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# Support for The Centres Excellence Project

**“It is certainly innovative and makes a real effort to provide a comprehensive life changing experience to those on the scheme. Legislation would probably be required to underpin such a radical proposal for change.”**

*Phil Wheatley  
Director General of. the Prison Service*

**“I think that it is a wonderful concept, because it is so eminently practical and sensible. It fits in so well with all the ideas about alternatives to custody that it would be absurd to make it stand alone.”**

*General The Lord David Ramsbotham GCB CBE  
Former Chief Inspector of Her Majesty's Prisons*

**“It looks like a great idea; I particularly like the focus on education.”**

*Mark Oaten MP  
Shadow Home Secretary for the Liberal Democrats*

**“It is a very interesting idea which I hope will be taken seriously. The principle behind the proposal is exactly right against what we know of the lack of basic/key skills among the majority of offenders.”**

*Lord Corbett of Castle Vale  
Labour Peer*

**“It is good to see that you have been successful in attracting potential support from the private sector on a significant scale, even at this early stage.”**

*Fiona Mactaggart MP  
Parliamentary Under Secretary of State*

