



PRESS RELEASE

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STANDOUT WIN THE 2021 ROBIN CORBETT AWARD FOR PRISONER REINTEGRATION

The winner of this year's prestigious **Robin Corbett Award** (RCA) is leading prisoner reintegration charity, **StandOut**.

StandOut have been recognised by the **RCA** judging panel who were impressed by the way they see potential in those they work with and support returning citizens into employment.

Lady Val Corbett, Founder of the Robin Corbett Award for Prisoner Reintegration, says: "We're so thrilled **StandOut** are this year's **RCA** winners, they work tirelessly to transform the lives of people leaving prison with on-going support to motivate them to get life on track."

Adding: "Despite the lockdown and problems faced by many charities within the prison reform sector, judges were impressed with the inspirational work being done to up-skill people from prison for jobs after release or improve self-confidence through mentoring, coaching or training."

StandOut combines practical support with long-term strengths -focussed coaching on both sides of the prison gates so that people are empowered to transform their own lives.

Penny Parker, founder of StandOut says: "We are absolutely delighted to have won the **Robin Corbett Award**. It recognises **StandOut's** unique model of working with people inside prison and after release, for as long as it takes to support people to transform their lives. Since the day we started **StandOut** four years ago our coaches have been struck by the determination and motivation of our trainees to get life back on track."

Adding: "We are also encouraged that the importance of this work is recognised by the employers who work with us to offer opportunities for people leaving prison. This prestigious award comes at an important time as we emerge from the pandemic, and is an endorsement of **StandOut's** approach which will allow us to capitalise on what we have achieved so far."

As this year's winner, **StandOut** will receive £5000 and a glass plaque donated by Timpsons and a book "A Life Well Lived", about her husband, written by Lady Corbett.

The Robin Corbett Award has two other categories voted on by the judging panel: The Highly Commended, won by **Open The Gate/Fine Cell Work** receive £3000. They train prisoners in high-quality needlework undertaken in their cells so when leaving prison they have work skills, money earned and saved, plus the self-belief to not re-offend

Commended won by **Offploy** who receive £1000. They focus on employment as one of the most effective ways to reduce reoffending. Formed by an ex-prisoner, 80% of the team have experienced the criminal justice system first hand.

Both winners also receive a glass plaque and the book.

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ABOUT THE ROBIN CORBETT AWARD

The Robin Corbett Award rewards the best in prisoner reintegration. We believe that returning citizens deserve the very best chance for a fresh start after they have served the time for their crime. The Robin Corbett Award for Prisoner Re-Integration was established by members of Lord Corbett's family in conjunction with the Prison Reform Trust. It is now administered by The Corbett Foundation, a not-for-profit social enterprise.

The Awards are sponsored by the Chrysalis Foundation <http://www.chrysalisprogramme.com>

"This Award was created to honour my husband's work in prison reform – he was as Chair of the All Party Penal Affairs Group for 10 years until his death in 2012. Privately he also wrote to and met many people in prison and after release. Through this Award his legacy lives on and my family and I are proud that it does."
Lady Corbett

For more information: <https://www.robincorbettaward.co.uk>

ABOUT STANDOUT

We believe that with relational support, people leaving prison can unlock their potential and turn their lives around. StandOut recognises that experience of prison, even a short sentence, can have a negative impact on confidence and self-esteem and so we have developed an innovative approach to supporting people that begins in prison and continues to support them after release for as long as is needed.

For more information: <https://www.standout.org.uk>

ABOUT OPEN THE GATE (Highly Commended)

Their Fine Cell Work project teaches prisoners high-quality needlework which encourages independent, crime-free lives. <https://finecellwork.co.uk>

ABOUT OFFPLOY (Commended)

Founded by Jacob Hill, an ex-offender, this charity places ex-offenders into mentored and sustainable employment. <https://www.offploy.org>