

**Library Services to People with Special Needs**

IFLA Working Group on Prison Libraries

Action Plan 2019 – 2023

IFLA Section on Libraries

for Persons with Special Needs (LSN)

June 2022

Major project outcomes:

- Updated IFLA Guidelines for Prison Libraries

- Preparation of the session on prison libraries at IFLA WLIC 2022 in Dublin

- Content management of the IFLA LSN [project page](https://www.ifla.org/library-service-to-people-in-prisons/) on prison libraries

- Input provided for a [UNESCO policy brief on prison libraries](https://unesdoc.unesco.org/ark:/48223/pf0000373367?posInSet=1&queryId=2100c586-86ab-4fbe-bdc4-b21116b532b5)

Current Working Group members:

Chair: Lisa Krolak, UNESCO Institute for Lifelong Learning, Hamburg, Germany

Co-Chairs: Gerhard Peschers, JVA (Prison) Münster, Germany

Samira Zahra, Goethe-Institut Bulgaria, Sofia

Additionally, about 45 members from all regions of the world.

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| What | Who | When |
| **Meeting** of Working Group | Chairs | 28 August 2019  IFLA WLIC  Athens, Greece |
| Establishing a LSN **project page** on prison libraries | Marie Eiriksson, Information Officer, LSN | October 2019 |
| Locating **members** for the Working Group | Chairs and Working Group | ongoing |
| Compilation of a **background reading list** on prison libraries for the **project page** on prison libraries | Lisa Krolak and Working Group | January – April 2020  ongoing |
| Providing input for a **UNESCO policy brief** on prison libraries | Lisa Krolak and Working Group | January/February 2020 |
| Compilation of a **list with working tools** for prison libraries for the project page on prison libraries | Lisa Krolak and Working Group | Summer 2020  ongoing |
| Establishment and maintenance of a **Listserv** for the global prison library community | Lisa Krolak | July 2020 |
| Updating the **IFLA Guidelines for Prison Libraries** (first virtual meetings in March, April and May) | Jane Garner  Guidelines Working Group | March 2021 –  Summer 2022 |
| **Meeting** of the Guidelines Working Group to present the first full draft, during the virtual IFLA WLIC 2021 in Rotterdam, Netherlands (19 – 26 August 2021) | Jane Garner  Guidelines Working Group | 23 August 2021  IFLA WLIC Rotterdam |
| **Meeting** of the Guidelines Working Group to discuss proposed changes to the first full draft | Jane Garner  Guidelines Working Group | 20 September 2021 |
| **Final draft of the Guidelines** shared with global prison library community, LSN section and via IFLA Listserv and IFLA newsletter for comments | Jane Garner | 15 February 2022 |
| **Guidelines** shared with **IFLA** for comments | Jane Garner  Lisa Krolak | May – June 2022 |
| **Session on prison libraries** during IFLA 2022 in Dublin, Ireland: - Presenting the new **IFLA Guidelines for Prison Libraries**  - Presentation of **best practice examples** | Working Group  Guidelines Working Group  LSN Section | 27 July 2022  IFLA WLIC  Dublin  26 – 29 July 2022 |
| **Meeting** of the Working Group | Working Group | IFLA WLIC 2022 |
| **Translation** of the updated Guidelines into other languages | Working Group | ongoing |
| **Meeting** of the Working Group to assess impact | Working Group | IFLA WLIC 2023  Rotterdam |