



Through the Gate

Supporting families affected
by imprisonment (London)

Mothers' Union members in London were already involved in Bronzefield prison, when they were asked by the Chaplain to help girls when released from prison.

The '**Through the Gate**' scheme offers girls who are being released help to get to the nearest train station.



With the full knowledge of the Chaplain, who often also goes along, Mothers' Union members go in twos and meet the girls who are being released, and accompany them to the nearest train station where they help the girls with buying tickets and getting on the train.

"This initiative is really important to the girls as upon their release many of them would have no idea where they were and would then reoffend before they even made it to the station."

For general guidelines about setting up and developing outreach initiatives, go to the members' section of the Mothers' Union website www.mothersunion.org