

sixtyone *Sixty-One: "Helping offenders live free from crime":*

Context:

SixtyOne is the founder of a Bristol city-wide partnership that supports prisoners before and after release. They enable individuals, churches, charities and businesses to provide the relational and community based support offenders need to live free from crime. This includes MentorMe (<https://www.sixty-one.org/mentorme>) which is SixtyOne's biggest project.

The Trusted Executive Charitable Foundation (TTECF) has been supporting Sixty-One's "MentorMe" programme in Bristol since March 2019 with a series of grants totalling £48,170 (@February 2023).

Summer '23 Update:

We hope that you have enjoyed a really great summer! For many, this week marks the start of a new term. Here at Sixty-One, we too are excited for what this next period has in store for us.

Over the summer, we enjoyed a visit to our offices from Mark Shelford, Police and Crime Commissioner for Avon and Somerset. We hugely value his interest in our work as we train, equip and enable the community to support people with a conviction and partner with organisations across the city to join up our support.

MentorMe: We recently held another celebration event for our mentors and mentees to celebrate them, and give thanks to our mentors for their ongoing support.



We decided to have a musical theme and invited partner charity, Changing Tunes, along to play music whilst people enjoyed a meal of burgers, hot dogs, and a range of salads, followed by ice creams. We also invited any of our mentees to

perform, and wonderfully 3 chose to sing, and another performed a spoken word they had written. The team also gave a wonderful rendition of "We are Family", with the words changed to reflect Sixty-One and MentorMe. We had 60 people attend this event, including mentors, mentees, and trustees, as well as people from two of our partner organisations. One of them commented that they felt "quite moved by the occasion".

Other comments from mentees and mentors were, "You and all the staff really put your hearts into these meetings. It really gives inspiration to people who have thought all is lost", "I love being part of the family so thank you", and "It was great coming and I definitely plan on coming to Christmas one end of year."

We have also been able to celebrate with a few of our mentees recently. Two of them have managed to secure housing having been homeless for many months, one mentee recently completed level 2 of a course and will be starting his level 3 shortly, and another has recently had a poem published by a major publisher. Whilst we have the pleasure of celebrating these achievements, we also are acutely aware of the challenges that those we support face with many struggling with their mental and physical health. We are inspired on a regular basis by those who persevere despite the difficulties and barriers they face, and see it as a privilege to be able to show them the love and care that Jesus shows us.

We are also delighted to have recently secured funding from the National Lottery's Community Fund in support of our work. We are incredibly grateful for the difference that this will make as we look to increase opportunities for community and connection for people with a conviction.

We cannot overestimate the impact of our volunteers, of our mentors and mentees, of the relationships built, of the communities created through the hubs, of the connections made and maintained and of lives empowered. These are the things that make stepping into something new not only possible but sustainable and, of course, infinitely more enjoyable!

83

mentees supported
by a mentor

70

trained volunteer mentors
available at the end of 2022

MENTORS MET MENTEES A COMBINED TOTAL OF 718 TIMES

RE-OFFENDING RATE:

2.5%

for people meaningfully
engaged with us

A REDUCTION OF:

95.6%

compared to the national
average*

A SAVING TO THE TAXPAYER OF £2.8MILLION

1,600 connections made with serving prisoners, **1,400** Christmas presents delivered to three local prisons, **718** meetings between mentors and mentees, **151** mid-week meetings held by church hubs for people with a conviction and a **massive 95.6% reduction in the re-offending rate!**

None of this would be possible without the support of our incredible volunteers, partners, church hubs, funders and supporters.

The above is just a snapshot of the work that we do - read our 2022 Impact Report to find out all about the work carried out by our volunteers and partnership projects. It's an inspiring read!

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