

80,000*

reasons to get involved

imb Independent
Monitoring
Boards

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** Based on the average prison population in England and Wales 2020-21.*

Are you looking for a volunteer role with a difference?

Do you care about the fair and humane treatment of prisoners and the state of our prisons?

Whatever your background, if you're enthusiastic, open minded, good with people and have sound judgement, then you could be exactly what we're looking for.

Inside every prison, there is an Independent Monitoring Board (IMB) made up of members of the public from all walks of life doing an extraordinary job – and we're currently recruiting.

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What's the role?

You'll work as part of a team of IMB volunteers, who are the eyes and ears of the public, appointed by ministers to perform a vital task: independently monitor prisons.

It's an opportunity to help make sure that prisoners are being treated humanely and given the opportunity to change their lives, for their benefit and ours.

What would I do?

You'll monitor day-to-day life in a prison. You could be talking to prisoners, checking that they're being given access to healthcare and training, or observing how well those at risk of self-harm are treated.

You'll also play an important role in dealing with problems faced by prisoners, ranging from lost property to serious bullying allegations.

Could I be a board member?

We welcome applications from over 18s from every walk of life and all backgrounds.

You'll normally need to live within roughly 45 minutes of the prison, except for those in more remote locations.

What qualifications do I need?

You do not need any formal qualifications - you'll receive training for the role.

What is the time commitment?

You'll usually need to commit to at least two visits a month.

Would I be paid?

This is an unpaid, voluntary role, but we pay your travel expenses and in certain circumstances, some loss of earnings and childcare or carer costs.



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