



# Who we are and what we do

## **Our Mission:**

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To promote relationship skills as tools for empowering people to change, so reducing the risk of reoffending and building stronger communities

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## **Our Vision:**

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Inclusive communities connected by shared values and empathy for each other's experiences

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## **Our Purpose:**

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Skills training and accessible education to encourage engagement and to reduce the risk of offending for individuals and groups

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To encourage policy makers, families, communities and professionals to be constantly questioning the origins and impact of crime

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To influence policy and empower change across the Arts, Education, Prison and Community sectors through high quality service delivery

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## **Our core values:**

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People want to do their best

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Attitudes and beliefs can change

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Relationships are central to personal development

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High quality group learning is vital to skills development

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People can learn to understand themselves and others better

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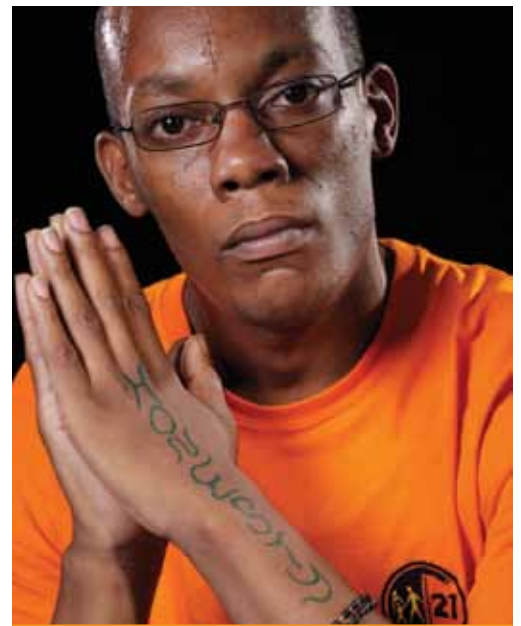
We all share responsibilities for the safety and well-being of the communities we live in

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# Chair's Report

2010-11 has been a year of change and challenge for Safe Ground. A new Government and a new Chief Executive have given us plenty of opportunities for reflection and a new sense of vigour and purpose with which to move forward.

Antonia Rubinstein stepped down as Chief Executive in September 2010. As one of the founders of Safe Ground, Antonia's contribution over the years has been immense, not only by creating the charity and establishing our position with the Prison Service and The National Offender Management Service (NOMS), but also, and more importantly, through the impact Safe Ground's work has had on thousands of prisoners and their families. We greatly appreciate what she has achieved and the legacy she leaves behind, and wish her every success in her future career.



We are delighted to welcome Charlotte Weinberg as our new Chief Executive. Charlotte comes with wide experience of working in youth programmes and community development, both in the UK and abroad. She is passionate, not only about continuing our work with prisoners and disadvantaged communities, but also about increasing Safe Ground's visibility, impact and influence on a wider stage. I am confident that she will lead Safe Ground to continued success.

The new Government offered opportunities for reflection around penal policies and the Minister for Justice seemed to promise some potential for reform and progress. It now seems that much of that potential is being lost as a result of public spending cuts and vote-friendly headlines. Our challenge remains to convince policy makers that investing in individual and community relationships is not only good for the people directly affected but also contributes to reduced risks of offending; thereby saving public money.

Against that background it is hugely encouraging that our flagship programmes Family Man and Fathers Inside have been awarded two years' increased funding, by the Department for Education. This is a great endorsement of the value of our work as we move into an era of funding mechanisms such as Payment by Results, local commissioning and the new Landscape for Giving. It is critical we can successfully navigate these developments to secure our future independence from government funds and so that shall be our priority for the coming year.

Despite these changes and challenges Safe Ground maintains its resolute commitment to helping offenders re-integrate successfully back into their communities. Our core purpose remains that of making a difference to people who have been failed by traditional teaching techniques, through high-quality, arts-based education. The positive impact of our work, the depth and breadth of our relationships with men in prison and their families; the Prison and Probation Services and education providers, all provide a solid foundation for the future. Increasingly we will build on that foundation with work in local communities as well as sharing best practice internationally. We will continue to develop Family Man and Fathers Inside, and to provide evidence of their impact through data collection, analysis and research.

