

INDUSTRY QUOTES

CONSTRUCTION

"It makes good business sense: we need a skilled construction workforce for the future and there's so much untapped talent within the prison state"

DEBBIE AKEHURST

Head of Economy and Communities, Landsec

FITNESS

"People can have a second chance and deserve it. It works for us."

BEN GOTTING

Founder, The Foundry

HOSPITALITY

"It is a great way to improve the diversity within our business and bring some fresh talent into Greene King."

GREG SAGE

Communications Director, Green King Pub Co

RETAIL

"We'd really encourage other businesses to consider supporting offender rehabilitation and of course we'd invite them to get in touch with us and we'd be delighted to showcase our work."

JONATHAN CROOKALL

Director, Halfords

MANUFACTURING

"If you want loyalty, resilience, the hardest working people, hire people who have faced and overcome challenges in life. They are survivors and doers. Best employee you can have. It's as simple as that."

RICK MOWER

Managing Director, Raw Workshop

RAIL

"Virgin employees are proud of the fact that Virgin as a business has made a commitment to this agenda and wants to be part of this effort."

MATTHIAS STAUSBERG

Group Advocacy Director, Virgin

MEDIA AND MARKETING

"People want to do business with us and are much more invested in helping us from an altruistic and business perspective."

JASON BAKER

Founder and CEO, Citrus Ornge

OPTOMETRY

"We find they are very reliable, very hard working and the quality seems to be excellent in terms of their previous experience in other roles they've been in."

SANJAY PATEL

Ophthalmic Director, Specsavers

BUILT ENVIRONMENT

"From a business perspective, our colleagues from the prison communities are motivated, hardworking and have shown real loyalty and commitment."

LISA CRAWFORD

Head of HR, HSS Hire