awareness of the work it does and highlighting the example of good practice, the potential for new partnerships and developments and an increased profile for future funding.

The Prison Reform Trust, as part of administering the award, will work with the winning organisation to create a press and communications strategy to draw attention to its success.

Through gaining this recognition in the form of an award, and receiving a £3,000 cash prize, the organisation will be able to use this as part of its own outreach strategy. By sharing the learning, other criminal and social justice charities and organisations will also benefit.

**The deadline for nominations is 9th November 2012.**

Please send nominations marked '*The Robin Corbett Award*' to:

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