I should like to thank all the funders, staff, patrons and supporters who enable Safe Ground's work to continue. We have a clear vision, talented and dedicated staff and strong evidence and support for the value of our work. I am confident that Safe Ground will continue to thrive and very much look forward to the next twelve months.

**Bill Visick**

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# Chief Executive's Report

It has been an exciting period of change at Safe Ground since I started in September 2010.

Safe Ground's strategy for its prison programmes means that Family Man and Fathers Inside are delivered in 20 prisons across England and Wales.

The first longitudinal study into the impact of Revised Family Man (page 11) is a significant addition to our substantial evidence base for the inclusion of family and relationships as basic skills education for prisoners and Prison Service staff.

At the same time our pioneering Common Ground project (page 12) used our proven techniques to create dialogues between older adults, prisoners and school students. The results of the work and our facilitation speak for themselves (please see evaluation and short film on our website – [www.safeground.org.uk](http://www.safeground.org.uk)) and inspire much more substantial links between community groups and prisons.

Our educational aim is complemented by our ambition to impact and influence at policy level. Safe Ground aims to champion the inclusion of people affected by imprisonment in the public debate and with practical solutions and suggestions for social change. We will do this by developing an alumni group of FM and FI graduates and supporters and by working with sector colleagues to lobby and contribute to policy development via consultation and responses to Green papers and through events like our Symposium at The House of Lords (page 16).

The outputs and quality of Safe Ground's work are due to the staff team at Safe Ground, all of whom are highly skilled and experienced. It is a pleasure to work alongside them. Laura Martin, Eleanor Matthews and Sarah Hall all leave Safe Ground for excellent career opportunities during 2010-11 and we thank them hugely for their contributions and input to the organisation's growth and development. Obinna Nwosu joined Safe Ground as Commercial Manager at the end of June 2011 and we look forward to his dynamic contribution to the future development of the organisation as well as the everyday operations.

Our new strategic plan will see us taking huge strides into commercial activity and growing our organisation despite the Government's austerity measures and difficult environment we face. Safe Ground will work alongside its loyal partners, find new allies and bring innovations to the table in order to build stronger and safer communities.

I look forward to the year ahead and being able to show continuing progress in next year's report.

**Charlotte Weinberg**



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# Key Dates 2010-11

## April

Policy Symposium at Good Enough College London for Education Providers, Heads of Learning and Skills, Education and Resettlement Managers. Attended by 48 people, speakers included the Head of Offender Learning, Skills Funding Agency

## May

Grundtvig trip to Denmark and opportunity for two Family Man officers from HMP Belmarsh to participate in the project

## June

Fathers Inside training in HMP Birmingham

## July

Present and deliver two FM/FI workshops to 100 senior family and children services practitioners at One Plus One 'Supporting Relationships' conference in London

## August

Professor Gwyneth Boswell commissioned to undertake independent evaluation of FM programme

## September

Charlotte Weinberg is appointed as new Chief Executive

Key meetings with Crispin Blunt, Under Secretary of State (Prisons and Probation and Justice), and John Hayes (Minister of State for Further Education, Skills and Lifelong Learning)

Common Ground begins

Contribution to Call for Evidence, Department for Business, Innovation and Skills (BIS)

Recruitment of Graduate Trainee

Sarah Hall braved the cold of the Thames in a sponsored swim of two miles, raising over £600

## October

Grundtvig trip to Belgium, providing an opportunity to observe examples of innovation within Flemish penal system and experience some of the challenges that educators are faced with

Programmes Director and freelance Safe Ground trainer facilitate 3-day training programme for staff from one of our Grundtvig partners, De Rhode Antraciet in Belgium. De Rhode Antraciet requested an introduction to Safe Ground's approach to delivering parenting education to male prisoners

Patricia Walsh, a 3rd year BA (Hons) Drama, Applied Theatre and Education student from Central School of Speech and Drama begins two month placement with Safe Ground

