

Invitation For people inside and outside of prison to contribute to the death penalty reading book

What is it about? My name is Ines Aubert, I live in Switzerland and I have been active in the anti-death penalty movement for 17 years.

I'm in the process of putting together a reading book. The book will talk about pen pal-ships with inmates on death row and inmates with long sentences, the writer's motivation and experience, but also about life in prison, the threat of execution, the impact on family members of the offender and the victim and much more.

My invitation to you: I would welcome you to contribute to the death penalty reading book with a text or a drawing. Your contribution of about one to two typed pages should refer to and illustrate life in prison, talk about being a pen pal of a prisoner or about one of the other topics on the list on page 2.

How to proceed: To give you an idea what you could write about, I have set up a list of topics which you will see on page 2. If you want to contribute, you can send a text or a drawing to either a friend in the free world to forward it to me or send it directly to my home address. I will confirm all incoming contributions, but probably will not decide right away which to use in the reading book. I might also use paragraphs only, or scan and use some sentences in their original handwriting.

Below your contribution will be your name (first name or both names), age, years in prison and state, resp. country you live in. Please send this information to me, also.

Giving permission to use your contribution: Please note that by sending your contribution to me for the reading book, you give me permission to use it.

Staying in contact with you: If you send me a contribution for the reading book, you will, besides receiving confirmation, receive at least one update about the outcome. Please note that the work on the death penalty reading book will take at least several more months.

Use of this information sheet: This sheet can also be given to cell neighbors and other inmates or to other free pen pals.

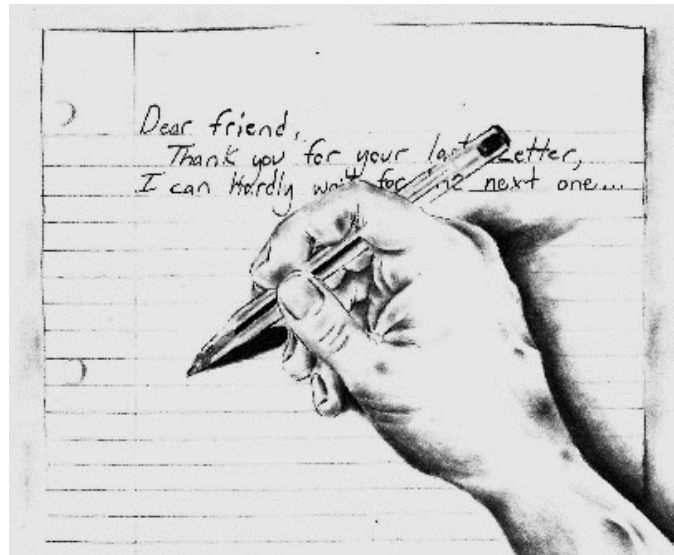
I look forward to receiving your contributions!

Take care

Ines

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List of topics you can write about:

<p>How it all began Motivation How did I learn about becoming a pen pal? Waiting for/receiving the first letter</p>	<p>Guilt Talking about the case Getting support Different crimes Being innocent on death row</p>
<p>Getting to know my pen friend Different forms of friendship How often do I write? How do we write – by hand, type writer, e-mail, jmail... Illiterate inmates or inmates who can't write well Romance Mentally ill pen friends</p>	<p>Visits Experiences How to set one up The first visit</p>
<p>Gangs Different gangs Impact on the pen pal-ship Impact on prison life</p>	<p>Execution Learning about the execution date How to support an inmate with an execution date The execution is drawing closer Last visits Being a witness of the execution Last words Last meal</p>
<p>Life in prison Everyday life Receiving mail Writing letters Lockdown Being sick in prison What does it mean to create art in prison/receive art from an inmate What rules bother me most Dreams and hopes</p>	<p>Victims and forgiveness Remorse Contact to the victims What do the victims want? Victims' organizations Restorative Justice Experiences</p>
<p>Death row prisoners and their friends and family Young/old pen pals Being a friend to a prisoner/having a friend on the outside Impact on my everyday life Getting to know my pen friend's family/other friends</p>	<p>Life after death row Sentence overturned Released as an innocent person</p> <p>Thinking about people who commit crimes and about the death penalty Arguments against the death penalty Language: Murderer – committed a murder We are more than our worst action</p>

