

## Website Information

**Commit 2 Change** the lives of offenders in your area.

Commit 2 Change (C2C) is an innovative new Volunteer programme being offered by Voluntary Action Calderdale in conjunction with the West Yorkshire Probation and West Yorkshire Police Service. Commit 2 Change is a 2 year pilot project that aims to reduce the re-offending rate in Calderdale by supporting offenders to complete a court ordered requirement. Offenders will be supported to address the issues that relate either directly or indirectly to their offending and support them to break the cycle of offending and become more involved in their community. To do this we are recruiting Offender Mentors that can offer support to offenders on a variety of issues, including but not restricted to, low self esteem, lack of confidence, drug and alcohol misuse, housing problems, debt management, mental health problems, etc

Commit 2 Change can offer people interested in volunteering a tailored support package, pre-volunteer training, regular support and supervision from the Mentor Coordinator and the Probation Service as well as many other benefits associated with donating your time to a worthy cause. Once trained you will be matched with an individual who you will support to complete a court ordered requirement, turn their lives around and reach their full potential. The length of each match will vary, according to individual support needs and the length of the court orders given out.

Sarah Longfield, Mentor Coordinator at Voluntary Action Calderdale says The Commit 2 Change Project is an exciting and different opportunity.

“Commit 2 Change is an exciting new project that will give volunteers a real insight into the obstacles facing those with an offending background and be a pivotal force in helping those at risk of custodial sentences turn their lives around. It’s an excellent opportunity for anyone wishing to volunteer. If you would like to find out more please come along to our information evening on the 21<sup>st</sup>”

If you would like further information we are holding an open evening on **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September between 4.30pm and 6.30pm**. Alternatively please contact Sarah Longfield on 01422 431090 or email [c2c@cvac.org.uk](mailto:c2c@cvac.org.uk) for an informal chat and an application pack.