Nominated for Dads Included Award, Fatherhood Institute

Join London Association of Youth Justice

## November

Become one of 12 members of the Training Advisory Group, chaired by Action for Prisoners Families. The group aims to identify training provision, propose training policy and practice developments, and ensure quality assurance measures are maintained across the sector

Design longitudinal evaluation process

Strategy planning day with staff and Trustees

Join The Fear Factory Coalition

## December

Send out over 500 questionnaires to Family Man graduates and their supporters to inform the independent evaluation by Professor Gwyneth Boswell to measure the longer term impact of FM

Submit funding application to Department for Education (DfE)

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## January

Key meeting with Nick Hardwick, new HM Inspector for Prisons  
Three day provisional revised Fathers Inside training for HMPs Reading and Huntercombe and associated agencies  
Family Man and Fathers Inside featured in Nursery World magazine

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## February

Receive notification of successful bid to Department for Education and awarded a two year grant  
Three day provisional revised Fathers Inside training for G4S prisons at HMP Wolds  
Re-elected to Arts Alliance Steering Group

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## March

Annual Policy Symposium addressing 'Reading, 'Riting and Relationships: Incorporating offenders families into prison policy and practice'  
One day Family Support Worker dissemination workshop  
One day Functional skills and assessment workshop  
Our 2nd fund-raising pub quiz, same wonderful host, Greg Dyke, new location, more guests and our donations doubled  
Publish article in Criminal Justice Matters – 'Justice is a way of being, not a moment in court'  
Join Reform Sector Strategy Group

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## April

Join the Criminal Justice Alliance  
Friend of Safe Ground, Marc Thurgood runs the London Marathon and raises £1300 for Safe Ground  
Family Man graduate Scott and his mum feature on Woman's Hour

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**"It was surprising that some of the advice that the young offenders gave to us was similar to the advice our parents give us, but it was so much better coming from them because they've been through the same situations as we're going through."**  
Jack, Battersea Park School.

# The Family Man and Fathers Inside Network

Safe Ground’s flagship courses are Family Man (FM) and Father Inside (FI). Family Man deals with family relationships. It uses drama and group work to enable participants to find new ways of thinking and behaving in prison and on release. Fathers Inside is a course about parenting skills, specifically helping prisoners to engage in their children’s education and development while in prison.

Currently, 24 prisons in the UK deliver Family Man and Fathers Inside. The FM/FI programme team is made up of highly qualified and experienced practitioners and researchers who work with prison senior management, The National Offender Management Service (NOMS), Ministry of Justice (MoJ), Department for Education (DfE) and education providers to make sure the network is maintained and that prison delivery meets quality assurance standards. Some of the most positive outcomes of this year include continued dissemination of our expertise and approach at a range of conferences:

**Association of Charitable Foundations Annual Conference –**

Collaborative presentation with NPC on their Shared Measurement approach project

**New Philanthropy Capital (NPC Workshop) –**

presentation on demonstrating and disseminating outcomes

**One Plus One –**

Family Man and Fathers Inside workshop

**Fatherhood Institute –**

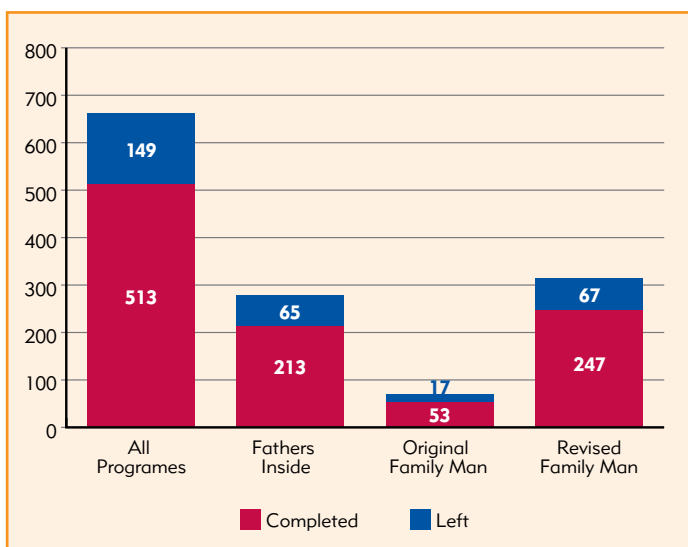
delivering key speech about the programmes and taster FM workshop to CEOs, children’s services staff, prison and community staff from around the country.

