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Luís Gagliardini Graça

President of Confiar

Degree in Business Management from the University of Évora, Post graduate in Marketing from IPAM, Advanced training in Organizational Ethics from the Catholic University of Lisbon Senior Partner at Finitotal, SGPS.

He served 9 years at CP - Comboios de Portugal, in the Marketing and Image Department.

He was Professor os Social and Professional Ethics at Escola Profissional Val do Rio, as well as Coordinator of Communication Office.

Trainer of Ethics and Personal Development in prison since 2013.















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Rachel Brett

President Children of Prisoners Europe

Rachel Brett, an international human rights lawyer (Essex, UK, LLM), worked on human rights and refugee issues at the Quaker United Nations Offices (QUNO) in Geneva and New York for over 20 years participating in many standard-setting, advocacy and other activities. She is the author of many books, chapters, articles and other publications on a broad range of substantive and procedural issues, including women prisoners, children of incarcerated parents, child soldiers and conscientious objection to military service.













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Maria Lúcia Amaral

Portuguese Ombudsman

Jurist, Portuguese professor and magistrate, former Vice-President of the Constitutional Court, Full Professor at the Faculty of Law of Universidade Nova de Lisboa.

State Councilor since 2018, by nature.













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Luísa Verdasca Sobral

Deputy Attorney General Lisbon Court of Appeal (2021) and Coordination Magistrate of the Lisbomn West District (2017)

Head of Division of the legal and Litigation Office and responsible for the Portuguese Central Authority in matters of promotion and protection and civil aspects of international child abduction.













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Pat Dawson

Prison Support and Development, Cork and Midlands Prisons, Chair of EuroPris Children of Prisoners expert group

Pat Dawson is a prison Governor attached to the Corporate Services Directorate of the Irish Prison Service. He has responsibility for Prison Support and Development and in particular Governance, Strategic Alignment and Operational Performance. He is also focused on People and Organisational design along with Stakeholder management and Engagement.

Pat has 28 years of experience working for the Irish Prison Service. He has worked as a Governing Governor since 2013 in three different prisons and has worked in eight of the state's 14 prisons. Pat is the Chair of an Irish Prison Service working group tasked with implementing the Families and Imprisonment Group Report. He is a strong advocate for changing the nature of prison visits from a security based function to an intervention based event. A particular focus on the children of prisoners and the impact of the prison experience on them is a key driver for change. Understanding the important role of family support in the journey to desistance is also critical. He has been in this role since 2013 and readily acknowledges the constant tensions between security and normalisation. He takes every opportunity to promote the agenda of families and the impact of imprisonment on children. His most recent work with EuroPris has seen him Chair the Expert Group on Children of Prisoners which published guidance on the implementation of the Recommendation CM/Rec(2018)5 of the Committee of Ministers to member States concerning children with imprisoned parents.











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Paulo Guerra

Judge, Court of Appeal of Coimbra

Degree in Law at the Faculty of Law of Coimbra University.

Attendance of the Master's Degree in Criminal Law, Faculty of Law, University of Coimbra.

As a career judge he had several placements. He was a professor and author of various articles and legal works in the field of Family and Children's Law.

He is the current Executive Director of the CEJ Magazine.

He is an Associate of the Family Law Centre (Coimbra University Faculty of Law) and a member of the Permanent Adoption Observatory (of the CDF - Coimbra).













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Dália Costa

PhD in Family Sociology, a Master's degree in Sociology, a post-graduate degree in Criminal Sciences and a degree in Social Policy.

Assistant Professor at School of Social and Political Sciences of Lisbon University, she coordinates the Post-Graduation in Criminology and Social Reintegration and the Violence Observatory of Amadora.

She is co-founder and coordinator of CIEG (Interdisciplinary Centre of Gender Studies) and researcher at CAPP (Centre of Administration and Public Policies) - both Research Centres of the Instituto Superior de Ciências Sociais e Políticas (ISCSP-ULisboa) in which she has coordinated and developed several research projects.













