The Added Value of an International Network

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Education for offenders - aspirational and engaging education for all

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What is Education?
What is Education?

Compulsory

Life Long Learning
What is Education?
Non-formal & informal

Formal

Distance learning

Blended Learning
How?

Curriculum

Qualified Teachers

Volunteers

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Prison Education

Council of Europe Recommendation, No. R (89) 12

1. **All prisoners** shall have access to education, which is envisaged as consisting of classroom subjects, vocational education, creative and cultural activities, physical education and sports, social education and library facilities;

2. Education for prisoners should be like the education provided for **similar** agegroups **in the outside world**, and the **range of learning opportunities** for prisoners should be **as wide as possible**;

3. Education in prison shall **aim to develop the whole person** bearing in mind his or her social, economic and cultural context;
Working to promote sound principles and good practice for prison education in Europe... and beyond!

- > 650 members, 25 countries
- prison educators, administrators, governors, researchers and other professionals
- NGO participatory status INGO at CoE
- Bi-Annual Training Conference
- Education in the broader sense

Collaboration:

- EPALE
- EUROPRIS
- JEPR
- EAEA
1. To **promote education** in prison according to the Recommendation, R (89)12

2. To **support and assist the professional development** of persons involved in education in prison through European co-operation.

3. To **(net)work with related professional organisations**.

4. To **support research** in the field of education in prison.
Technological developments
Changing concept and role in environment
World is becoming smaller – easy access

Need for change:

EPEA Strategic vision 2015 – 2025

EPEA - Structure

Branches

1. North
2. South
3. Central
4. East
5. West  Region Representative: Nina Champion

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Projects

SELFI  DE - Women incarcerated – validation of experience
       (Follow up FEFI project)  http://www.euro-cides.eu/FEFI

FORINER  BE - Foreign Nationals
          http://klasbak.net/index.php/341-europees-project-foriner-in-de-steigers

Active EPEA Involvement in new project applications – approval by 25th July 2016?
Purpose of Projects

Process or Product?
Policy or Methodology?
Re-inventing or Implementing good practise?
Staff or Prisoners targetgroup?

Strategy! **Learning outcomes!**
Transferability!

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International developments

• Prison Reform: UK, Scotland, Finland, ..
• Finland: October ’16 – Contact Seminar on Prison Education

• European Commission’s New Skills agenda:
  http://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?catId=738&langId=en&pubId=626&type=2&furtherPubs=yes
• EC announced revision of EQF 2016/17
• Manifesto Adult Education in 21st Century

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Prison Education management?

Vision
Vision
Old school
MoJ
Quality

- Finance
- Culture
- Out of the box
- MoE?
- Priorities

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Why?

Detention - removing a person’s freedom

Detention + need for rehabilitation
What is it all for?
International Day of Education in Prison

13th October

Send your contributions to: epea@epea.org
To sign the petition go to: http://chn.ge/1md8n62
Thank you for your attention!

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