

What can I get from being a Clinks member?

Clinks supports, promotes and represents voluntary organisations and others working in the criminal justice system in England and Wales. Our members are at the heart of what we do. Join our network of over 500 voluntary organisation members, from unstaffed community groups to the largest providers.

Influence decision makers and policy - be part of a collective voice

Clinks strives to ensure that the needs of its members are heard and understood within the criminal justice system. We have ongoing dialogue with our members who share with us their experiences, challenges, views and ideas to allow us to strengthen our ability to provide support and represent them. We respond to and meet regularly with Government and influential stakeholders and make evidence-based recommendations for change.

Network and share best practice

Clinks enables partnerships to be created through providing opportunities to network with likeminded professionals in the voluntary criminal justice sector. Through attendance at our national, regional and specialist network forums and the use of our online directories, you can identify potential partners who have a shared vision and mission, as well as learning from and contributing to examples of best practice and success.

Be effective and resilient

We advise, support and signpost to sources of further information, enabling you to provide the best opportunities for your staff and the people you engage with. You can access discounted training and events and advertise your job vacancies, trustee roles and volunteer opportunities through our popular jobs board on our website.

Join our specialist networks

Clinks aims to provide specialist, tailored support and develop a strong understanding of the needs of voluntary sector organisations who work with specific groups of people (women, racially minoritised people) or those who utilise arts and cultural interventions to support service users within the criminal justice system (National Criminal Justice Arts Alliance - NCJAA) through the creation of thematic networks.

The NCJAA has a distinct network, identity and website as well as an advisory board with independent co-chairs and distinct funding for specific work. Our vision is to ensure the arts are used within the criminal justice system as a springboard for positive change. Providing a wide network of individuals and organisations opportunities to develop and support high quality arts practice in the criminal justice system influencing government, commissioners and the public.

Keep up to date with changes to criminal justice policy

We also produce regular briefings, bulletins and blogs on important topics that are free to download on our website. We often work in partnership with other voluntary sector organisations to promote the role the sector currently plays and can play to government officials, funders and other stakeholders.

Influence Clinks

As a Clinks member, you will be eligible to stand as a Trustee of Clinks, as well as having voting rights at our AGM. We welcome suggestions about our work and strategic direction from our members and are always keen to receive feedback on our work and how this can improve to better meet the needs of our members.