

- Three Shannon Trust Regional Managers will oversee project delivery and support our volunteers.

This is a substantial project. Over the next three years our activities will include:

- Our operations team will recruit, induct and train our volunteers to deliver best practise, plus provide ongoing advice, supported by our volunteer area co-ordinators.
- Our volunteers will train Mentors to deliver the reading plan
- Our volunteers will liaise with Reading Plan Leads to provide support and advice.
- Regional Managers and volunteers will promote the work of the trust within each prison to ensure Senior Management Team Champions and Reading Plan Leads are embedded within each prison.
- Engaging with NOMS Young People's Group to develop an appropriate model for delivery of the Reading Plan in the Young People's estate (15-17 year olds)
- We will monitor individual prison performance to ensure delivery of the Reading Plan is optimised and identify and take remedial action.
- We will work with senior representatives of the prison service to identify issues they need to address that will enhance uptake of the Reading Plan.
- We will conduct an annual snapshot evaluation survey.

The NRN is a collaborative project with NOMS to support non-readers to learn to read with a prisoner mentor. It does not involve any exchange of our grant funds. NOMS has made a unique pledge to ensure that the STRP is available to all Learners in NOMS-managed prisons and committed to providing a Senior Management Team (SMT) member and Reading Plan Lead (RPL) in each prison.

As part of the implementation process, we have recently introduced our new reading manual, Turning Pages into all prisons. Developed with the input of Learners and Mentors, Turning Pages comprises of a main manual, 30 accompanying emergent reading books to complement learning and a reading measure to illustrate progress. The manual includes advice for Mentors and includes practical reading material that an individual is likely to encounter in every day life, (e.g. a bill, menu). Feedback received from Learners and Mentors has been extremely positive. An external evaluation of the STRP and Turning Pages, conducted by Birmingham City University, has recently commenced, the team will report in Autumn 2015.

THE NRN IN THE SOUTH WEST

The NRN has a strong presence in the South West, operating Shannon Trust Reading Plans in 10 prisons. It is supported by 12 volunteer Local Prison Representatives, an Area Secretary and an Area Coordinator. Reading Plan Leads from the 10 prisons regular attend Shannon Trust South East Area meetings, highlighting the commitment to Shannon Trust Reading Plans in their establishments. The strong support for the NRN in the region is also reflected by the efforts of prisoner Mentors at HMP Erlestoke, who recently took part in a triathlon in the prison gym, alongside the prison Governor. Their efforts raised over £1,000 for Shannon Trust and Barnardos.

KEY OUTCOMES

- Non-reading prisoners will improve their reading skills.
- Enhanced engagement of both Learners and Mentors, with learning and rehabilitative courses
- Learners and Mentors will improve their self-confidence
- Learners and Mentors will improve their communication skills
- Opportunities for Shannon Trust to enhance relationships at all levels within the prison service and Ministry of Justice and to influence policy by sharing our recommendations for best practise.

FINANCE AND FUNDING

Our request is that you would consider funding the costs of providing Turning Pages manual and reading books to Shannon Trust Reading Plans in the South West. This amounts to £1,579 for 2016.

Manual and Reader costs:		
Full sets of 5 manuals: 6.59 per unit	200 copies	£1,318
Full set of 30 Accompanying Reading Books: 13.02 per set	20 sets	£261
	Total:	£1,579