



Volunteer Reference Form

Name of applicant:

Telephone no.:

Email:

Name of referee:

Telephone no.:

Email:

How long have you known the applicant and in what context?

Do you consider the applicant to be suitable for volunteering with Prison Fellowship England & Wales? Please state reasons

Please give brief details of any similar work in which the applicant has been engaged in recent years, and give your impressions of their performance/ suitability.

How does the applicant respond to working: (Please tick appropriate boxes and add comments)

	Poor	Adequate	Fair	Good	Excellent
Under a team leader? Comments:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
In a team? Comments:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
With both men and women? Comments:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

In your view, what are the applicant's strengths and weaknesses?
(eg. Temperament, reliability, response to pressured situations)

Strengths:

Weaknesses:

Please comment on the applicant's spiritual life (eg. Christian commitment, church attendance etc.)

Is there anything else about the applicant that you feel we should be aware of?

Signed.....

Date

Dear Referee,

The person named on this form has applied to volunteer with Prison Fellowship England and Wales (PFEW), and has given your name as a referee. We would be grateful if you would complete the reference form as fully and as honestly as possible to indicate whether you think the applicant is suited to being a PFEW volunteer. It is important that the reference is thoroughly completed due to the sensitive nature of Prison Fellowship's ministry. An incomplete reference may mean that the volunteer application cannot progress.

PFEW seeks to mobilise and enable volunteers from the Christian community, through prayer, practical action and values-based programmes, to restore all those affected by crime. Trained volunteers and staff participate in prayer groups (120 in England and Wales), support Chaplaincy and run specialised programmes including; Angel Tree, Sycamore Tree and Letter Writing. PFEW aims to show the love of Christ by offering its services to all who request them, regardless of their beliefs.

PFEW is part of Prison Fellowship International, which has ministries in 114 countries worldwide.

If accepted the applicant would potentially:

- Pray for prisoners and the work within the Criminal Justice System
- Work in a team
- Have contact with vulnerable adults (including those with mental health issues and learning disabilities)
- Work inside a prison alongside Chaplaincy by leading and participating in bible studies and services
- Have contact with ex-offenders in the community
- Take part in Prison Fellowship programmes

Information you give regarding medical complaints, abilities or criminal convictions is considered highly important as it may affect the applicant's suitability and the measures that are taken to support them in their volunteering. The information that you share will be treated in confidence and shared only where necessary with local leaders.

When you have completed the form, please return it to the following address within 7 days:

Prison Fellowship Volunteer Applications
FREEPOST RSRX-ZJUY-YURC
PO Box 68226
London
SW1P 9WR

- If you would like to know more about our work, please access our website www.prisonfellowship.org.uk.
- If you have any queries please call us on **020 7799 2500** or email us at info@prisonfellowship.org.uk

Thank you for taking the time to complete this form.

Yours faithfully,

All at Prison Fellowship England & Wales