

PRISONERS' STRUGGLES

An Invitation to Participate in an Edited Collection About Penal Abolitionism

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Dear friends:

We hope you don't mind us writing to you unannounced and that you have received this letter in good time. We are university professors (Michael at California State University, Chico in the USA and David at The Open University in England), and we are putting together a book with lots of chapters on the abolition of prisons and the penal system in general. The book is titled, *The Routledge International Handbook of Penal Abolitionism*, and is already contracted for publication.

The book will include chapters from people all around the world and we are thinking that it is really important that it also includes abolition thoughts from people who have lived and/or are living through the daily realities of imprisonment.

We would be delighted if you would consider writing an account (anywhere between 1,500 to 5,000 words) about why you think we should abolish the use of imprisonment and/or the penal system in general. We have already received good essays from academics and activists in the abolition social movement. What we are looking for from you is an abolition essay from the perspective of someone on the inside. Write from what you know.

If you do not have access to a computer or a typewriter to write such an essay, you could send us your essay as a letter or as part of a letter. We could then turn the letter into a typed document and send it to you for any edits or revisions you would like to make.

Your essay would be of great help for students, anti-prison and abolition activists, and all who read the book. We very much hope that this is something that interests you.

All the very best,
Michael and David

P.S. We would like to refund your postage costs for participating in this project if the regulations at your prison allow us to do so. Kindly let us know.

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TO THIS POSTAL ADDRESS:**

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