Our involvement with these groups has allowed us to develop a strategy which formed the basis of a successful award from the Department for Education. Our partnership work allowed us to identify opportunities to develop regional forums based on at the Family Matters Board at HMP Reading and what is beginning to emerge at HMP The Mount. Our participation in APF Steering Groups ensures we continue to work closely with partner agencies. Working directly with DfE and NOMS ensures that the voices of prisoners and their families are directly heard by policy makers.

The network operates in three ways:

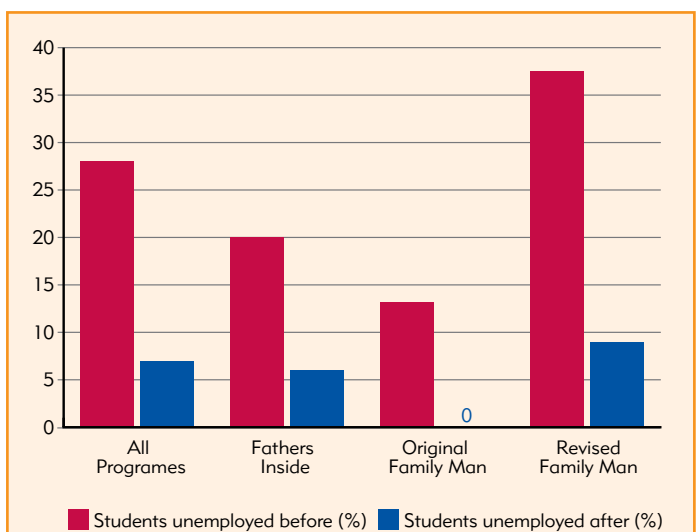
1. Safe Ground train and support staff responsible for running FM and FI in their institutions
2. Those staff liaise with Safe Ground and collect data to evidence the impact of the programmes
3. Provides opportunities for staff, prisoners and their families to contribute to policy development

What follows is the breakdown of our network and some of the changes to and successes of the network over the last year:



**Students completing and leaving programmes**

Overall 662 students took part in FM/FI programmes. It is heartening to see that in all instances the majority of students were able to complete their courses.



**Students not engaged in education, training or employment**

This table shows the benefits to Students who take the courses with a significant fall in those unemployed (not in education, training or employment) after taking one of the courses.

	2010/11	2009/2010	2008/2009
Number of programmes delivered	38	41	34
Number of establishments	19	17	20
Students completed	513	466	376
Completion rate	77%	75%	74
Average Class size	13.5	11	11
Number of qualifications awarded (Including awards in Parenting, Family Relationships, Personal Development, Progression, Key and Adult Literacy Skills)	1431	1114	747
Number of supporters who engaged in Family Man workshops	237	171	127
Number of family visitors who attended presentations and family visits	1278	1071	505

Although there was a short fall of three in the number of programmes delivered (from 41 in 2009/10 to 38 in 2010/11) there was a rise in the number of establishments taking the courses.

Rises also could be charted by the numbers of students who completed courses (**513** in 2010/11 – **47** more than the previous year) which worked out at **77** per cent.

Average class numbers went up from 11 to **13.5**, while the number of qualifications also rose significantly by **317**.

**66** more supporters engaged in Family Man workshops, while family involvement in presentations and visits rose by **207**.

