



European Prison Education Association

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EPEA Newsletter January 2018

HAPPY!
2018!

Dear Friends and colleagues, happy 2018!!!

Closure of one year and the opening of the next, by composing our monthly newsletter; these are some of my cherished duties as chair of the EPEA. This new year has taken off in a wonderful flight with promising events. Not even two weeks ago we were still enjoying the

relative quiet period after the inspiration we got from the Vienna Conference.

Hopefully you all enjoyed the December festivities with your friends and families, deserving a rest after a year of work and having perhaps had exam periods just before your breaks.

Now new modules are starting and you are getting back to the daily routine as if nothing happened. New groups maybe, picking up where you left things for a while.

From experience I know how much it is appreciated if we do offer courses or organise a more playful activity to celebrate December with our students who have a quite different experience during these festivities. More hours behind the door, less activities and less staff; so maybe less progress in their re-integration plans, everything on the hold for a week or so... Being there as a teacher and breaking their daily routine, often brings pleasure and the motivated students clearly enjoy the moment that they can put their minds to something else than 'not celebrating'. My colleagues and I tried to keep as many classes going and also organised a game-day, with challenges for the playful, the clever and the artistic.

Sometimes this still makes certain colleagues wonder why you do something different, they might see this as 'spoiling the prisoners'; "This is not an educational offer!" It is a pity, but our reality, that we even today, still have to spend time on convincing colleagues of another concept of detention. And this is the Western European world. This makes you wonder how much work there is to be done in countries that have not been able yet to take care of the minimum rules for the treatment of prisoners (Mandela Rules)

Then again, in this new year there is already so much to choose from to fill this first 2018 newsletter. Happy news, events that you can join to personally develop as a teacher, information that can help you

redetine your policies, end products of very succetull projects to maybe introduce in your parctice.....

Hopefully you will enjoy reading it, I certainly would like to draw your attention to the last article! The UNDOC Roadmap for the development of Prison-Based Re-Integration programmes. But what is in between is certainly just as worthwhile looking at! So never mind me.

Enjoy!

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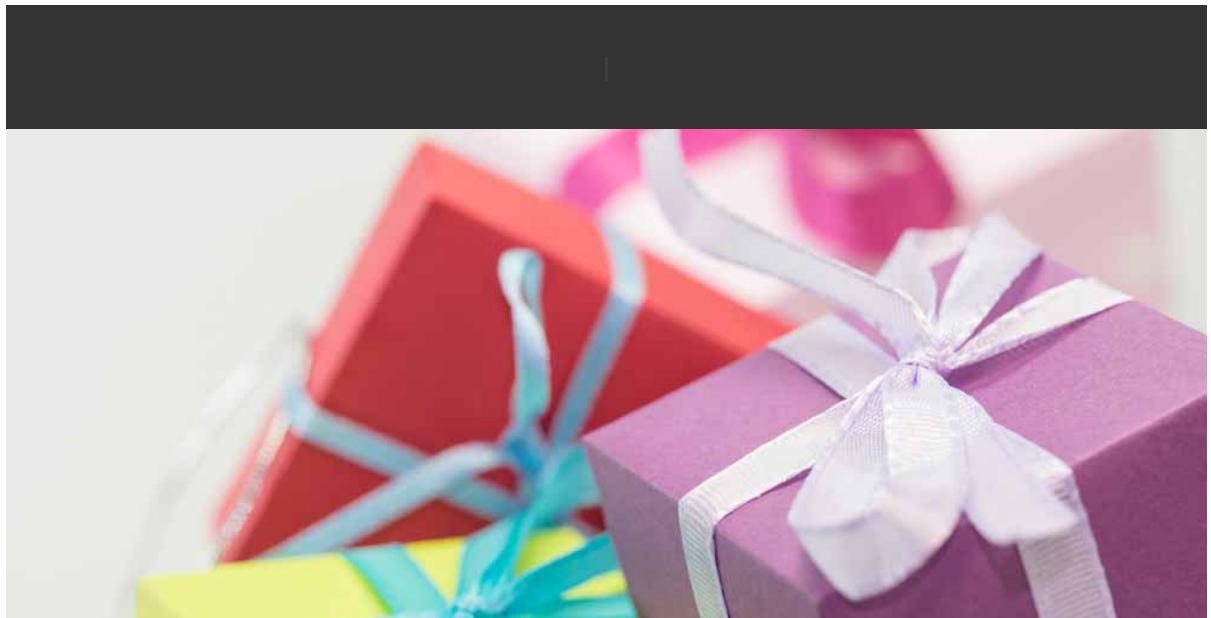
*The more we know about the past
the better we are prepared for the future*

- Theodore Roosevelt

2018 is the year of our 25th birthday!!!

