

Reaching all learners

Learning Champions



Learning champions – HMP Elmley

The learner voice forum at HMP Elmley is made up of one representative from each class. The learner voice forum came up with the idea of setting up a scheme of 'Learning Champions' whose role would be to promote education and the learner voice forum around the prison to those not engaged in education. This began in the different house blocks with informally talking to other prisoners. The Learning Champions have now designed t-shirts with their role and their slogan 'help you, help me, help others' on it. They have recently asked for and been granted permission to move to other parts of the prison such as the industrial and training workshops and vulnerable prisoners block, in order to engage with them, despite being segregated from the rest of the prison population. The Learning Champions wear specially designed t-shirts with Learning Champion emblazoned on the back. Many of these are also graduates of the mentoring programme and wear T-shirts with the logo 'help you, help me, help others'.

Induction video

At HMYOI Cookham Wood and HMP Elmley, in partnership with PET, the reps have made films about the forum. The films will be shown to prisoners on induction, so they are made aware of the work of the forum and the importance placed on listening to their thoughts and feedback. These films will also be available on the virtual campus for prisoners and staff to watch at other times.