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EPEA Bulletin

To all EPEA members :

This is **EPEA Bulletin No.2**. We hope you will enjoy it. Its purpose is to be informative and brief, with short snippets of news and updates from branches, groups and individuals around Europe. It will help us all to stay in touch with events if we use it in the way it is intended. It is not meant to contain lengthy articles or reports (they belong in 'the Newsletter') nor is it intended to involve any member in cognitive exertion deep into the night. It will only succeed if we use it to share information with all members in the same way that we would speak with colleagues in our own workplaces.

Please help to keep it going by sending your bit(s) of information to -

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For this edition, once again most items have been provided by members of the Steering Committee.

Denmark

◆ Copenhagen as Culture-Town 1996

Inmates from Copenhagen Prison (Remand House) have got 200000 kr. (c. £20000) from the Ministry of Cultural Affairs to create a big granite sculpture, which is going to be placed just outside the prison.

The sculpture is the inmates' contribution to Culture-Town 1996, and it will be finished in September 1995, when the prison has its 100 centenary!

The inmates wrote to the Ministry of Cultural Affairs the following :

" For most of us who are remanded in custody it is difficult to find optimism in our everyday life, we are waiting and waiting. We are many, who are waiting on the redemption and the miracle. We believe that cultural activities highly change prisoner's dejection to belief in the future. The culture can be used as the 'initiator'. "

For a long time 3-4 inmates together with 2 artists have been working on the sculpture which will look like a star-telescope looking up against the universe and the dreams.

Scotland

◆ New Scottish Liaison Persons

The two new Scottish Liaison Persons are:

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EPEA Conference

- ◆ Around 90 delegates will be attending the 5th International Conference on Prison Education to be held at Blagdon, near Bristol, England on 1 - 4 October. The overall theme of the conference is 'Personal Development through a Broad-Based Curriculum'.

'Boss Copies' of the Bulletin will be sent to Liaison Persons for copying and distribution.

America

◆ **Prison Visit**

Joanna Gallagher, a teacher in St. Patrick's Institute, a juvenile prison in Ireland, has sent an interesting report on a visit to Stateville Prison, Joliet, Illinois, USA. This will appear in a later edition of the EPEA Newsletter. Look out for it!

IFEPS

◆ **International Conference in China**

IFEPS (International Forum on Education in Penal Services) will organize an international conference on Employment Education and Training of Offenders (15-25 years). The conference will be held in Chengdu (Western China) from 17 - 27 September 1995. The conference will be combined with prison visits and some cultural trips. Conference costs are still being worked out.

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Holland

◆ **Frances Kaiser switches to other job**

On April 1, 1995, Frances Kaiser, adviser for prison libraries in the Dutch Prison Service for more than 15 years, switched to another job. Frances was a.o. the editor of "Guidelines for Library Service to Prisoners " (IFLA report no.34; The Hague - 1992). She is now working in the Management Support Office of the Director of the Dutch Prison Service. The expectation is that the vacancy will be filled in a few months.

N Ireland

◆ **Prison Education under new agency**

N Ireland prisons are now under the authority of the new N Ireland Prison Service Agency. This means that prisons will function with more freedom than previously, especially in managing

resources. Each prison has a contract with the agency and its performance will be measured against a range of key indicators, including those relating to education and training.

Denmark

◆ **Summerschools in Danish Prison**

What are inmates doing when people outside are on holidays?

In Denmark most of the prisons have summerschools, where the prison teachers, often in co-operation with the work foremen, plan activities different from everyday life.

Closed Prison In the mornings 2 students from University, work foremen and prison teachers have planned a sport summerschool. They can play football, tennis, badminton and weightlifting in smaller groups. Other groups make grills for outdoor cooking. All activities in the morning are structured, whereas afternoon activities are unstructured. 60 inmates participate in the 3 week school.

Open Prison Three different themes are planned over a two week period. One is a French summerschool where everything centres around France, French culture, geography and literature, not to forget French cooking. All activities are planned and structured by prison teachers. All classes have twelve inmates.

EUROALPHA

◆ **Adult Basic Education in Prisons**

The European Network for Research, Action and Training in Adult Literacy and Basic Education held a conference in Dublin in 1991. The 120 page report represents papers by participants from 10 European countries. It is now available from :

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