

Only 1 in 4 prisoners get a job after being released



4,000 prisoners in Wandsworth Prison every year. Staff are stretched making reintegration support challenging.

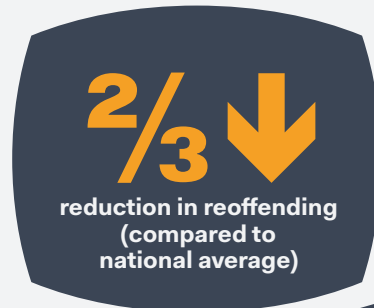
The Radio Wannu **Prison Radio Project** in Wandsworth Prison was launched in January 2004 by Cherie Booth with the goal of **giving prison inmates education, training and routes into employment.**

Students studied the BTEC National Award in Radio through London Metropolitan University, supporting them with routes into employment and resettlement.

A modular course extended educational choices to students, granting them power in the prison setting, where options are typically scarce.

Much like any workplace, students applied for job roles in the course.

The Prison Radio Outreach Project collaborated with students to unravel their vocational aspirations, addressing both substance abuse and housing concerns. A partnership with Open Book at UoL Goldsmiths College supported ex-offenders into degree programmes.



“*I found one of the prisoners quietly in tears after getting a distinction for an assignment.*

When I asked why he was crying, he replied:

“I didn't think anybody would ever think I was any good at anything.”

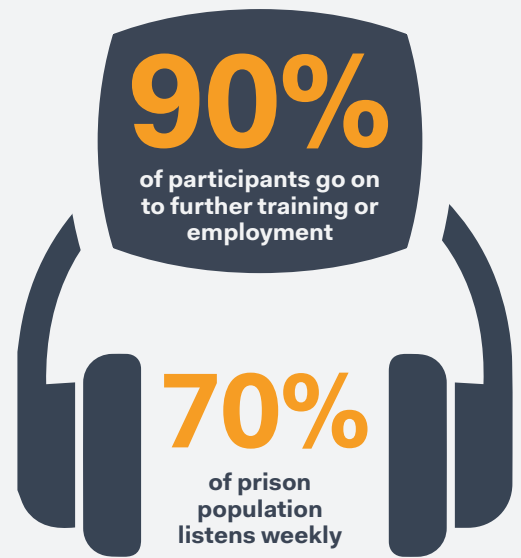
- Sheila Smith, Coordinator

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“*Behind these walls, we find not just incarceration, but the resilience of the human spirit, the power of redemption, and the hope for a brighter tomorrow.*

- Radio Wannu, Wandsworth Prison



24/7 Radio Broadcast

Learning and skills development improves resettlement
Offers in-work training and education within the prison