**“He’s now able to see points from different angles [and] calmly expresses his opinion in a mature manner. He’s turned his life around and bases his energy on constructive things.”**

Family Man Supporter

**“Yes, he writes more, talks about what’s going on in prison, and knows he has to focus on the future. He also has made friends on the Family Man course. Although they have to move around, some of them keep in touch by letter, even though they did not know each other before the Family Man course.”**

Family Man Supporter

# Regional Delivery Updates

## North East

### HMP/YOI Deerbolt

Remains a site of best practice for delivery of FI and made a significant contribution to the Common Ground project (refer to page 12 for more info). This is an example of the synergy between prison and community programming in Safe Ground and the ripe potential for development with dynamic institutions

## North West

### Lancaster Farms

Just completed their 2nd FM and are about to transfer to revised model

### HMP Manchester

Begin delivery later in 2011

## Yorkshire and Humberside

### Wetherby

Renewed interest in developing FM/FI for juveniles

### HMP Leeds

Withdrawn FI due to a lack of an appropriate sized room for delivery and restrictions from their Education Provider

## Wales

### HMP Parc

Have delivered two revised FM programmes and have trained four staff in delivering FI. They have established an all-encompassing family and parenting approach to interventions and have recently launched the first Family Intervention wing. Corin Morgan-Armstrong, Deputy Head of Interventions presented at our March Symposium event

## West Midlands

### HMP Birmingham

Continues to be a site of best practice. Lead FM tutor awarded a Butler Trust for her commitment to FM and achievements gained throughout the programme Transfer to G4S ownership. Safe Ground will work to maintain quality standards with prison management and staff



## East

### HMP Highpoint

Continues to deliver FM and FI on a rolling basis, however we are working with the prison to ensure the Family Visit can be supported.

### HMP The Mount

Continues to deliver FI to a high standard and was involved in the Common Ground project (page 12)

## South East

### HMP Huntercombe

Delivers FI for first time and trialling the FSW revisions

### HMP Winchester

Delivering the revised FM programme with participation from Governors.

## London

### HMP Belmarsh

Remains a site of best practice for FM and has hosted several exchanges for staff from other prisons to see their work in action. Participant in Common Ground project (page 12)

## South West

### HMP Bristol

Continues to deliver FM and the existing Head of Education (A4E) was awarded a Butler Trust for her work managing FM and other family relationship interventions. Possible addition of FI delivery

# Family Man Impact Report

For the first time we are conducting longitudinal analysis to determine how far the positive outcomes from FM/FI are maintained over time. We began this process by commissioning Professor Gwyneth Boswell, Director of the Boswell Research Fellows to evaluate the long term impact of the Revised Family Man by contacting graduates and supporters from 2008 onwards. There were considerable logistical challenges involved as we are a third party organisation and do not have direct access to our students names or records. We had to work closely with seven establishments in order to contact as many students as possible and in December 2010, distributed over 500 questionnaires.

At the time of going to press, we have received an Interim Report, which is hugely positive. The initial findings are a result of questionnaire feedback from 120 graduates:



- **73%** reported continuing higher levels of confidence
- **90%** reported learning how to problem-solve from their group experiences
- **78%** reported implementing the goals in their FM Action Plan
- **83%** reported improved relationships with their children/families

The questionnaire to Supporters of the above graduates asked how the graduate had changed from their point of view. Most notably:

- **96%** agreed that FM had helped him understand his family responsibilities
- All but 1 felt that FM had helped both of them think about resettlement
- On an ascending scale of 1-10, all rated the usefulness of FM's 'What Next' day in the top half of the scale, some repeating that it helped graduates to think about resettlement.
- The most frequent change cited was his ability to "listen and communicate."

We look forward to seeing the full report when it is released in October and will include in depth interviews with graduates and supporters.

**"The course itself was perfect. I can't praise the tutors highly enough. They were brilliant."**

Prisoner

# Common Ground

Following the success of the Creating Community Archives project last year, Common Ground aimed to engage school children, older adults and prisoners in a creative dialogue, sharing personal experiences and perceptions of communities. The key themes of the project were responsibility, identity and cooperation, and workshops were designed and delivered by Kerryn Davies (Safe Ground's Community Projects Director) and Holly Conroy (Safe Ground's Graduate Trainee). They enabled participants to express themselves and investigate their own experiences. Although the groups did not meet face-to-face, the work created by each group was shared with other participants via written, visual and audio exchanges: 'It's incredible in a way because without meeting face-to-face we are using stories to exchange our experiences in our life and background'. (Common Ground participant, Battersea Park School.)

