

GLS IN PRISONS - UK & IRELAND

The Issue:

Within 77 prisons across the UK and Ireland (approx. 65,000 prisoners) it has been documented that education and family background is a key factor in offending and re-offending.

Results from the Surveying Prisoner Crime Reduction (SPCR) Longitudinal Cohort Study of Prisoners report that 59% said they had regularly played truant from school, 63% had been suspended or temporarily excluded, and 42% had been permanently excluded or expelled from school. Prisoners with these issues were more likely to be reconvicted on release than those without.

We know that everyone is different. People learn in different ways. Some people prefer to learn face-to-face, and some people like to learn in their own time.

The Plan

The GLN UKi have partnered with Wayout TV to help prisoners access training and education in their cell, in their own time. This in-cell TV IAG channel is packed with educational content, and they produce and curate the very best content to complement and extend learning, training, and employment programmes.

The platform is helping transform prisoner's lives, assisting in their rehabilitation and education to increase life chances, employability options and therefore decrease re-offending rates.

The channel also allows prison Governors and management teams to instantly communicate with their prisoners directly in their cells.

Content from the GLS is broadcast as a TED style programme called **Lead to Succeed** which is transmitted into each cell once it has been edited to include an introduction and close from UK hosts. Presently the directors film this content, and an editor formats the programme.

We believe John Maxwell was correct when he said "Leadership is influence, nothing more, nothing less". Each person has influence, especially in terms of leading oneself therefore leadership content is suitable for every individual.

To encourage interaction each prisoner is encouraged to write to the hosts using a Freepost service. Letters have been received and the popularity of the programme is increasing (approx. 60% prisoners watch "Lead to Succeed" January 2023)

"We are getting letters about Lead to Succeed and the series is extremely popular. I plan to keep running the series - it's that popular!"

Jezz Wright (CEO, Way-Out TV)

The Possibilities

In the future we hope to build relationship with chaplains in the various prisons so that

communication on faith basis maybe strengthened. We also hope to send literature and leadership content into the prisons.

Long term we plan to employ a Prison Coordinator to support the prisoner on release with housing, job access and a faith community. They would build relationships with employers who are willing to work with ex- offenders such as Iceland (supermarket chain) or Hope into Action.

We would look to measure reoffending rates, employment levels and community engagement (including family restoration).

The Need

To expand this ministry and reach more individuals and families, there is a growing need for finances.

STAFFING

Prison Ministry Coordinator	\$50,000
Administration Assistant (part-time)	\$7,000
TOTAL	\$57,000

CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

Equipment to provide quality programming <i>Green screen, Auto-prompt, Laptop</i>	\$7,500
Filming (freelance) <i>26 Sessions x 2hrs @\$42p/h</i>	\$2,200
Editing (freelance) <i>26 Programmes x 4hrs @£35p/h</i>	\$4,400
Office Rental	\$6,000
TOTAL	\$20,100