



CENTRE FOR
FORENSIC HOPE

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*Improving lives in forensic communities
through the advancement of hope*

Advisory Board Member

Lived Experience

Role Profile · June 2026

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"The people closest to the problem hold the most important knowledge."

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About the Centre

The Centre for Forensic Hope is an independent, non-profit making organisation dedicated to improving the lives of people in forensic settings and formerly incarcerated people through research, training, and lived experience work. We exist because hope is not a luxury — it is a clinical and moral necessity. And we believe the people who have lived inside these systems carry knowledge that no academic qualification can replicate.

The Role

We are seeking an Advisory Board Member who brings direct lived experience of forensic settings or incarceration. This is a strategic and ambassadorial role, not a tokenistic one. You will sit alongside academics, clinicians, and policy professionals as an equal voice in shaping the direction, priorities, and values of the Centre.

What You Will Do

- Attend at least one Advisory Board meeting per year (meetings take place up to four times annually, in person or online)
- Contribute your perspective to strategic decisions about the Centre's research, training, and engagement priorities
- Help ensure that the Centre remains accountable to the communities it serves
- Act as an ambassador for the Centre's work and values within your own networks
- Provide challenge and scrutiny to leadership where needed — this role requires honest, independent voices

What We Are Looking For

- Direct personal experience of forensic mental health services, the criminal justice system, or incarceration
- A commitment to using that experience to improve outcomes for others
- Confidence to speak honestly in a room that includes senior professionals
- An interest in research, policy, or the advancement of hope-informed practice
- Previous involvement in lived experience work, co-production, or advocacy is welcome but not required

What We Offer

- Full remuneration for your time at a rate that reflects the value of your contribution
- Travel and expenses covered for all meetings
- Induction, ongoing support, and access to the Centre's research and training



- A genuine seat at the table — your voice will shape real decisions
- The opportunity to help build something new, principled, and lasting

Term of Appointment

Advisory Board Members are initially appointed by the Centre Director for a period of 12 months. At the end of this initial term, the appointment may be extended by election of the Centre's membership. This structure ensures that new members have the opportunity to demonstrate their contribution while maintaining democratic accountability to the wider membership over time.

Commitment

We ask that Advisory Board Members attend at least one meeting per year. Meetings take place up to four times annually, in person or online, and we are flexible about format and scheduling. Additional involvement beyond the minimum is always welcome but never required.

How to Apply

We welcome expressions of interest from anyone who meets the lived experience criteria. There is no formal application form. Please write to us at **enquiries@forensichope.org.uk** telling us a little about your experience and why this role interests you. We will respond to every enquiry personally.

The Centre for Forensic Hope is committed to being an organisation where people with lived experience are not just included but genuinely central. We actively encourage applications from people who have been in forensic settings or the criminal justice system.

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