

Prison abolition in the UK

23 and 24 May, 2019

The Open University, Milton Keynes

A major two day conference discussing the past, present and future of prison abolition across England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

The conference is being hosted by the Harm & Evidence Research Collaborative at The Open University and the Centre for Crime and Justice Studies.

Over two days, researchers, practitioners and activists will come together to discuss the development of abolitionism across the UK over the past half century, debate current approaches and map out future possibilities for abolitionist research and practice in the UK.

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Day one: Thursday, 23 May 2019

Professor Joe Sim of Liverpool John Moores University will be our keynote speaker on day one.

The aim of day one is to draw out the contributions of and tensions within abolitionist arguments as they have historically evolved within the UK.

Other speakers on day one include:

- Deborah Drake, The Open University
- David Scott, The Open University
- Alana Barton, Edge Hill University
- Vickie Cooper, The Open University
- Emily Luise Hart, University of Liverpool
- Paddy Hillyard, Queens University Belfast
- Steve Tombs, The Open University
- David Whyte, University of Liverpool
- Kym Atkinson, Liverpool John Moores University
- Helen Monk, Liverpool John Moores University

Day two: Friday, 24 May 2019

Professor Paul Gilroy of King's College London will be our keynote speaker on day two.

The aim of day two is to consider where we go from here, exploring the trajectories, steps forward and steps back from, prison abolition in the UK at the current political and social conjuncture.

Other speakers on day two include:

- Eric Allison, *The Guardian*
- Jamie Bennett, Governor, HMP Long Lartin
- Deborah Coles, Inquest
- Mary Corcoran, Keele University
- Rob Jones, University of South Wales
- Rachel Seoighe, University of Kent
- Margaret Malloch, University of Stirling
- Rebecca Roberts, Inquest
- Stephen Akpabio-Klementowski, The Open University
- Richard Garside, Centre for Crime and Justice Studies



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