

European Prison Education Association

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Calendar 2008

June 17-19
OFFENDER LEARNING &
SKILLS CONFERENCES
London

July 13-15
Pan-Commonwealth
Forum on Open Learning

19 - 22 September 2008
Perspectives on Social
Capital and Social Inclusion

SPECIAL EPEA EVENTS

September, 11-14
Directors conference
Malmoe, Sweden

Steering Committee
Meeting in Norway
October 16 – 19, 2008

Successful LP/CP meeting



Participant of the PAN Conference in May 2008 visiting Lovech Prison (Photo, John Papadimitriou, Hellas)

Offender Learning conference in Scotland

New Branch on its way

Declaration of Art

Art develops the whole person

Call from EAEA

Call for mapping of researchers into Adult Education.

Education and Juveniles

How many hours a week?

Sofia Conference

Attended by many EPEA members

Adults Learners Week

Successful event in UK

WELCOME TO



12th EPEA Conference
Cyprus, 29.10.2009 to 1.11.2009

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Liaison and Contact Person Meeting in Sofia

15 attended the meeting in Sofia on May 17, 2008 to work on the visions and aims of the EPEA.



In groups suggestions were put forward by the delegates. A 2nd discussion of the plans will take place in Norway in October 2008 at the SC meeting held in conjunction with the FOKO conference and on invitation of FOKO, the EPEA branch.

One LP of each region, not belonging to the SC can take part in the SC meeting.

Application for attending the meeting has been forwarded on the mailing list for LP/CPs.

New Liaison and Contact Persons

9 new Liaison and Contact Persons has taken the position as LP or CP within the last

year to represent the EPEA in their country.

Rosann McNamara and Jacci Stoyle from Scotland

Catherine Caokley and Michelle Mullins from Rep. of Ireland

Ge Krekelberg from the Netherlands

Tony Busser from England and Wales

Desmond Zammit Marmara from Malta

Entela Kaleshi from Albania

Cristina Dumitran from Romania.

The role of Liaison Person or a Contact Person and the difference is explained at the EPEA home page.



(Photo: Per Thrane)

http://www.epea.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=22&Itemid=35

Offender Learning in Scotland Conference May 2008

This very successful conference brought together all the prison teachers employed by Motherwell college, one of a small number of providers of prison education in Scotland, together with representatives from the Scottish Prison Service, the Scottish Executive, members of the voluntary and community sector, the private sector and the Scottish Parliament.

The day was organized around plenary speeches, a series of workshops, and plenty of time for delegates to discuss their own experiences and issues with teachers from other prisons.

Workshops were given by our two new Scottish LPs Roseann McNamara and Jacci Stoyle and plenary speeches were given by the EPEA Chair Anne Costelloe and the EPEA Secretary Anita Wilson.

We are also delighted to announce that Scotland is in the final stages of announcing their new EPEA branch.

Declaration on art

The Arts Festivals' Declaration on Intercultural Dialogue has been signed by European festivals and international guests in Antalya on 25 April 2008.

Next to European Festival Association member festivals from all across Europe and beyond, colleague organizations from Africa and Asia also committed to the objectives as laid down in the Declaration.

The declaration can be read here: <http://new.efaaef.eu/FestivalsDeclaration/the-declaration.lasso>

Erwin James Blog - Criminal failure

The hard-nosed people at the CBI say that prisons policy isn't delivering value for money. But is anyone at the Ministry of Justice listening?

That the Confederation of British Industry (CBI) should declare the government's policy on prisons a failure must carry some weight.

In its report, *Getting Back on the Straight and Narrow*, the CBI points out that at £60bn a year the estimated cost of crime amounts to 5% of the GDP and the cost to businesses is £9bn a year.

Not surprisingly business people want value for money, which clearly has not been the case for at least the last 10 years. During that time re-offending rates for those who have been through the courts have remained at a steady two-thirds. Yet over the same period there has been a 40% increase in real terms in spending on prisons and probation.

Read more:

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/commentisfree>

EAEA begins mapping of researchers in Adult Education

The European Commission will soon start a researchers mapping in the area of adult education. EAEA thought that they can accompany this by starting their own mapping exercise, which can be very useful to EAEA and its members and which can also complement the European Commission's activities.

The aim is to have an overview of researchers working on adult education across Europe, which will then give us a better overview over the research that is being done. EAEA will do this exercise in two or three parts and ask for researchers in different areas (structured along the main themes of the action plan).

EAEA is looking for researchers (rather than experts), working either at universities and/or private research institutes, possibly also freelance researchers.

<http://www.eaea.org/news.php?aid=15579&d=2008-05>

Crime soars but jail is not the answer, says MacAskill

Kenny MacAskill, Scotland's Justice Minister, reiterated his call for fewer criminals to be sent to prison, despite alarming new figures that revealed that the country is in the grip of a youth crime wave and the number of people who were sent to jail last year was the highest for a decade.

Seven per cent of 18-year-old males in Scotland committed at least one crime last year, according to government statistics. The number of people sent to jail in Scotland reached a ten-year high of 18,200 - an increase of 9 per cent on the previous year.

The UN states that juveniles up to 17 have the right to education.

<http://www.timesonline.co.uk/tol/news/article4061555.ece>

Two hours a day the minimum in Denmark

The Danish Minister of Justice, Ms. Lene Espersen was asked in a parliament group if she found it satisfying that juveniles on 15-17 in a Danish prison only was offered 3,5 hours of education in average pr. week.



The Minister found that juvenile prisoners should be secured at least two hours of education pr. day.

Adult Learners' Week

The United Kingdom runs an Adult Learners' Week each year - this year 19th - 23rd May 2008 - which celebrates learners and raises the profile of learning.

As part of this event Her Majesty's prison Wormwood Scrubs in London organised a series of events for its prisoner

students including music, yoga, and drama.

Our Secretary, Anita Wilson was invited by the Education Manager Kris Ochedowski and the new EPEA LP Tony Busser to present a workshop on 'Postcards from Prison' and to talk to his staff about the EPEA. It was a great day and resulted in some new members for the EPEA

More information can be found at

<http://www.niace.org.uk/ALW/2008/Default.htm>

Joining the Dots



is the new online resource dedicated to artists and arts organisations working in the field of crime prevention, developed by Anne Peaker Centre for Arts in Criminal Justice and the Prison Art Network. It is a response to requests for information from criminal justice and community safety professionals, including local authorities, youth service providers, the Probation Service and the Youth Offending Service, who programme arts activity as part of their programmes with ex-offenders and young people at risk of offending, or wish to

develop creative work with their clients.

Link:

<http://panproject.org/research.htm>

Prison Art Network Conference in Bulgaria

Partners, EPEA liaison and contact persons and training course participants took part in the Prison Art Network Conference in Sofia Bulgaria in May 2008.



Keynote Speaker and host of the 12th EPEA Conference in 2009 Prison Director Michael Hadjidemetriou, Cyprus.

During a prison visit in Lovech Male Prison the participants saw a stunning theatre act performed by the prisoners.

Videos and pictures from the conference are available from

www.youtube.com/artinprison
www.flickr.com/artinprison