

What kind of issues do detainees face?

- Lack of awareness of their rights.
- Isolation in a foreign country.
- Lack of means to contact their families abroad.
- Depression and other mental health conditions.
- Difficulty in maintaining control over their own future.
- Increased stress put on them by indefinite detention.
- Not having anyone on the outside who can listen and help them.

I would like to help

I am interested in becoming a visitor ()

I am interested in giving a donation ()

I would like to help in some other way ()
Please specify

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THE DOVER DETAINEE
Visitor Group

How would you feel if you were put behind bars **indefinitely?**

No contact with the outside world and very little power over your own future.



This is the fate of immigration detainees held at the Dover Removal Centre

GET INVOLVED

The Dover Detainees Visitor Group

is committed to assist the welfare of immigration detainees, their families and ex detainees. By providing weekly visits to immigration detainees and other forms of assistance, the DDVG strives to improve the quality of life of people held in detention centres. The length of stay in detention is indefinite and by becoming a bridge between detainees and the outside world, our volunteers empower detainees to make the right decisions for themselves and bring hope in their lives.

You Can Help Detainees by joining us and becoming one of our visitors who befriend and assist immigration detainees on a weekly basis.

The Dover Immigration Removal Centre



The Removal Centre, situated on the Western Heights in Dover, holds up to 316 men whose immigration and legal status in this country is unclear. We have helped people who in some cases have been detained for over 3 years.

What our volunteers do...

Volunteers visit and befriend a detainee on a weekly basis. Once DDVG has carefully matched you with a detainee, you would provide assistance in a variety of ways, including some assistance contacting friends, family, other organisations and with other practical help. We provide our volunteers with constant training and support. We also reimburse travel expenses.

Who can volunteer?

If you have a couple of hours a week to spare to offer a helping hand in friendship, and are respectful and caring of different cultures, beliefs and backgrounds, we would love to hear from you. We adhere to Equal Opportunities and people from all backgrounds are welcome to join us. We are always open to suggestions from everyone on how to improve our work. Visiting is not the only way that you could help detainees and our organisation.



Do you speak a foreign language?

We are always in need of visitors who can speak foreign languages. We may be able to put you in contact with a detainee who speaks that language.

Help for ex Detainees

DDVG also runs an ex detainee project which supports them in the community by providing advice and some financial assistance.

Detainees' thoughts:

Here are some first hand accounts of detainees who have asked for our help and assistance:

"Thank you for all the assistance and care shown towards me during my stay and for your good work and tireless efforts. I am sure you will be rewarded in time to come"

"I will never forget all the special things he [visitor] has done for me. I really appreciate his devotion to make people's life better in detention"

"With the books and advice I received from you, I could sometimes forget that I was in detention"

"Before I had those visits I was truly going through a deep state of depression and drifting into a state where almost everything around me was becoming meaningless. I now have reasons to look forward to tomorrow"