Dear friends, colleagues, members & partners,

This new year is already well on its way now, but, on behalf of the EPEA Steering Committee, I would still like to wish you all the best for yourselves and the wonderful work that you are doing in the field of prison education in 2019. The year behind us was an inspiring year with many prison education-activities: news about projects that you all have been involved in, reached us in great abundance.

Many new contacts have been made, which always leads to more exchange of current policies and practices. Our newsletters have never been so informative in both practitioner stories, research outcomes and projects. Thank for sharing this, since without your active participation we would not be able to provide meaningful newsletters.

Since then we have seen Paul Talbot leave to enjoy other career-options. Luckily for us we found another very experienced new project officer, Daiana Huber is not new in the world of prison education and many of you will have met her or have already worked with her in the projects she has been involved with over the years. Already she started helping many of us with by sharing her knowledge and network. On the other hand, Paul is not lost for the EPEA and has agreed to be available for project-evaluation and in this way remains a much appreciated additional expert in the SC.

Halfway through this year you must have noticed the new approach to our newsletter, thanks to our webeditor Pris, whom is really of great value in sharing your and our own contributions with the rest of the world. Pris also makes sure we have more art-related content in our publications.

In our IDEP (International Day of Education in Prison) Contest we invited you to organise activities on or around the 13th of October, to celebrate education in prison and raise more awareness for the Council of Europe recommendations. We received multiple applications in 2018. Although very interesting activities were reported, only a few actively included the recommendations in them. We have chosen a winner from Greece, the report of which you have been able to read in our previous newsletter.

More news about the upcoming year will come to you in all the 2019 EPEA - newsletters. Hoping to meet you soon and wishing you good working conditions and excellent health in 2019.

On behalf of the Steering Committee,
Annet Bakker
- Chair EPEA
**UNESCO**

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**Call for partners in Erasmus+ Project**

The Republic Vocational and Technical Anatolian High School in Kirikkale, Turkey is looking for European partners in an Erasmus+ vocational training project. They are hoping to send out 14 students, 2 teachers and 2 interpreters to organisations in Europe for two weeks, to learn about innovative penal institutions. The students are learning to be ‘Officer Clerk’ and ‘Enforcement Preservation Officer’. For more information please contact Kadir Doğru via email.

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**News from our African colleagues at the African Prisons Educational Network**

‘Education is a right to all Nigerians including prison inmates and this is one of the things we are pursuing. It is also one of the quickest ways to rehabilitate inmates’, said the Nigerian minister of Interior Affairs, Rt. Lt. Gen. Abdulrahman Dambazau. He spoke at the reception ceremony for one of Unesco's Literacy Prize winners 2018, the Nigerian Prison Service.

EPEA also congratulates them with the 1st United Nations International Day for Education on 24 January 2019, which they organised in collaboration with Unesco and the African prison administrations.

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**The Training of the Juvenile Penitentiary Educator 2.0 - New Scenarios of the Adultization of the System, by Marco Brancuzzi**

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**Art in Prisons: Who is to speak for the sense of sight**

Each month, the photographer Bertrand Gaudillère creates an image or chooses one from his archives. Prison Insider sends it to a dozen participants, prisoners around the world. They are in Argentina, in the United States of America, in France, in Switzerland, in Guatemala, in Ukraine, in Colombia, in Lebanon, in Italy, in Japan, and in Belgium.

Prison Insider invited them to freely express what they feel, when, in prison, they looked at this image about the sense of sight. Although they are in prison, their minds remain free.

Read their thoughts here...