## Project Partners

- Battersea Park School
- HMP Belmarsh
- HMP The Mount
- HMYOI Deerbolt
- Age UK, Wandsworth
- Katherine Low Settlement, Battersea
- Tooting Graveney Day Centre, Tooting

**"I learnt that not all stories are rubbish – I would read one now, but I never would have done before."**

**Prisoner**

In order to add creative value to the arts experience in all of the project settings, a freelance storyteller and two freelance percussionists were employed. Furthermore, a freelance documentary maker was employed to work alongside the young people, resulting in the creation of a five-minute film documenting the process of the project. This film was screened at an event at Battersea Arts Centre, accompanied by live performances from the Battersea Park School participants. The audience consisted of other Common Ground participants, friends and relatives of the Battersea Park School group, prison staff, local council members and professionals from related fields and organisations. The screening provided an opportunity not only to celebrate the fantastic work that was done by all groups during the project, but also to initiate an interesting discussion about the impact and value of arts-based work with marginalised groups.

An internal evaluation<sup>1</sup> of Common Ground was carried out using the same Generic Social Outcomes measuring framework that was used in the external evaluation of Creating Community Archives last year. This enabled us to assess the impact of the project in terms of both 'Stronger and Safer Communities' and 'Health and Well-Being'. The project had a variety of positive effects on all participants: self-esteem and confidence were raised, group cohesion increased and all groups experienced a degree of change with regards to their perceptions of the other participant groups.

<sup>1</sup> The full Common Ground evaluation and the film made by the young participants in this project can be found in the Community Projects section on the homepage of the Safe Ground website - [www.safeground.org.uk](http://www.safeground.org.uk)



**"...it's good to get the younger generation and the older generation together. When everyone was drumming together – that's how it should be."**

**Natasha, Tooting Graveney**

Common Ground succeeded in its aim of breaking down the barriers between three very different groups within the community. The groups were all empowered by the opportunity to voice their opinions and to take ownership of the public portrayal of themselves, whilst the dialogue with each other allowed them to consider different points of view and to consider their identity in relation to the rest of the community.

Common Ground highlighted the need for dialogue between all members of any community, whether they be in prison, in school or in retirement. The positive effects of such a dialogue have been seen to be considerable, and we are therefore looking forward to expanding the model in Safe Ground's future work.



Hating the fact that I wear a hoodie  
Because of the fabric I can't be a goody  
Can't achieve the things that I know that I should be  
Can't be the guy that I know I would be  
There's a lot to life like twists and turns  
So when people judge me I feel it burn  
Because they don't realize I've got a lot to learn  
And they pass by with no concern  
So I write bars to avoid these cages  
Feeling the urge on empty pages  
Dreaming of a day when I run stages  
Until the day that I am the greatest

**Battersea Park School student, Common Ground participant**

**"When the young people performed the prisoners story it was great – just beautiful."**

**Joan, Older Adult,  
Katherine Low Settlement.**



### **The participants have this to say...**

"Throughout the project I have become more confident in communicating with others and talking about my own life... I hope that my contribution to Common Ground will make a difference to the lives of the younger people and adults alike."

**Common Ground participant, HMYOI Deerbolt.**

"We talked about the stereotypes we had of each other which opened up a lot of ground for further discussion."

**Common Ground participant, Katherine Low Settlement.**

"... I always think prisoners are bad, they are never gonna change. That was my idea my whole life but now I done this. It helped me; it got me to change something I was thinking about prisoners."

**Common Ground participant, Battersea Park School.**

"The Young Offenders gave us similar advice to our parents, but it meant so much more coming from them, because they've been through the same stuff as us."

**Common Ground participant, Battersea Park School.**

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# Grundtvig – FM/FI International

In December 2010, Safe Ground was invited to train members of the Belgian Prison Service in using the arts to engage hard to reach learners. We are thrilled to think we can work alongside European partners to enhance prisoner education and are seeking further opportunities for exchange visits through both the Grundtvig funding stream and with our MoJ partners (Safe Ground shares copyright of Family Man and Fathers Inside with the MoJ – a unique framework for a prison education programme in the UK).

