



LEUVEN INSTITUTE OF CRIMINOLOGY
RL8 PUNISHMENT & CONTROL

**INTERNATIONAL
WORKSHOP**

**EDUCATION
BEHIND BARS**

13 OCTOBER 2022

KU LEUVEN FACULTY OF LAW & CRIMINOLOGY
TIENSESTRAAT 41, 3000 LEUVEN

The right to education is a fundamental right, even for people deprived of their liberty. Knowing that prisoners often have many educational needs, providing education in prisons can significantly alter prisoners' detention experiences. During detention, education can help to humanise and normalise the prison experience. After detention, education (ranging from basic literacy training to vocational training) can be a key factor in facilitating the return of prisoners to society. The importance of education in prisons has been recognised formally in numerous international recommendations and rules (CoE Rec (89)12, Rules 92 and 104 of the UN Standard Minimum Rules for the Treatment of Prisoners, Rules 28 and 106 of the European Prison Rules, Rule 37 of the Bangkok Rules, etc).

Celebrating the International Day of Prison Education on October 13th 2022, the aim of this workshop is to look at developments, opportunities and challenges related to education in prisons. The seminar combines insights from academia and practitioners, focusing on Belgium and Norway. This workshop is organised by research line 8 'Punishment and Control' from the Leuven Institute of Criminology (KU Leuven)

PRACTICALITIES

WHAT

- Hybrid workshop with Belgian and Norwegian practitioners and academics on education in prison in thematic sessions

WHEN

- 13th of October 2022, 9.00 - 16.30

WHERE

- Large Conference Room, Faculty of Law & Criminology (Tiensestraat 41, 3000 Leuven)

Online via [Microsoft Teams](#)

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PROGRAMME

9.00 - 10.15 INTRODUCTION TO EDUCATION IN PRISON

- Introduction

Tom Daems, KU Leuven

- Restorative justice project in Hawaii

Lorenn Walker, University of Hawaii at Mānoa

- Importance of education in prison from the principle of normalisation with experiences from Norway and Belgium

Helene De Vos, RESCALED

10.30 - 12.15 EDUCATION IN BELGIAN PRISONS

- Learning behind bars: an overview of education in Belgian prisons

Leen Vandeveld, VUB

- Education as part of the services and assistance offered to detainees

Karen De Win, services coordinator Leuven Central prison

- Learning in detention: a meaningful enterprise

Aurelia Bijmens, education coordinator VOCVO

- The lived experience of imprisonment: service-learning in prison

Pieter De Witte & Geertjan Zuijdwegt, KU Leuven

12.15 - 13.30 LUNCH BREAK

13.30 - 15.00 EDUCATION IN NORWEGIAN PRISONS

- Education in Norwegian prisons - an overview
Hilde Linda Larsen, school dept. Berg, Larvik, Sem prisons
- Education in Norwegian prisons - some examples
Geir Hundvebakke, school dept. Bjørgvin prison / Juvenile Unit; Anne Welle, teacher & school counsellor Bergen prison; Magnus Rokne, school counsellor Bjørgvin prison / Juvenile Unit / Post release centre
- Teaching children in prison: challenges and experiences from the Juvenile Unit in Bjørgvin prison
Mathias Sivertsen, teacher Bjørgvin prison Juvenile Unit
- A cross-cultural feature
Geir Hundvebakke, school dept. Bjørgvin prison / Juv.

15.15 - 16.30 NEW DEVELOPMENTS & CONCLUSION

- A prison of its time? The perceptions of community-based and justice actors on digital learning opportunities in Belgian prisons
Silke Marynissen, VUB
- Looking back and thinking forward: what's to come for prison education
Lut Lippeveld, Klasbak
- Education in prison: more important than ever?
Aurore Vanliefde, KU Leuven

17.00 WALK TO LEUVEN'S PRISONS & HISTORICAL CENTER