

Join us!



Whether you are from a prison or a community setting, a member of staff or a volunteer, we need to hear your story! We encourage you to contribute to Volpris.eu's network, so that the tools we produce fulfil everyone's needs.

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Tools for change and a network for support



Volpris.eu has been funded by Erasmus+ to invest in the qualification of volunteering management in prison and wider correctional settings.



We identify the many challenges NGOs overcome daily in this sector. **We provide free, online tools to help managers get the most out of prison volunteers** – and support volunteers by providing this standard.



We are developing an online network, so that organisations and volunteers working in the justice sector can learn from each other, share what works and develop together.



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**More than just willingness,
motivation, time and ability**



With **increasing volunteering tasks, changing protocols, political and funding priorities**, even trained prison volunteers tell us they struggle to keep up.



And – as justice systems rely on them more and more for delivery – NGOs which engage volunteers say they **struggle with a lack of information, training, funding and peer support**.



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The value of volunteers

Whether you're helping a prisoner write her CV or helping him record a bedtime story for his kids, sectoral and system impact studies across Europe agree:



Volunteers are a key resource to have an **effective impact** on prisoners' behavioural change, desistance, social (re)inclusion.



Yet, despite this broad recognition of the value of the volunteers' support to prisoners, former prisoners, their children and their families, volunteering in the criminal justice system continues to suffer a **lack of resources, training and recognition.**



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Needlework, football, interview skills...



Volunteers active in Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) and Voluntary Sector Organisations (VSOs) in prison offer a huge variety of skills that support cornerstones of **successful social (re)inclusion** from literacy and numeracy to art, from parenting skills to recognised qualifications.



Every community activity makes an inroad, a measurable contribution to someone in prison becoming a **more engaged, productive member of civil society** on release.



For prisoners, the authentic, **trusting relationships** which 'outsiders' build are different to those with prison staff. Feeling accepted by another person can be invaluable in normalising a journey **back into the community**.



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The benefits of building bridges



Bringing the community and civil society inside the prison connects prisoners to people and places, family and work.



Every moment spent usefully in prison **builds competencies**, confidence and skills for work and supports a step away from crime on release.



Communities become **safer**.



Everyone benefits when a climate of public collaboration is encouraged during and after prison.



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