



AMBITION PORTSMOUTH

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Let's Meet the Team

Inside Ambition Portsmouth: Our People



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Meet the team - Fran

Fran, Service Manager. Fran knows what it's like to feel lost in the grip of substance misuse. Through her own experiences, she rebuilt her confidence and rediscovered her place in the community. Now as the Service Manager, she leads Ambition Portsmouth with compassion, helping others find the same sense of belonging in the community.



Meet the team - Jason

Jason, Community Engagement Navigator – Criminal Justice. Jason brings energy and empathy to everything he does. Focused on community engagement and campaign work around criminal justice, he helps Ambition Portsmouth connect with people who might not otherwise reach out for support across the local rough sleeping hostels and those engaged with local services such as SSJ and Probation. Jason's own experiences in criminal justice give him a unique understanding of how important belonging is, and he's passionate about creating opportunities for people to get involved and share their voices so that they feel part of something bigger in the community.

Meet the team - Dave

Dave, Ambassador Programme Lead. Dave's mission is to give others the confidence to lead their own recovery path. Dave uses education and skills for participants to develop new ways of thinking, helping them bypass old behaviours and find healthier ways of living. Outside the classroom delivery, Dave's passion for gardening has led to him developing sessions at the local community allotment, and playing an instrumental role in mobilising and leading B.More peer led community events to ensure recovery is more visible and attractive to those in need. Dave's passion brings people together, nurturing both plants and participants.



Meet the team - Benji

Benji, Community Engagement Manager – Groups. Benji is the heart behind B.More and Menz – two groups that bring people together through shared experience, conversation, and laughter. His calm, genuine approach helps people open up and rediscover their confidence. Whether it's through weekly meet ups, community events, or creative projects, Benji helps build the kind of supportive friendships that make positive change feel special.

Meet the team - Darcy

Darcy – Peer Support Lead. Having experienced the frustrations of people repeating their stories, Darcy has worked with local partners to create the Health Passport – a simple but powerful tool that ensures someone’s experience through services is understood everywhere they go. Beyond this, he coordinates and develops Ambassador volunteer placements with partner services, helping connect people with meaningful opportunities. Darcy is a bridge builder at heart, working with services, the local authority, and community groups to co-produce services that truly meet people’s needs. His focus is always on connection, collaboration, and creating lasting change.



Meet the team - Clare

Clare, Community Engagement Navigator – Service User Involvement. Clare’s passion is for supporting people with learning difficulties and amplifying the voices of service users. Clare provides sessions at our local partner Room One, who support neurodiverse participants. She supports service users, helping them develop new IT Skills, build confidence and reinforce their self-belief, ultimately empowering them to understand themselves in a strength-based way.

Meet the team - Makayla

Makayla, Community Engagement Navigator – Women’s Support. Makayla’s warmth and humour make people feel safe from the moment they walk through the door. Drawing from her own lived experiences, she helps participants navigate their own pathways toward a positive future, always encouraging them to believe that even small steps can lead to big changes.



A shared commitment

Every team member at Ambition Portsmouth brings something unique, but they share one thing in common: a passion for helping people rewrite their own future.