



European Prison Education Association

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Calendar 2009

June 2-5, 2009
PAN Conference, Skanderborg, Denmark
www.panproject.org

August 30 – September 2, 2009
ACEA Conference, Perth Australia.

September 9-12, 2010
Directors Conference

EPEA EVENTS

2009, October 29 – November 11
12th EPEA Conference, Cyprus.

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COE patronage -

The EPEA is delighted to announce that the Secretary General of the Council of Europe had granted his patronage to the forthcoming EPEA conference in Cyprus. We are honored that Secretary General, Mr. Terry Davis has sanctioned once again his approval and support for an EPEA conference. The Organizing Committee are determined to ensure that the success of the conferences will meet his expectations, backing and encouragement.

Election of Secretary

We have 2 candidates standing for election for the position of EPEA Secretary from July 2009.

Anthony Busser (England)

I am currently Liaison Person for England. My position as Operations Manager at a large local London prison (currently Wormwood Scrubs) means that i have the skills to organize and coordinate meetings with diverse groups of teaching staff, prisoners, HMPS staff and other outside agencies. I frequently create agendas, organise meetings, take minutes and write reports for the various groups I attend. I can speak Dutch and Italian fluently: French and German less so. I have travelled extensively to non-European countries. Being the son of non-English migrants and being a migrant myself, I feel I have a good understanding of the barriers to effective communication between different cultures and I am committed to supporting the aims of the EPEA to overcoming them.

Asbjørn Støverud (Norway)

I have been working in Norwegian prison education since 2000, first as a teacher (2000-2005), thereafter as school counsellor (2005-07) and now as Assistant head Teacher (2007-).

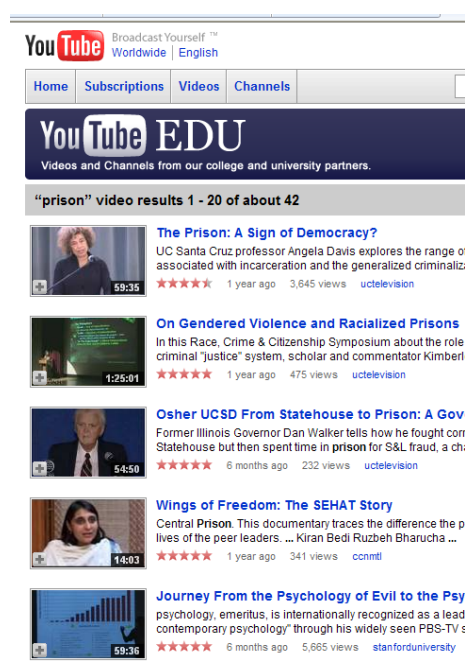
This obviously provided me with useful experience about Norwegian prison education. From 2002 – 2007 I contributed in FOKO, teh Norwegian branch of EPEA, first as editor from 2004 also as member of Steering Committee. This involvement has given me experience about being a board member as well as knowledge about European prison education in general.

Deadline for casting your vote is May 30, 2009

Ballot papers, information on the voting procedures and details on candidates can be downloaded from this link http://www.epea.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=444&Itemid=2

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As you might guess, it is a version of the popular video site focusing on education. A wealth of lectures is recorded and freely available.

Prisoners should have the right to vote, says Erwin James

Denying prisoners the right to vote is denying them access to society and their dignity, says Erwin James

The idea that prisoners are generally undeserving is historic, certainly in the UK, and has driven much of what happens to anyone who has ended up behind bars, as long as our prisons have been around. Today, such attitudes are as prevalent as ever. From the poor quality of the toothbrushes and prison garb to the blandness of the food, people who are sent to prison are deemed to be unworthy of genuine consideration as fellow human beings. The denial of the vote is fundamental to that attitude.

Full article at [http://www.guardian.co.uk/society/Asbjørn-Støverud-\(Norway\)-ty/joepublic/2009/apr/02/prisons-and-probation-human-rights](http://www.guardian.co.uk/society/Asbjørn-Støverud-(Norway)-ty/joepublic/2009/apr/02/prisons-and-probation-human-rights)

Kaj Raundrup from Denmark leaves after 36 years

Over 100 colleagues, teacher and family members were present when Kaj Raundrup held a last reception. Kaj decided to leave his position to become pensioner.

