

'Philosophy in Prison' research project: Call for Participants

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Have you studied philosophy whilst in prison? This may have been as a formal programme such as a degree or diploma, or as part of a more informal, conversational group. If so, we would love to hear about your experiences, opinions, and any impact practicing philosophy whilst in prison may have had on you.

Did you notice any changes in the way you saw yourself? Did you change your mind about important issues in your life? Did you keep the same opinions you held before, but thought about them in a new light? Perhaps you noticed a difference in the way you communicated with those around you. Alternatively, philosophy may have frustrated you in its abstract nature or apparent disconnect from real life. Regardless of how you felt, your contributions are welcome.

If you would like to volunteer, there are multiple ways in which you can be involved. Interviews are being conducted via video conference (i.e. Zoom, Microsoft Teams, Skype) or phone call, and would be audio recorded. Alternatively, if you would rather written communication, postal or email correspondence is also available.

For more information, you can contact the researcher at malcolm.macqueen@warwick.ac.uk

No recording of your opinions will be started until you have had a chance to read over an information sheet and ask questions, and before a consent form has been signed. You would remain anonymous throughout the project; you will be given a pseudonym and only the researcher will know your real name and any personal details you wish to share.

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