



## The formal vision, mission and aims of AVP

*AVP's vision is a non-violent society and our mission is to support people, particularly those in hardship, to learn how to handle conflict, resist violence and build stronger relationships. We believe every person is capable of non-violent, effective responses to challenging situations and difficult relationships.*

### The formal aims of AVP as an organisation are that:

1. Public awareness of, and resistance to, the causes of violence between people are increased
2. People handle conflict better without committing or suffering acts of violence
3. Volunteers gain training and experience as group facilitators in the community, including prisons
4. A nationally and regionally coordinated and evaluated service reaches diverse communities in every region of Great Britain

Whilst we believe everyone can gain from AVP, given our limited resources we focus our work on people whom we believe benefit most, being adults:

- In the criminal justice system, at risk of offending, or who are ex-offenders.
- Affected by domestic violence, including perpetrators.
- Whose mental health has been affected by violence.

Over the next three years we will aspire to ensure that the proportion of participants from our priority groups will increase. This aim applies to our work as whole; we recognise that diversity of participation is an important part of AVP's approach and there will therefore remain opportunities for AVP regions to work with individuals outside these priority groups.