

European Prison Education Association

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# **Greetings from the EPEA Chairperson**

**I am sorry that I cannot be with you  
for your conference – however, I am  
very happy that the EPEA Regional  
Representative for the Northern  
Region Kerstin Ekholm-Erestam is  
able to make a presentation to you  
on our behalf**

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# Overview

- **EPEA came to life in the early 1990's in support of European Recommendations on prisoners' rights to education**
- **EPEA has members from across Europe – from Iceland to Greece and from Ireland to Russia**
- **Our numbers continue to grow and we offer individual and organisational membership to anyone who has an interest in prison education**
- **We also have a number of branches, where countries have more than 10 members**



# Our status

- **We have participatory status at the Council of Europe and attend meetings of 2 committees – Education and Culture, and Human Rights**
- **We are represented on the Scientific Committee for the International Juvenile Justice Observatory**
- **We are members of the European Association for Adult Education (EAEA)**
- **We have either led or been partners in Grundtvig projects, funded by the European Commission**
- **For 2010, we have been awarded funding from the European Commission through the Jean Monnet Action**



# Recent Activities

- Supported the EC conference celebrating the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Grundtvig prison projects
- Signed a co-operation agreement with the Romanian department of social reintegration
- Linked to the Italian partners of the ESF- funded Ex-offenders Community of Practice network
- Supported the conference for German prison teachers
- Co-hosted the conference for Directors of Prison Education (Luzern)



# What we can offer you

- **A friendly organisation which listens to the voice of prison teachers, administrators, and professionals with an interest in prison education**
- **A network of contacts that stretches across and beyond Europe**
- **A website that offers resources, references, lists of new publications, and information about upcoming conferences**
- **A bi-annual Magazine (which we encourage you to contribute towards!)**
- **An occasional Newsletter keeping you up-dated on current issues and upcoming events**



# More opportunities!!

- **Between November 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> 2010, we are organising a meeting in Amsterdam for Liaison persons and Contact persons who will help us take forward the aims of the EPEA. We would like as many countries to participate as possible.**
- **In November 2011, we will be holding our next EPEA International conference in Manchester, UK. EPEA members get a reduced fee and we will be sending out an invitation for formal registration in January 2011.**



# How to contact us or join EPEA

- Our website is [www.epea.org](http://www.epea.org)
- You can join by going to the website and clicking 'membership'
- You can contact the Regional Representative for the Northern region - Kerstin
- You can contact the Liaison person or Contact person for your country – a list is on the website (If your country does not have an LP or a CP maybe you would like to consider becoming the EPEA representative in your country!)





# Most importantly!

- **Prison education and the voice of prison educators are rarely heard – EPEA offers an opportunity to take your concerns forward**
- **Prison teachers are often isolated – EPEA offers a chance to connect with others concerned with the same issues**
- **EPEA is an open, friendly, vibrant, energetic, and welcoming organisation – but we need new members to keep the organisation alive. The more members we have the louder our voice can be.**

**Please consider becoming a member of EPEA**

