



**EPEA - European Prison Education Association**  
working to promote sound principles and good practice  
in Europe... and beyond



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**working to promote sound principles and good practice for prison education in Europe  
... and beyond**

The European Prison Education Association is an organisation made up of prison educators, administrators, governors, researchers and other professionals whose interests lie in promoting and developing education and related activities in prisons throughout Europe in accordance with the recommendations of the Council of Europe.

EPEA is recognised by the Council of Europe as a Non-Governmental Organisation (NGO). It is committed to working with prison administrations in Europe to further its aims, but is totally free-standing and independent.

Currently there are more than 850 EPEA members in 41 countries in Europe and elsewhere.

Apart from serving the aims of the organisation by encouraging the formation of national branches, etc. the EPEA organises a major international conference on prison education every two years.

EPEA is registered as an NGO and non profit organisation  
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# Focus on 3 Questions

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- Trends in penal policy?
- Trends in education?
- Have they merged to influence trends in prison education?

# Emerging Trends

- Limiting Access & Narrowing Provision

- Emphasis on Functional Skills/Key Competencies (value-free education)

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- Emphasis on Addressing Offending Behaviour Programmes



# Common Issues

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- ❑ **Access to Internet**
- ❑ **Teacher Training/Accreditation**
- ❑ **Recognising & Validating Formal, Informal & Non-formal Learning**
- ❑ **Inclusiveness – Ethnic, Language & Cultural Minorities**
- ❑ **Active Citizenship**
- ❑ **Violent Radicalism**



# Strategies

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- **Networking**
- **Educationally-Sound Evaluation of Provision**
- **Research**
- **Political Lobbying**
- **Policy Papers – Legislative Framework**