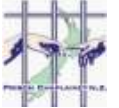




breaking down the barriers
to get prison numbers down
alternatives that work!

Conference 2010
October 7th-10th



If we carry on building more prisons, having people serve longer sentences, see more families get affected both as victims of crime and of the overall justice system, then the wellbeing of our country suffers- and we all lose out.

This is a complex area, no-one has all the answers, and we need to collaborate together to help build a justice system we can be proud of as New Zealanders.

We welcome the input of international leaders who examine and think about criminal justice in other countries, but we also welcome those of you – whoever you are- who work with people daily in various parts of New Zealand affected by crime.

Together at this conference/hui we will aspire to leave behind our prejudices and fears and korero together to find solutions to some of our intractable problems; then we will present these to our Government and continue on to see how we can change direction and together break down the barriers to getting prison numbers down.

We challenge you to come not only to listen and discuss these major issues with your colleagues but also to genuinely see if you could partner together with other agencies , academic institutions, businesses, government departments etc to make a real difference to our society in the years to come...let the barriers truly come down between us!

Prison Fellowship New Zealand along with NGOs working in the prison sector welcomes you to their 2010 Conference:

“Breaking Down the Barriers to get Prison Numbers Down - Alternatives That Work”.

“Prison does not work as a means of bringing crime down...”

Prof Andrew Coyle, Inst of Prison Studies UK (2008 Conference)

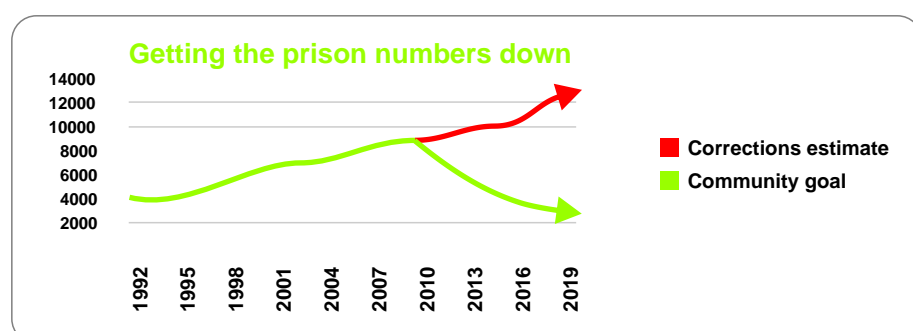
“There are only two parties that can decide to reintegrate a prisoner, the prisoners themselves...and the community that decided to support them...”

Prof Shadd Maruna, Queens University Belfast (2007 Conference)

“We've got to get more of the community into our prisons“

Baroness Vivien Stern, UK PARS (2008 Conference)

This is what we heard in 2006, 2007 and 2008 - what truths will be spoken in 2010? Join us as we engage with each other to determine the future of our criminal justice system.



Topics

- What are we really doing about victims?
- Does restorative justice work for victims and offenders alike?
- Are there alternative ways of punishing people instead of prison?
- What occurs when our prisons treat people with more dignity?
- When is the right time to intervene with our youth?
- Where is marae-based justice?
- Could NZ benefit from having open prisons?
- What role is there for halfway houses and aftercare facilities?
- Could NZ ever become a less punitive society?
- What happens the day one leaves prison?
- Plus real life stories from victims and reformed offenders

Special events

- Dinner Thursday evening with guest artistes
- Film night Friday evening
- Hoedown in The Barn Saturday evening
- Faith Based Unit open day Sunday, after lunch

Major overseas speakers

Mr Oyvind Alnes , Norway



Oyvind has worked in the Norwegian prison system for 25 years. A former governor of Balstoy open and Oslo main prisons, he is now Head of Justice for the Government of Spitsbergen. He has degrees in law, psychology and a Masters in criminology. His innovative ideas in running prisons have helped Norway to become an international leader in lowering recidivism.

Professor Alison Leibling, Cambridge University , UK.



Professor of Criminology and Criminal Justice, Director of the Prisons Research Centre.

Alison completed a book called Prisons and their Moral Performance: A Study of Values, Quality and Prison Life (Oxford: Clarendon Press), assisted by Helen Arnold, and an edited book on The Effects of Imprisonment with Shadd Maruna, in 2005. Her current research includes a detailed evaluation of the relationship

between prison quality and prison suicide, a study of prolific self-harm at Peterborough Prison, and the development of a quality of life survey for prison staff.

Mr Wendell Smith, Founding Director, The Nehemiah Project, UK and USA.



Wendell was the founder and developer in the USA of an east coast medical business, before going to the UK to start working with the homeless in London. Wendell and his wife Lois co-founded Nehemiah as a response to the complex needs of homeless and marginalised people. Wendell is responsible for Nehemiah's continued development and growth into prisons which has won awards for their excellence in addiction treatment.

Soren Johnson, Senior Vice President for Prison Fellowship International



Soren oversees PFI's work with ministry affiliates in Europe and the Caribbean. Prior to joining PFI, Soren held positions as spokesman for the Diocese of Arlington and communications officer at the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. He has interned for the Judiciary Committee of the Illinois House of Representatives, the American Enterprise Institute, and the Moscow bureau of the Chicago Tribune. Soren has studied abroad in Russia and Israel.

Who should attend?

- Policy makers
- Prison managers
- Justice agencies
- Restorative Justice practitioners
- Ex prisoners
- Chaplains
- Church and community leaders
- NGOs and community benefit organisations
- Activists
- Budding politicians
- Lawyers
- Victims of crime

Where

Silverstream Retreat
3 Reynolds Bach Drive
Lower Hutt

How do I register?

