

Mentoring and Befriending Foundation introduction

The Mentoring and Befriending Foundation (MBF) provides guidance and support to organisations and practitioners involved in mentoring and befriending. As a national body and strategic partner of the Office of the Third Sector (OTS), MBF also works to influence policy and practice in the sector and across government.

The MBF has developed a national infrastructure with a team of 13 regional coordinators established in each of the nine government regions with responsibility for engaging with and supporting practitioners in the field and supported by a head office team of 15 staff.

The organisation is committed to promoting voluntary regulation of mentoring and befriending projects through the Approved Provider Standard, the national benchmark for safe and effective practice.

MBF's mission is to support the expansion of quality mentoring and befriending provision across all sectors. Our vision is of a society where mentoring and befriending can empower all people to reach their full potential.

The Mentoring and Befriending Foundation aims to:

- Ensure that mentoring and befriending is at the centre of current and future national volunteering strategies
- Demonstrate the positive impact that mentoring and befriending can have on volunteers, service users and the community
- Work with government, commissioners and funders to encourage investment in sustainable provision of mentoring and befriending
- Expand mentoring and befriending provision and create a range of support structures, services and standards to ensure a quality experience for the volunteer and a successful outcome for both participants