



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

Robin Corbett (Lord Corbett of Castle Vale)

Following Lord Corbett's death in February 2012, his family established with the Prison Reform Trust (PRT), a lasting memorial to his exceptional work in penal reform, **The Robin Corbett Award for Prisoner Re-integration**.

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 PRT provides the secretariat. Robin thought people in prison should learn through doing, rather than through being told.

This annual Award, supported by the Worshipful Company of Weavers and the Chrysalis Foundation, is for outstanding work that prepares offenders for, and helps them overcome, the challenge of re-integrating in society after their release. It is open to charities or community groups working in partnership with prisons. The Award champions work that fosters personal responsibility and encourages people in prison, and ex-offenders, to help themselves and others.

Nominations for this award are invited from staff and agencies working in any prison in the UK and must be endorsed by prison Governors/Directors or Senior Management in prisons.

The panel of judges includes members of Robin Corbett's family, the President of the Prison Governor's Association, a former Crown Court Judge, CEO of the Chrysalis Programme, the Director of the Prison Reform Trust, Chair of the Howard League, a Trustee of the Prison Reform Trust and an ex-offender. The Chair is Lord Ramsbotham, a former Chief Inspector of Prisons.

The Award ceremony is at the House of Commons at the meeting of the All-Party Parliamentary Penal Affairs Group, usually in February/March. Governors/Directors and Senior Managers of prisons can endorse any number of organisations. **Unsuccessful applicants may re-apply** (a 2018 winner was previously unsuccessful).

- Nominated organisations must be registered charities or other not-for-profit bodies which work with serving prisoners.
- 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 winner and runners-up, including raising awareness of the work they do, highlighting the example of good practice, the potential for new partnerships and developments and an increased profile for future funding. As part of administering the award, PRT will work with the winners to create a press release to help publicise the Award.

Through gaining this recognition in the form of an award and receiving a **£5,000 cash prize** thanks to sponsorship from the Chrysalis Programme, the winning organisation will be able to use this as part of its own outreach strategy. There is also a second prize of £3,000 and a Highly Commended prize of £1,000. By sharing the learning, other criminal and social justice charities and organisations will also benefit.

Closing date for nominations: Friday 7 December 2018

Electronic copies of the nomination form can be found at the Robin Corbett website <https://www.robincorbettaward.co.uk/>.

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

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