EPEA has known a undefined start with several milestones that could be considered to be our official kick off. Last year, after many consultancies and discussion, we choose to have the 1993 meeting in Sigtuna where the first version of our current constitution was launched, to be our official starting point. EPEA SC is currently discussing how we can organise the writing of our own history. This has been an idea for quite some time, and lots of work is already done by some of our founders or LLM's like Torfinn Langelid and Kevin Warner, the last inspired us all with his well documented presentation during the Vienna conference, looking back tot he why's and how's of our EPEA existence.

To be continued!!!



Did you know...

- That the **presents** we gave to all those that delivered workshops at the Vienna Conference were made in prisons from all over Europe? There were presents made in prisons in the UK, Romania, Denmark, Norway and of

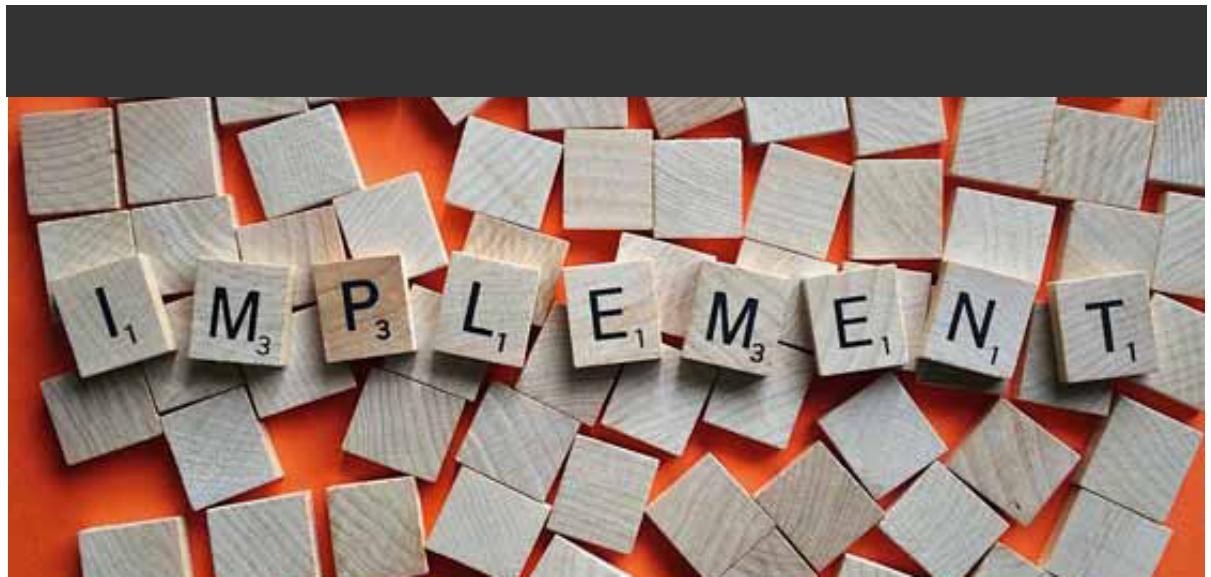
course the tulips from Holland, but these were not made by prisoners :) A great thank you for all those involved to spread these wonderful works of art. The EPEA SC believes in this work related token of appreciation. Our appreciation is both for the makers of the presents, as for the presenters during our conference.

- **Feedback forms** for our Vienna conference are sent and we will soon collect all reactions and extract development aspects for our 2019 Conference. Your input is still highly appreciated, so everything that you would like to share with us is welcome regardless of the evaluation form.

Another opportunity for dissemination!!!!

More elaborate feedback in the form of personal reports (maybe you needed to write a report for your colleagues that could not participate... maybe the National Agency required a report.. all such input is welcome material for our **Spring Magazine Conference Special**. Maybe tell others how you experienced your first workshop delivery. It might inspire others or take away barriers.... Please send us your articles, pictures, story of what how the conference affected you or your project at epea@epea.org

- The **Tender for our 2019 Conference** will be launched this month! The first candidate has already announced himself.... Who knows where we will meet in 2019!!
- EPEA's next **Steering Committee is meeting in March in Porto**. Elections will be prepared and we will amongst others work on a transferable Conference Manual, for SC members that will take over in the (near?) future.



Projects finished and to start....

1. A lot has been said about the **FORINER** project, but sometimes it cannot be enough. As you know this project focussed on education for the many foreigners in our European prisons. They set up a network in which learning material can be exchanged to offer study material in the native language of the prisoner. In December this project delivered their final report which can be read [here](#).
2. Vocvo introduces another **trainingweek for educational staff**, please read more about it [here](#), if you have a possibility to participate in 2018 mobilities like these!!
3. Our colleagues in Bordeaux also offer a project for Staff Training, but this is slightly different. They have released a **call for partners**, where they already have assembled 5 dedicated partners in their project. Their deadline is this month, but maybe there are still ways to collaborate if you wish to do so. More [here](#) about their call for partners.
4. JEPR starts this new year with an interesting research article by Damien Carberry on the application of Attachment Theory, Transformative Learning, and theories of masculinity in education programs for incarcerated men. Please click [here](#) to view and download the article.