Safe Ground staff have had the opportunity to participate in practice visits to Norway, Denmark, Belgium and Romania (May 2011, pictured) and to host two visits to London between 2009 and 2011.

This project focusing on the social reintegration of offenders has allowed us to consider how prison reform might occur and what alternatives exist in a European context, how we can share ideas and resources and discover what potential there is for us to continue our partnerships, based on all we have learnt from each other. We very much hope to be able to develop programmes and strategic themes from this work.

Safe Ground is seeking further opportunities to work in partnership with our colleagues abroad and will continue to share ideas and work together wherever possible. Please see the Edukit website for more details – [www.edukit.no](http://www.edukit.no).



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# Building and Maintaining Relationships

An alumni group will be established this year, inviting graduates and supporters from our programmes to contribute to organisational development and to programme design. This group will have a role in communicating directly with policy makers, supported by Safe Ground. The group will also develop mechanisms by which graduates and supporters can maintain contact with the network post-graduation.

Scott Whitnall, a Family Man graduate was a panel member at our Symposium day at the House of Lords (see photograph, page 16). Scott and his mum were adamant they want to support and promote Safe Ground because of the massive effect Family Man had on their lives. A ten-minute Woman's Hour feature about Scott's experiences in April was repeated as part of Weekend Woman's Hour because it was so popular. Scott's poem was also included on the Radio 4 website. You can wander through a gallery of FM, FI and Common Ground participants' work and listen to the Woman's Hour feature on our website – [www.safeground.org.uk](http://www.safeground.org.uk).

## Sun, Sand, Sea, Señoritas

Tony De St. Aubin is an original Family Man graduate, one of the participants who took part in the first ever running of the course. Since that time Tony has been a keen advocate and supporter of Safe Ground and the Family Man course. As well as contributing to the development of the course, he has also assisted in its delivery over the years. After recent participation in delivery the Safe Ground team invited Tony to make a written response to that experience. Tony duly supplied the following vibrant vignette:

“Well no sun, the rain poured – sand, hmmm maybe on the road works on the route – sea, nope again, the nearest one is about 85 miles away; but hey Señoritas were in abundance as per usual.

How about if I add words like fun, energetic, easy, challenging, and an amazing setting to the equation, does this make it more appealing – yes? thought that might help.

This isn't a trip to Benidorm, it is the Family Man Trainer training in Newbold Revel, Rugby.

Now don't dismiss it instantly as it is not the continent, and doesn't have the first three words of this text.

When asked recently to assist Eli and Sarah deliver the training I couldn't say yes fast enough, Newbold has always been dear to me – let alone mixing it with the Family man.

Approaching the college I felt the usual nerves as I hadn't any idea what parts of the training I would be asked to deliver. But I must say Eli went easy on me which is lucky as I was not very up-to-date with the REVISED Family Man, but as always the training manual can be seen in juxtaposition with a Delia Smith manual on boiling eggs!

I had to run a couple of the ice breaker warm up games which were the same as they always were, so it was even easier; in fact I was prepared and even wanted to have a fair bit more responsibility.

One thing I did take on that I always do is relax and chill with the trainees – a position that I feel is essential as it helps them relax more in the training sessions. They also get to ask more questions that they possibly would not ask the more official trainers, in a less public setting.

**So all in all what do I think of these Family man training sessions? On a personal note I love them. The thought of the course reaching potential new establishments and keeping more “me's” out of the system is a win-win for all involved, and to know that I have been a part of this from literally the inception makes me extremely proud.**

The feedback and comments I received during the three days was quite varied, ranging from good to bad to utter confusion. The latter prompted me to spend extra time with one particular establishment as they did not even understand the concept of how to read the manual, which in hindsight makes sense, it's easy for us to forget the basics are where we really should start.

All in all, yet again a successful delivery, but the proof will be in the pudding so to speak when all the establishments deliver at least one course... and as we know they WILL deliver more...

Look forward to working with Safe Ground again in the near future.”

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# Policy Contributions

Safe Ground is committed to contributing to policy development across the arts, education and criminal justice fields. This year has provided the opportunity for us to host several key events and disseminate our achievements.

