



Prison Letters

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Announcement

The Prison Letters group is a collective of academics and students who seek to promote prisoners' and former prisoners' access to information and resources. The group receives and responds to a variety of information requests via post or email requesting anything from prisoner supports and resources, prisoner advocacy, general information and anything in between. Although the Prison Letters group does not offer legal or business advice or correspond with prisoners as pen pals, we can offer information about organizations that do.

The Prison Letters group seeks to:

- 1) Enhance prisoners' access and awareness of resources;
- 2) Support prisoners in their transition to outside life;
- 3) Raise awareness of the struggles and challenges of people in and out of prison; and
- 4) Demystify some of the associated stigma and myths.

Prison systems are not only designed to keep people in, but also to keep the community out. Without access or contact, prisoners are isolated from the supports and information needed to increase their quality of life and reduce potential for conflicts to arise. Academics and students have significant access to information and resources. The Prison Letters group seeks to utilize and share these resources for those who have little or no access at all.

We hope you make use of our services. Feel free to write if you have any questions, comments, or feedback. We look forward to hearing from you!