

My story with WYCCP by Dan (name changed)

Before meeting my resettlement worker Richard and the WYCCP team, I was in a bad place in my life and had very little help or support. But after our first meeting in prison, I felt relieved that there was a project out there that helps ex-offenders. Since being released, Richard and my volunteer link worker Dan have helped me so much. A week before my release, I received an eviction letter from the council, but with support from WYCCP and my solicitor, I avoided losing my home. They also helped me to work out a budget to help me work out what money I have coming in and what I should be spending each week. The most valuable support they have offered is just talking to me and taking an interest in my life which has made me feel like I am not alone now I'm out of prison.

Nearly every week my volunteer link worker Dan comes out to see me and we go over what issues I'm going through at the moment. The main one is not being able to see my daughter and Dan's continuous help and input is of great help to me. I really value both Richard and Dan's help and believe that without it, my life would still be as it was before I went to prison. Now I budget for everything and haven't lost my home and I'm slowly making progress with seeing my daughter. I would recommend WYCCP to anybody in a similar situation because I've now got a grip on my life, I'm not reoffending and I can look forward to a brighter future.