We hosted our annual Policy Symposium: 'Reading, 'Riting and Relationships' at the House of Lords on 24th March. The event was built upon the notion of relationships as a basic skill in support of prisoners, their families and staff. During the Symposium cross sector practices were discussed in relation to Government policies.

85 delegates attended from across the Voluntary sector, The Prison Service, NOMS, MoJ, DfE and BIS. We were delighted that Shirley Trundle (Director for Families, Dept. for Education), Baroness Kennedy, Corin Morgan-Armstrong (Deputy Head of Interventions, HMP Parc) and Lord David Ramsbotham agreed to be our key speakers. All spoke with passion and enthusiasm about the need to support family relationships and parenting education and to work with staff to overcome recent economic restrictions. The highlight of the morning was our panel discussion hosted by Dr Tim Bateman, which included a panel made up of a recently released FM graduate, a FM Officer facilitator, NOMS and MoJ policy makers, and a representative of a third sector organisation working with prisoners' families. As a result, all those who are affected by prison policy had a chance to feed into discussion. The panel also responded to questions from the floor including the thorny issue of offsetting the success of family interventions against a climate that demands payment by results and social impact bonds.

The afternoon session included a specially adapted performance of Inside by the newly formed theatre company, Playing On. The play highlights the difficulties and benefits of participating in a parenting class for young men in prison. It was challenging and invigorating to see the harsh realities of a prison classroom in such a prestigious venue as the House of Lords. We are hoping to collaborate further with Playing On in the future.



Scott Whitnall, FM graduate and panel member at Symposium, House of Lords 24 March 2011

## Future Evaluation and Research

Our new Department for Education grant will allow us to continue to evaluate and refine our work and develop our methods for gathering longitudinal evidence. We will commission an independent researcher to track students and their families over 18 months and to quantify our outcomes. We will also work with Ministry of Justice to establish how we can gain more details about our students so we can better measure impact on family relationships, increase programme effectiveness and ultimately assess our potential impact on reoffending rates. In doing so we will gain a greater understanding on the positive impact of our programmes have to our students relationships, attitudes, decisions and life choices.

**"The way those tutors and Safe Ground people are with you. They are so committed to what they do. They really respect you and treat you as human beings. For me nothing was more important than that – they made me feel I was worth something after all. My girlfriend felt the same ... "**

**Prisoner**

# Financial Review & Summary of Accounts

## Financial statement for period ended 31st December 2010

	2010			2009
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Total Funds
<b>INCOMING RESOURCES</b>				
<b>Incoming resources from generated funds</b>				
Voluntary income	46,135	227,969	274,104	298,308
Activities for generating funds	-	3,000	3,000	-
Investment income	93	-	93	128
<b>Total incoming resources</b>	<b>46,228</b>	<b>230,969</b>	<b>277,197</b>	<b>298,436</b>
<b>RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>				
Charitable activities	35,247	265,436	300,683	253,216
Governance costs	5,213	-	5,213	36,204
Other resources expended	2,998	390	3,388	-
<b>Total resources expended</b>	<b>43,458</b>	<b>265,826</b>	<b>309,284</b>	<b>289,420</b>
<b>NET INCOMING/(OUTGOING) RESOURCES</b>				
Before transfers	2,770	(34,857)	(32,087)	9,016
Gross transfers between funds	(1,427)	1,427	-	-
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources	1,343	(33,430)	(32,087)	9,016
<b>Total resources expended</b>	<b>43,458</b>	<b>265,826</b>	<b>309,284</b>	<b>289,420</b>
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>				
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>	<b>24,292</b>	<b>95,026</b>	<b>119,318</b>	<b>110,302</b>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>	<b>25,635</b>	<b>61,596</b>	<b>87,231</b>	<b>119,318</b>

The charity has no recognised gains or losses other than the results for the year as set out above. All of the activities of the charity are classed as continuing. The statement of financial activities complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 1985.

The summarised accounts above may not contain sufficient information to allow for a full understanding of the financial affairs of the charity. For further information, the accountant's report on these accounts should be consulted. Copies of these can be obtained from Safe Ground PO Box 11525, London SW11 5ZW.

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