



Campaigns report 2008-9.

Our leading campaigns are around **privatisation, communication rights** for prisoners with the newspaper JUST US and the **return of all day visits** for the mothers at Emu Plains prison. Additionally we are working on the issues below.

Mental health - the win forcing the transfer of forensic patients from prison to hospital conditions isn't yet complete. All mental health inpatients' right to choose to smoke is under attack. We are negotiating to create a stable structure for consumer advocacy when confronting government, supported by funded organisations.

Health - working nationally with governments coordinated by the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners for national Prisoner Health Care Standards following the RACGP work for immigration detention centres.

National prisoner health - Public Health Association of Australia conference - part of the keynote debate, presented the right to choose/smoking paper as a paradigm for prisoner involvement in treatment, impacting on recidivism. Consulted on the final report.

ACT new Alexander Maconchie Centre prison - JA inspected and reported, negotiating with government on the findings.

Education in prisons - consulted with the UN Special Rapporteur for Education for eliciting responses before his report this year, focussing on people in detention. Edited and designed the brochure and its translations. Assisted distribution.

International Conference on Penal Abolition, ICOPA X11 - coordinated report and doco of London conference, preparing for Belfast in June 2010.

Community Justice Coalition – involved in its formation, linking with some of Australia's most respected people and significant organisations around key issues. Resourcing it through our social enterprise Breakout DesignPrintWeb.

Mentoring cases – many long-term released prisoners are arriving at JA. Two served 20 and 16 years and got out with no extra skills. One was unable to get any support except from an exprisoner in a wheelchair who put him up on his lounge. We supplied a computer, training and continuing support.

Dennis Ferguson – probably Australia's most notorious person convicted of child sex crimes in 1978, hounded in Queensland from town to town with scores burning effigies outside the farm where he was staying. JA intervened, offered him refuge, got international support for him, defended him from attack, now mentoring him with police support, and giving computer training in safe accommodation which we manage working with major community organisations.

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Youth – negotiating with the Department of Juvenile Justice for a new way rather than failed exclusion. Arranged an inspection of facilities with the Director General. Case study of Aboriginal 18 year old John Harris, the son of one of our caseworkers, who was locked in prison, held without preparation and reoffended the next day after release.

Legal aid - the NSW Legal Assistance Forum focused on the expansion of legal services to prisoners. JA wants prisoners to be aware of the changes and express their needs through their elected committees. Corrective Services is trying to block our involvement.

Human Rights for prisoners - ensured that prisoners were included in the Human Rights Commission fact sheets, consulted on its form, assisted in distribution.

Funding - Breakout DesignPrintWeb is getting additional clients from the health, union and legal profession areas appreciating the JA work. Sydney Mayor Clover Moore allocated \$30,000 from her Lady Mayoral Allowance Trust for JA mentoring.

Internships - Tranby Aboriginal College and Macquarie University have entered into partnerships with us. University of NSW, University of Western Sydney and the University of Ottawa have internship programs with JA.