



Are you interested in people's welfare and rights...

INDEPENDENT CUSTODY VISITING SCHEME-VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If you were arrested and in police custody would you want someone to check on you?

...That is exactly what Independent Custody Visitors do. Independent Custody Visitors are members of the public from a wide range of backgrounds who volunteer to visit those being detained in police custody. Independent Custody Visitors have the important and significant responsibility of ensuring that rules governing the treatment and welfare of detainees are being observed by police. Independent Custody Visitors speak with detainees and observe conditions in custody suites- their primary role is to **listen**, **observe** and **report** their findings.

Can I become an ICV?

Volunteers must:

- Be 18 +
- Live in Leicester, Leicestershire or Rutland
- Be Independent of the Criminal Justice System
- Have lived in the UK for the last 3 Years

What skills and experience are needed?


No experience needed but ICV's should be

- Good listeners
- Confident communicators
- Objective and non-Judgemental
- Flexible and reliable
- Able to work as part of a team
- Able to maintain confidentiality


Why Volunteer?

- Provide reassurance to communities by ensuring practices in custody are effective
- Contribute to promoting public confidence in the police
- Be part of an Investing in Volunteers Accredited Scheme
- Meet new people and work as part of a close team
- Learn new skills and develop existing ones
- Gain a unique insight into this area of the Criminal Justice System
- Receive expenses and quality training
- Give a little time to make a big difference

Interested? We want to hear from you. For more information or to request an application form please contact the OPCC.

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