

PARTNERSHIPS FOR A SAFER NORTHERN IRELAND

- >40% of adult prisoners and 75% of young offenders were permanently excluded from school.
- Only 32% of prisoners were in paid work immediately before entering custody.
- 13% of prisoners reported never having had a job.

- 47% of prisoners have no qualifications
 - compared to 15% of the UK working age general population.
- In 2011-12, only 27% of prisoners entered employment on release from prison.
- 68% of prisoners thought that “having a job” was important in stopping reoffending.

- You are more likely to get a job on release if you had a job before prison.
- Having employment reduces the risk of reoffending.
- You are also likely to go longer before reoffending if you have a job.

The Challenges:

- Financial
- Public Confidence
- Political Support
- Risk of Failure

The Prize:

- More offenders and ex-offenders in jobs
- Reduction in re-offending rates
- Less expense for the tax-payer
- A safer Northern Ireland