LANGLEY

A Guide For Churches

PARTNERING WITH LANGLEY TRUST



Langley Trust helps people with convictions to transform their lives – promoting rehabilitation, preventing crime, and reducing re-offending.

Our Vision

For over 65 years we have been supporting people with convictions to transform their lives. Working closely with the Ministry of Justice and other statutory bodies we provide housing and rehabilitative support to over 1000 individuals in any given year.

As a Christian charity working across England, we believe **everyone deserves another chance**. Our vision is of a society where no-one is unfairly disadvantaged because of their past. Our mission is to support people with convictions so that they reintegrate into society, live crime-free and thrive.



Langley Values

1. Christ-like We seek to build a culture that reflects Jesus' teaching & His love.

2. Responsible We are diligent in all we do and take care of all people within Langley.

3. Genuine We are honest, principled, and trustworthy.

4. Respectful We respect all people, act inclusively, and engage widely.

5. Visionary We are aspirational, enabling change, hope and flourishing throughout Langley.

Statement of Faith

At Langley we believe all people are made in God's image, loved by Him regardless, called into community, offered redemption by His Grace, and promised His glory.

For more details on what it means for Langley to be a Christian organisation, please refer to the at **langleytrust.org/about-us**



Langley
PARTNER CHURCH

Partner with us

Churches long to make a meaningful difference in people's lives. Partnering with Langley is an opportunity to help those that others may walk past to rebuild their lives, to encounter God's grace and the compassion of the Christian church.

We are looking to **build genuine, mutually beneficial partnerships** with local churches around each of our services and across the country. These partnerships are designed to further support people with convictions as they rebuild their lives, whilst providing churches with opportunities to serve, grow and engage locally.

Whether your church is looking to support through prayer, providing volunteers with meaningful service, or by becoming a place of welcome and belonging, we would love to explore what partnership could look like together.



Our vision is that every Langley service is connected to a small network of local churches who share our commitment to restoring lives, strengthening communities and demonstrating the hope of the gospel in practical ways.

Three ways to partner with Langley Trust



1. **Support**



2. **Serve**



3. **Welcome**



1. SUPPORT

Help Langley transform lives:

- **Pray** for the people we support, our staff, volunteers, services and the criminal justice sector
- **Financially support** a local service or national chaplaincy work
- **Share news** of our work and opportunities with your congregations and networks

This support provides the people we work with real encouragement, stability and the practical help they need to move forward.







2. Serve

Create easy, tangible and mutually beneficial opportunities for your congregation.

- **Visit** local Langley services
- **Volunteer** or send teams to serve on-site
- **Provide chaplains** and pastoral support to our clients and staff
- **Explore employment** opportunities (or work experience) where appropriate

These opportunities allow churches and church members to use their gifts and skills in ways that have a direct and lasting impact on people's lives and their communities.

3. Welcome

Become a church where everyone can belong. Over the years the people we support have benefited hugely from attending Sunday services or even volunteering at local churches.

- **Welcome** the people we support into Sunday services and church life
- **Invite** individuals to community activities and events
- **Create opportunities** for people to contribute their own skills through volunteering
- **Build relationships** that foster hope, belonging and connection

As a welcoming church we encourage membership of **The Welcome Directory** – a directory of faith communities who welcome people leaving prison. Training, resources and guidance are available to help you feel equipped and confident in working with people with convictions. It's important that good safeguarding policy and practice is in place within your church. We can connect safeguarding leads and church leaders with others who do this well.



Why Partner with Langley?

Partnership with Langley can help your church:

- Engage more deeply with local mission
- Practically live out its faith and have meaningful impact on individuals and society
- Provide serving and development opportunities for members
- Demonstrate the gospel through action, giving hope to the hopeless
- Build connections with vulnerable and marginalised people in the community
- Develop confidence in welcoming and supporting people rebuilding their lives

Let's start a conversation

Call or email: **02476 587 351** • **info@langleytrust.org** or go to **langleytrust.org/partnerchurch**

Whether your church is ready to **Support**, **Serve**, **Welcome**, or simply find out more, we would love to explore a partnership with you. Together, we can create safe communities where all people are welcomed, valued and given the opportunity to flourish.

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