5. 2nd International Correctional Research Symposium

After the first successful edition of the Correctional Research Symposium in March 2017, EuroPris and ICPA in collaboration with

the Czech Prison Service have decided to organize a second edition in Prague. Event Date: 08-10 May 2018 Under the title "**What is Good Prison Research?**" For more information and to register for this unique event please visit www.icpa.ca/crs2018 or contact a member of their team at crs2018@icpa.ca

6. This month our representative Per Thrane has represented us at the **Conference of INGO's in Strasbourg** where he worked on the taskforce Education to define a collaborative vision on ICT in education.

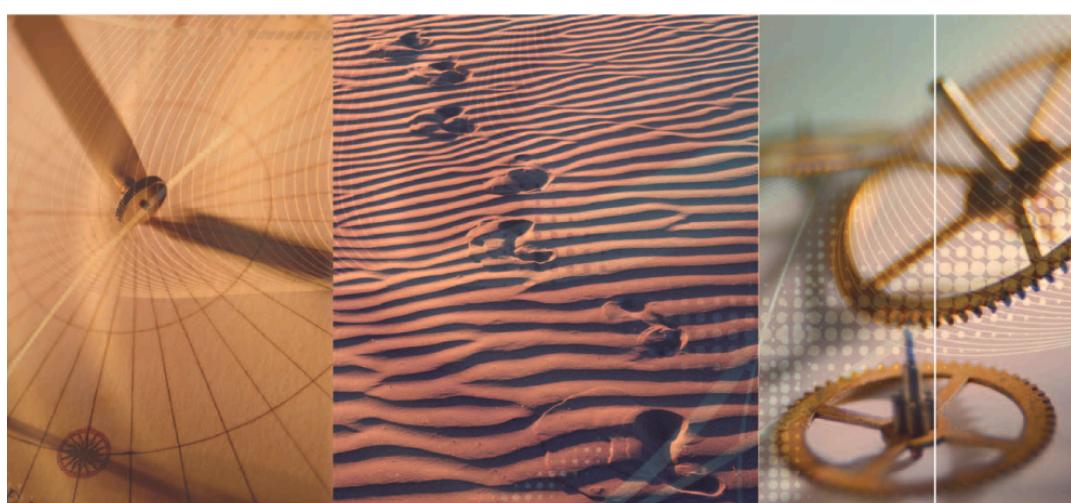
7. A.R.T. Fusion Association Romania developed between March 2016 and December 2017 *The World's Future in Your Actions* project which gave the opportunity for youth workers and leaders, from European and African countries, to deeper explore the global learning process. One of the project's results is a **Manual for Facilitators in Global education** available online in 6 languages (English, French, Italian, Portuguese, Spanish, Romanian) that can be found on our website at the *download* section or by accessing [this](#) link.

8. The next pilot of the **Real Life Project** (introducing games to amongs others improve social skills) will take place in Padova, Italy on 22-26 January 2018.



UNODC

United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime



UNODC Roadmap for the development of prison-based rehabilitation Programmes

Last item for this month, but certainly not least, is the publication of the UNODC Roadmap for the development of prison-based rehabilitation Programmes published in October 2017 in Vienna. Katherina Schwarzl who gave an interesting delivery of her activities to promote PE in the wider sense, was one of the contributors to this wonderfully practical reference.

In December 2015 EPEA SC member Paul Talbot wrote a support letter to the Qatar Ministry who had got the funding for this project. Now after two years we can all enjoy this final product, we encourage you to take notice of this work and use it wherever appropriate.

It elaborates on the United Nations Standard Minimum Rules for the Treatment of Prisoners (the Nelson Mandela Rules) which was the reason for the UNODC's in 2012 publication: an "Introductory Handbook on the Prevention of Recidivism and the Social Reintegration of Offenders",

This present document however seeks to build on that handbook by proposing **practical steps** and **considerations to national prison administrations** through which promising programmes can be put into practice or be enhanced.

I can tell you more about the setup, but best is to have a look yourself - click below for the document, it makes great reading!

[UNODC →](#)

From Our Bloa



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Education behind Belgian bars

We are pleased to welcome you on the second international training week ‘Education behind Belgian bars’ for teachers, education coordinators and other interested stakeholders in prison education from April 23th – April...

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Council of the EU: Increase the Erasmus+ budget x 10

In 2018, the Commission will make comprehensive proposals for the next generation of financial programmes for the post-2020 Multiannual Financial Framework, which is the EU's long-term budget. The Commission's proposals will...

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European Volunteering Journal

The EPEA want to draw our members attention to this european volunteering journal in several languages to inspire our members to make use of this important way to enlarge their...

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Save the Date: Upcoming EuroPris Events

Save the Date for Upcoming EuroPris Events:
Radicalisation Workshop - Brussels (BE), 28.02
Family Relations Workshop - Vienna (AT), 11-12.04
ICT Workshop - Stockholm (SE), 22-24.05 CJP
Summer Course...

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