



Support: Project manager for the No Way Trust, Ann Carpenter (right) and No Way volunteer and prison officer, Lita Temple.

A PRISON charity which works with children to make them aware of the reality of prison is to receive a grant from the Let's Make It Happen campaign fund.

The No Way Trust will receive £825 from the £10,000 fund set aside by Combined Insurance and the *Evening Post*.

The cash will fund a presentation day at a school in Bristol.

More than 40 volunteer prison officers donate their time for the No Way Trust's *Prison! Me! No Way!* project. They go into schools and speak to youngsters about the consequences of their actions. The idea of the project is to show children the stark reality of prison life in an attempt to discourage them from committing crime.

The No Way Trust was founded in 1993. Managers at the charity said their work had helped prevent crime and stop children going to jail.

Ann Carpenter, of the trust, said: "Our idea is to raise awareness of the consequences of crime.

"We go into schools with a very

Prison charity enjoys a boost

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realistic mock prison cell. We show pupils the sort of weapons inmates have made and the injuries they have received or caused while inside.

"We tell them the reality of prison life, the loneliness, the loss of freedom, the loss of their family.

"Since we were set up by volunteer prison officers, we've helped reduce

the number of kids going to jail by dissuading from crime."

Mrs Carpenter said it cost about £1,000 to organise a crime prevention day in schools.

The event takes place 10 times a year at different schools and involves the police, the prison service, the fire brigade, drugs and alcohol advice groups and victim support groups.

Under the Let's Make It Happen Great £10,000 Community Giveaway, a share of the cash prize will be given

to individuals, groups and charities to benefit the community.

Clive Robinson, managing director of Combined Insurance, said: "We're delighted the Community Awards have had such an immediate impact on the local community in Bristol.

"We're looking forward to seeing the dreams of other winners being realised in the coming months."

● The appeal has now been closed and a presentation evening will be held soon.