



Court DVD - Families On Trial



All IP2 charities were involved in producing a DVD to raise awareness of the issues faced by families when a loved one is going through the court process.

Led by PFFS, the partners worked together to produce a high quality and effective awareness raising DVD targeted at professionals who work with families during this difficult time. The stories of five service users were used in the DVD.

Grant: £56,433



Communications Consultancy

At partnership meetings all IP2 partners identified a shared need to address their communication and marketing needs. Tenders were sought and partners chose to work with The Centre for Strategy and Communications.

Consultants worked with each partner to look at the individual communications needs of each partner charity. Support offered by the consultants included:

- Full rebrand of PFFS
- Input to the updating of the Family Links information pack for NIACRO
- Training courses

Grant: £40,000



Website Redevelopment

The communications consultancy (funded by the partnership) identified a particular need for three of the partners to redevelop their website.

The Centre worked with Castle Gate Family Trust, PFFS and SHARP to provide them with the architecture for a professional website.

Each charity received training in order for them to be able to update and maintain the content of the site themselves.

Grant: £18,000



Promotional DVD

A partnership between Storybook Dads and Castle Gate Family Trust was formed to produce a short promotional DVD about the services provided at the Castle Gate Family centre.

The project aimed to help Castle Gate raise awareness of the services and support available from them, and also to provide Storybook further experience in the field of promotional DVD production. Storybook Dads hopes to use these skills in the future as a way of generating sustainable income.

Grant: £5,515



Prison Images

All six IP2 charities found that they struggled to find images relevant to their work for use in their literature, on their website and other resources.

The partners commissioned a professional photographer to visit prisons and visitors' centres in order to compile a bank of images which accurately reflected current conditions for families of prisoners and prisoners.

After some security problems with access to some prisons, over 100 images were made available to partners for their use.

Grant: £4,400



Joint attendance at events and training

At least two IP2 partners have attended each of the events or courses below:

The Criminal Justice Summit – March 2008

POPs Conference “Families Under Stress” – April 2008

Criminal Justice Matters Conference – October 2008

CLINKS media training – November 2008

Action for Prisoners' Families member event – December 2008

NEPACS Conference “The Isolated Prisoner” – April 2009

POPs Conference “Beyond Conviction” – May 2009

Grant: Approx £3,000



Family Audio Workshops at the Swan Centre

Storybook Dads held two family sessions at the Swan Centre – PFFS’s family support centre in Southwark. At the workshops families brought with them prepared stories, poems and messages to record onto CD for their family member. There were also activities for children such as colouring in a cover for the CD. The recordings were edited and a copy was sent to both the family and their family member in prison.

Grant: £3,381



Conference for the families of serious offenders

Led by Action for Prisoners' Families, 7 families of serious offenders attended a residential conference in Leeds. The conference aimed to give the families who attended some respite, at the same time providing support, and a learning opportunity for APF and the other partners about the specific needs of this group. Partners also ran support groups for the families before and after the conference.

APF used the learning from the weekend to inform their future work to support families of serious offenders

Grant: £28,375



Website for Children of Prisoners

Led by NIACRO, all IP2 partners are working together to build a website as a resource for young people and children with a family member in prison. The website aims to provide friendly, age appropriate and useful information to help children and young people deal with the separation from their loved one.

Partners have formed a steering group, and the website development action plan is underway. The website will be launched in the 2010

Grant: £27,825



Storybook Dads Presenting at the Action for Prisoners' Families Conference

In October 2007 the partnership fund covered the costs for Storybook Dads to present their work at the Action for Prisoners' Families annual conference. This allowed Storybook Dads – a young and developing organisation at the time – to raise awareness of their project.

Grant: £529



Story telling workshops at Castle Gate Family Visits

Storybook Dads and Castle Gate Family Trust worked together to run four workshops for families with a family member in HMP Gloucester.

Families recorded stories, songs and poems together at a workshop in HMP Gloucester's visitor centre – the workshops were often themed (for example Halloween) and there were activities for the children. Their family member also recorded a contribution. Storybook Dads then edited the recordings and a copy of the finished CD was sent to both the family and the prisoner as a memento of the day to help build and maintain family ties

Grant: £8,162



Audio Leaflets

Prisoners' Families and Friends Service (PFFS) wanted to provide their information leaflets in audio format to ensure the information was widely accessible to people with limited sight and those unable to read.

Storybook Dads worked with PFFS and used their expertise and resources to record, edit and reproduce audio versions of the Court to Custody Leaflet onto CD format.

CDs were made available through PFFS volunteers and all courts in Southwark.

Grant: £869



Time For Talk Consultation

Action for Prisoners' Families arranged for the partners to come together in Bristol, to provide a joint response to the Government consultation, *Time For Talk*, in October 2007. The consultation was to feed into to the new children's plan and the response was put together by Action for Prisoners' Families, Storybook Dads, PFFS and SHARP.

Partners wished to ensure that the needs of children of prisoners were included in the children's plan.

Grant: £135



Monitoring and Evaluation Training

All IP2 partners attended the Charities' Evaluation Service training on Monitoring and Evaluation. The training helped the partners build their knowledge and understanding of defining, measuring and evaluating outcomes. This has helped the charities demonstrate the impact of their work.

Grant: £2,113