

Project title:

**Drawing on the right side of the brain**

Main theme:

Preparing inmates for re-entry.

Project purpose and outcome (in two sentences):

In order to prepare inmates for reintegration to the society the National Crime Prevention Council of Hungary started a project to help them develop their social skills and self-confidence.

Project submitter (Member State):

Hungary

Project leader(s):

National Crime Prevention Council

Project partner(s):

Hungarian Prison Service

Project description:

The program aims not only to develop drawing skills but to deepen self-consciousness and to ensure a more realistic self-esteem. The success-experience that can be easily reached by the inmates strengthens their self-confidence and helps to dissolve their inhibitions and tensions. Working in groups subserves better social skills such as empathy, tolerance, the ability to liaise comfortably with people and to pay attention to others. Due to this activity prisoners' focus becomes more concentrated and longer while their visual perception, fantasy and aesthetic sense evolve. The Council provides courses not only directly for the inmates but for the reintegration-officers too who in our intentions will be able to organize and facilitate these courses on their own. Until now we trained more than 50 reintegration officers and reached more than a thousand inmates through the program.

Objectives of the project:

To prepare inmates for reentry by developing their self-esteem and social skills.

To teach prison officers to be able to organize and facilitate these courses on their own.

Project outcome:

Those inmates who participated in this project will learn that they are able to achieve their goals.

They will have the ability to work as a member of a team and will have a more realistic self-esteem.

Start and end project:

The project started in 2014 and the implementation is ongoing.

Funding (total budget and type of funding (e.g. ISEC, EUCPN Fund,...)):

The program is financed by the National Crime Prevention Council.

Its annual budget is 12 000 000 HUF.

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