

Women in Prison - facts & figures

- On 10 May 2013 there were 3,893 women in prison out of a total prison population of 83,973.
- 81% of women entering prison have committed a non-violent offence.
- 49% of imprisoned women experience anxiety or depression: this compares with 19% of women in the UK population.
- 53% of women in prison reported having experienced emotional, physical or sexual abuse as a child, compared to 27% of men.
- In 2009 more than double the number of children were affected by the imprisonment of a parent than by divorce in the family.
- It is estimated that more than 17,240 children were separated from their mother in 2010 by imprisonment.
- Only half of the women who had lived, or were in contact with, their children prior to imprisonment had received a visit since going to prison.
- Maintaining contact with children is made more difficult by the distance that many prisoners are held from their home area; the average distance adult women in prison are held from their home or committal court address is 60 miles.

These facts and figures come from The Bromley Briefings for Summer and Autumn 2013 published by the Prison Reform Trust

'Education in prison gave me a second chance and now I am a changed woman'

Against the odds many people, like Kirsten, do turn their lives around often with the help of Prisoners Education Trust's educational grants programme.

Kirsten says *"I had no self-esteem and had completely lost my sense of self-worth. In addition, we were in our cell for so many hours a day that I felt like I needed something to occupy my time so I applied for a grant from the Prisoners Education Trust to take a Substance Misuse Counselling Course and received it. The course was a life changing event for me. It gave me a goal and a focus. It helped me to build my confidence back up again. It helped me to distance myself from the past and look forward with a positive outlook."*

Since Kirsten was released from prison she has continued with her education and now plans to dedicate her life to making sure that others do not go down the same path that she has. Her ambition is to become a drugs key worker and she is studying a Health and Social Care NVQ as well as gaining work experience to help her achieve this aim.

Most important though, Kirsten and her children are reunited and living together as a family. Proceeds from this event will help the Trust to support more women like Kirsten



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Women in Prison -The human cost

Vicky Pryce



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Friday 12 September 2014
at 7.15pm for 7.30pm

The Garden Hall
St. Mary's Church, St Mary's Road
Wimbledon SW19 7BP

Tickets £25
Students £7.50
To include a glass of wine



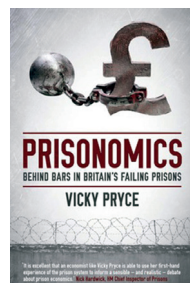
Vicky Pryce has had a long and varied career as an economist and commentator. She is currently Chief Economic Adviser at the consulting firm CEBR. Her previous posts have included: Partner & Chief Economist at KPMG; Director General for Economics at the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills (BIS) and Joint Head of the UK Government Economics Service. Vicky co-founded GoodCorporation, a company set up to promote corporate social responsibility.

Vicky has served on various public bodies and been Master one of the City's Livery Companies. She also holds a number of visiting professorships at UK universities and is a patron of 'Pro Bono Economics'.

Holly: "This course has really given me the motivation and hope for the future. I'm really happy with the course, and plan to continue learning whilst in prison to better my career and my life after prison."

Funded to do a Beauty Therapy course.

Prisonomics



An author of numerous publications such as 'Greeconomics', Vicky Pryce's latest book, 'Prisonomics', is based on her own experience of Holloway and the Kent open prison, East Sutton Park. Vicky believes that better outcomes could be achieved

at less cost *"through different sentencing guidelines, more community service, more mental health and other support, by keeping families together or at least in touch and, crucially for the economy as a whole, by providing more and better education in and out of prison to improve chances of employment"*.

Controversially, Vicky Pryce concludes that she cannot but agree with those who argue that *"Britain is poorly served by an anachronistic, archaic system of male judges who send far too many women to prison. Prison is the wrong sentence for a large number of offences. The special needs of women are neglected and the economic cost of keeping women (and a good percentage of men) in prison is immense"*.

Royalties from 'Prisonomics' go to the charity Working Chance which finds quality jobs for women ex-offenders.

The South London Supporters' Group helps Prisoners Education Trust by holding fundraising events to support its Access to Learning programme for prisoners across England and Wales.

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and student ticket(s) at £7.50

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