Education...
a rendez-vous with freedom
Creation of a UNESCO Chair in Applied Research for Education in Prisons

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Outline

- Presentation of Cégep Marie-Victorin
- Department of Continuing Education
- Programs in prison
- Creation of a UNESCO Chair in Applied Research for Education in Prisons
Cégep Marie-Victorin

- Post-secondary education institution in Québec, Canada
- Bilingual college
- Tradition of openness to the world
- Innovative programs
- 4,700 students in its regular and continuing education programs
Department of Continuing Education

- Develop their professional qualifications for adults
- Prior Learning Assessment & Recognition
- Multicultural Education Center
- Program for young Nunavik Inuit
- Tailor-made upgrading activities for businesses
Department of Continuing Education

- College study programs in the prison environment since 1973
- Proposed a UNESCO applied research chair for education in prisons
Programs in the prison

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Programs in the prison

- Credited College Training
- Non-Credited Training
- Coaching & Support
Credited College Training

- 5,000 Students, 300 Graduates
- Focused on Job Integration
- Programs Tailored to the Job Market
Credited College Training

Winning Conditions:

- The quality of our human resources
- Good relationships between the different caregivers in the field
- Institutional Policies & Instructions
- Continuity of Interventions
Non-Credited Training

- Structured Programs that focus on the development of psycho-social skills
  - Action Start
  - Living in Manhood
  - Communication
  - Etc
Coaching & Support

- PRET 2000 program

College Study Assistance Program for Detainees in Transition
- 250 students
- 31 graduates
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- Intensify the study and action within prison education
- Tool in designing easier exchanges on all continents
  - Prison environment
  - Academic world
  - Community workers
  - Researchers
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CMV INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Mobility for students
- Welcoming of foreign students
- International cooperation
- Partnerships
- Collaboration activities
Areas of intervention

- Basic Research
- Strategic Monitoring and Dissemination
- Training and Action Oriented Research
Goals

- Identify the political and institutional issues
- Create an exchange network
- Contribute to the political debate and the decision-making agenda
Goals

- Create a forum for exchange
- Promote new fields of research
- Organize training and professional development
Operational goals

- **Identify the political and institutional issues of prison education**
  - Analyze the motivations for the implementation of educational programs
  - Analyze the role of education within the judicial system
  - Create working groups on the basic aspects of prison education
Operational goals

- Create an exchange network between researchers for their research and the dissemination of their findings
  - Promote exchanges between researchers
  - Advocate a structured approach to higher education institutions
  - Set up an international academic working group in the field
Operational goals

- **Share research results with decision-makers**
  - Publicize both national and international expertise in the sector of education in prison
  - Analyze the discussions, the joint research, and the actions between decision-makers, teachers, practitioners, civil society, NGOs, detainees and their families
  - Inform UN agencies and UNESCO national commissions
Operational goals

- Create a forum for exchange between researchers and higher education institutions in both the Northern and Southern hemispheres
  - Facilitate the creation and consolidation of interdisciplinary research networks
  - Conduct studies with institutions and NGOs with a view towards regional projects
  - Create a strategic monitoring center for reference and dissemination of educational practices in prison
Operational goals

- **Promote new fields of research**
  - Develop studies with criminology centers
  - Support action-based research initiatives between instructors, professional workers and researchers
  - Ensure the updating of quantitative and qualitative data concerning education in prison
Operational goals

- **Organize the training and professional development of prison instructors and officials**
  
  - Compare the training curriculum of instructors
  
  - Create short training and retraining curriculums for instructors and prison officials who work in prisons
  
  - Develop training tools for people dealing with education in prison
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The future ....