All bookings need to be made via our Website www.pfnz.org.nz under "Conferences"
Early bird registrations close on Tuesday 31st August 2010 at 5pm
Prices will also be available online.

Other opportunities at this conference / Hui

If your organization wants to have a display about your work, or include handouts in the Conference pack please contact admin@pfnz.org.nz before 1st September.

If your academic institution wishes to present poster papers for people to see your areas of justice, criminology or social research please contact director@pfnz.org.nz before 1st September.

Please feel free to forward this Conference Programme to anyone else who you think would benefit from attending.

Programme

Thursday Morning 7th October

- 0900 Opening Welcome Mr Ian Elliott, Chairman of PFNZ
Welcome to Upper Hutt Mayor Wayne Guppy, UHCC
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- 0915 How big are the barriers to reducing the prison population? - Conference sponsors
- 0930 A Victim's Story
- 0935 Prisons and their Moral Performance: Conceptualising and Measuring the Quality of Prison Life - Prof Alison Lieblich, Cambridge University UK
"Justice for Victims"- Mr Tony Paine, CEO Victim Support
- 1115 Breakout groups- changing the Justice landscape
- 1215 Report back and panel discussion

Thursday Afternoon 7th October

- 1345 Story- "What happens to women about to leave prison?"
Mrs Heather Gullery, PFNZ, Christchurch Women's Prison
- 1405 An open, human-ecological, low security prison has economical advantages. It helps reduce future crimes."
Mr Oyvind Alnes Norwegian Justice governor
- 1445 Restorative Justice in overseas prisons" –Mr Chester Borrows MP
- 1545 Breakout groups- changing inside prisons
- 1645 Report back and panel discussion

Thursday Evening 7th October

- 1800 Reception
- 1845 Dinner
Guest speakers, Mr Soren Johnson, PFI and Mr Barry Matthews, Corrections

Friday Morning 8th October

- 0845 Summary Day One, Robin Gunston, PFNZ
- 0900 A leaving prison story
- 0910 Whare Oranga Ake- Dr Pita Sharples, MP Associate Minister of Corrections
- 0945 Halfway to where? - Judge Sir David Carruthers, Chairman NZ Parole Board
- 1015 3% recidivism is achievable! –
Mr Wendell Smith- Founder The Nehemiah Project (UK/USA) - live from New York
- 1115 Breakout Groups-reducing recidivism
- 1215 Report back and discussion

Programme (continued)

Friday Afternoon 8th October

- 1345 What can we learn from Scandinavian society?"
Professor John Pratt, Victoria University (live from NYU)
- 1415 Getting local buy-in to housing ex- prisoners – Pastor Paul Edlin, Wainuiomata
- 1445 Breakout groups-Changing attitudes
- 1545 Report back and finalise declaration
- 1630 Wind up declaration - Conference sponsors
- 1700 Response - Senior Government Minister
- 1730 Closing remarks - Robin Gunston, PFNZ

Friday Evening 8th October

- 1800 Dinner
- 2000 Film and discussion, Ascot Cinema Upper Hutt

Saturday Morning 9th October

- 0830 Welcome, Conference sponsors
- 0845 Update on our challenge - Robin Gunston
- 0900 "Injustices in our criminal justice system: how NGOs' can work together to make a difference"- Hon Lianne Dalziel, M.P. Labour Justice spokesperson
- 0930 What would it take, according to the inmates, to lead a non-criminal lifestyle after serving a sentence? - Mr Oyvind Alnes, Justice Governor, Norway
- 1015 Collaborating with NGOs – Mr David Wales, Asst General Manager, Rehabilitation and Reintegration Services, Dept of Corrections
- 1115 New approaches on the world criminal justice scene
Mr Soren Johnson, Senior VP, PFI Washington USA
- 1200 What are the statistics telling us?-
Mr Alan Johnson, Salvation Army Research Unit

Saturday Afternoon 9th October

- 1300 Research areas "Improving the Quality of Prison Life "
Prof Alison Lieblich, University of Cambridge, UK
- 1345 What do we know about children of prisoners?- Dr Liz Gordon
- 1415 From Outlaw to Citizen: Transitional Experiences and Status Change
Dr Anne Opie
- 1500 Topic breakout groups, 10 topic groups you can sign up for on the day
- 1600 Free visit and rides Silverstream Railway
- 1730 Feedback from topic working groups

Saturday Evening 9th October

- 1900 BBQ & Hoedown - The Barn
(Dress: Country / Western casual)

Sunday morning 10th October

- 0900 Meeting the challenge so far - Robin Gunston,PFNZ
- 0915 Local practice 1 Prisoner employment- Carey Ewing, Pathway Trust,Christchurch
- 0935 Local practice 2 Effective Drug and Alcohol Treatment
Pastor Tony Romero, Victory Outreach, Auckland
- 1005 Local Practice 3 Caring for children's grief and suffering
Skylight Trust
- 1050 Local Practice 4 Caring for prisoners' spiritual needs – PCSANZ
- 1115 Local Practice 5 An integrated throughcare model - Patrick Lewis,PFNZ
- 1145 Summing Up Where to from here as concerned people –
Conference Sponsors declaration
- 1200 Closing of Conference
- 1230 Faith Based Unit at Rimutaka Prison* (including lunch)
- 1500 Finish

* for "Specified Visitors" or approved visitors only (limited to first 50 booked – must have current MoJ security clearance)