Head of Office Ina Eliassen spoke about Kajs commitment and described him as one of the last gentlemen around

Kaj Raudrup was one of the first members of the EPEA and was in the Steering Committee in the early years of EPEA and served a period the EPEA secretary. Kaj Raudrup arranged the first 5 director's conference along with the local host and Nordic colleagues.

Kaj tells that he has volunteer to help act as a home work assistant for school children at the local school and he join the network of pensioners of FLF.

UNITED NATIONS Human Right Council: Report of the Special Rapporteur on the right to education,

The report is submitted in accordance with Human Rights Council resolution 8/4.

The Special Rapporteur decided to devote the report to

the question of the right to education of persons in detention, a group subject to discrimination generally and to discrimination in the provision of education specifically.

Learning in prison through educational programmes is generally considered to have an impact on recidivism, reintegration and, more specifically, employment outcomes upon release.

Education is however much more than a tool for change; it is an imperative in its own right.

However, prisoners face significant educational challenges owing to a range of environmental, social, organizational and individual factors. The Special Rapporteur aims to inform and assist Governments and interested parties in their efforts to address these factors and develop best practices so as to ensure the currently unfulfilled right to education for persons in detention.

The report greatly benefitted from the active and constructive engagement of many relevant factors, including Governments, international organizations, academics, non-governmental organizations and prisoners. Combined, they offered a wealth of different perspectives of education in detention from which all can learn and which form the basis

of a number of recommendations at the end of the report.

Full report on the EPEA website.

Book refers the EPEA

Principles of European Prison Law and Policy

Penology and human rights

DIRK VAN ZYL SMI
and
SONJA SNACKEN

Citation from the book:

“At the pan-European level, the NGO, the European Prison Education Association, is very active. It has the specific objective of "promoting and developing education and related activities in prisons throughout Europe in accordance with the recommendations of the Council of Europe

Since the expansion of the membership of the Council of Europe to include Eastern European countries, the European Prison Education Association has sought to expand its programmes and activities to the new member states.”

ACEA Conference

The sister organization of the EPEA, the Australian Correctional Education Association will hold its 9th conference in

Perth from August 30th to September 2nd

The Chairperson Ron Cox invites all EPEA members to take part in the conference

Registration from this site
<http://www.deakin.edu.au/hmnbs/psychology/research/ease/>

More about the ACEA and the call for papers for the conference can be seen here

<http://www.acea.org.au/>

Directors Conference, Lucerne 2010

From Victor Gähwiler

8th European Conference
for Directors and Coordinators
of
Prison Education
"Trends in Europe"
9th to 12th of September 2010
in Lucerne, Switzerland
"Visit Switzerland!"

ALBANIA Project "ART in Prison"

Implemented by Refraction Association, Albanian NGO with the financial support of Prince Claus Foundation, The Netherlands



The aim of the project is to advocate and promote the use of the arts in criminal justice system in Albania.



The main objective of the project is to establish a workshop center at women prison, Ali Demi Prison where women are engaged on producing different artistic works as drawing, painting, working and painting ceramics, and other traditional handicraft products. The project combines art workshop sessions with psycho-social assistance given to women during the project implementation.

Through these activities the project aims to demonstrate the value of the arts in the social change. Women in prison

in Albania are a marginalized group that live in a penal institution, away from the family and children, prevented from a social and cultural life and suffering a poor economic situation in and after prison. During their imprisonment their participation in art activities in the Albanian prison is very low. The prison offers few possibilities of participating in cultural and art activities due to low budget. Unfortunately art has not been a topic on the programmes implemented in prison and there are no art programmes specifically targeted to women groups and also to other groups in prisons. These activities we are implementing try to fill this lack in the prisons programme, help women to explore their emotional situation and be a help for their rehabilitation. The workshops are welcomed a lot from women that have mental health problems and we think that we have discovered talents among them

