

CHRIS MARKS

SUMMARY OF CAREER HIGHLIGHTS:

- One of the founding trustees of Prison Dialogue
- Peace Pool Co-ordinator for the Network for Social Change
- Administrator for the Schiehallion Group – a small Scottish based giving collective
- Steering Group member for the ‘Smart Justice’ Campaign - a Prison Reform Trust initiative - (2003-2008)

SKILLS, KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE:

- Funding experience through involvement with the Network for Social Change
- Curiosity around the challenge of effecting long term and helpful change

YOUR REASONS FOR BECOMING INVOLVED IN PRISON DIALOGUE:

- Wanting to support a more effective prison system and the long term resettlement of ex-offenders
- Address the ‘them and us’ culture that can exist in the Criminal Justice System (CJS) and society at large

WHAT YOU BELIEVE YOU BRING TO PRISON DIALOGUE:

- A long term perspective into the charity and an understanding of the challenges involved in getting this far and moving ahead
- A passion for dialogue and how to live with difference

WHAT YOU HOPE PRISON DIALOGUE MIGHT ACHIEVE:

- Help to humanize the prison system through the individuals and teams we engage with, and the dialogue initiatives they then implement
- Show the value of enabling the organizational system to talk to itself and the improved performance that flows from this
- Through best practice encourage others in the CJS and other fields to effectively engage their stakeholders