



IFLA Working Group on Prison Libraries

Action Plan 2019 – 2023

IFLA Section on Libraries
for Persons with Special Needs (LSN)
March 2023

Major project outcomes:

- Updated **IFLA Guidelines** for library services to prisoners
- Preparation of the **session** on prison libraries at IFLA WLIC 2022 in Dublin
- Content management of the IFLA LSN **project page** on prison libraries
- Input provided for a UNESCO policy brief on prison libraries

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.

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 draft IFLA Guidelines for Prison Libraries - Presentation of best practice examples - Visit of a prison library in Dublin	Working Group Guidelines Working Group LSN Section	27 July 2022 IFLA WLIC Dublin 26 – 29 July 2022
Guidelines published and widely shared	IFLA	February 2023
Translation of the updated Guidelines into other languages	Working Group	ongoing
Presentation of the new Guidelines via a poster session	Jane Garner Lisa Krolak Gerd Peschers	IFLA WLIC 2023 Rotterdam 20 – 25 August
Meeting of the Working Group to assess impact	Working Group	IFLA WLIC 2023 Rotterdam