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Russ Massie

Lead for Child Centred Policing Thames Valley Violence Reduction Unit Associate Member - SAME

Russ is a serving police officer and the Thames Valley Police (TVP) and Thames Valley Violence Reduction Unit (TVVRU) Tactical Lead for Child Centred Policing.

Russ believes that children should be supported to succeed on their own merits and not held back by their circumstances or the actions of the adults in their lives, and has developed Operation Paramount to identify and support children affected by parental imprisonment through innovative use of statutory data.

In 2018 Russ obtained his Master's Degree from the University of Portsmouth, graduating with an MSc in Policing, Policy and Leadership and he is a guest lecturer at the University of Sheffield.

A keen advocate of using social media to engage young people and communities, Russ regularly produces digital content with Thames Valley Police, and is passionate about humanising British policing via twitter @russmassie



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Fausto Amaro

Institute of Social and Political Sciences of Lisbon University Retired Full Professor

Fausto Amaro holds a PhD in Sociology from the University of Lisbon.

He is President of ESSATLA – "Escola Superior de Saúde Atlântica", member of the Board of the SocieTY OF Geography of Lisbon, Director of the Society of Geografy of Lisbon Museum, Member of the Advisory Board of Atlântica, Researcher at CAPP - Centre Administration and Public Policy (Lisbon University / ISCSP) and President of the Portuguese Society of Suicidology.













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Rafaela Granja

Assistant Researcher at the Communication Society Research Centre of University of Minho

Holder of a PhD in Sociology from the Institute of Social Sciences at the University of Minho, she is an assistant researcher at the Communication and Society Research Centre (CECS) at the same university.

Her research explores the technological surveillance of criminalised populations, the relationships between family, genetics and crime and the reconfigurations of family relationships inside and outside prison.

She is currently developing the project "Between control and care: The reconfiguration of genetic surveillance through DNA technologies".

Her most recent publications include the books Genetic Surveillance and Crime Control (Routledge, 2021), Modes of Bio-Bordering: The Hidden (Dis)Integration of Europe (Palgrave, 2020), Forensic Genetics in the Governance of Crime (Palgrave, 2020) and Para Cá e Para Lá dos Muros. Negociar relações familiares durante a reclusão - Here and Beyond the Walls. Negotiating Family Relationships during Reclusion (Afrontamento, 2017).















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Marina PimentelJournalist at radio Renascença

Editor and host of the weekly program "In the Name Of The Law" on radio Renascença.













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Carolina Viana

Executive Manager of Confiar

Graduated in Law from the Faculty of Law of the University of Porto, Postgraduate in Judicial Law from the University of Minho and in Criminology from the School of Criminology of the Faculty of Law of the University of Porto.

Conflict Mediator with specialization in Family Mediation by the Portuguese Institute of Family Mediation.

Specializes in Child Protection, Restorative Justice, Crime and Delinguency Prevention and Social Reintegration and Prison Services.













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Sylvia Vogt

Head of Offenders Support Department, Treffpunkt e.V. Nuremberg "Netzwerk Kinder von Inhaftierten Deutschland"

Sylvia began her career in 2008 as a social worker dedicated to working with offenders and their families and now is the Head of Offenders Support Department at Treffpunkt e.V. Nuremberg. She participated in conducting the COPING study in Germany and since then she has been working intensively to improve the situation of children with imprisoned parents on a structural and practical level.

As project manager at Treffpunkt e.V., Sylvia led an awareness-raising project and the creation of the children's book "Wie Schokopudding und Spaghetti" to lasting success. She created a website specifically for children of prisoners (www.juki-online.de) and maintains it to this day. Sylvia is currently involved in a structural development project in Germany, in which the judiciary and youth welfare systems work together on an interdisciplinary basis with the aim of creating sustainable and high-quality care for the children of prisoners. (www.netzwerk-kvi.de)













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Helena Roseta

Coordinator of "Bairros Saudáveis" Programme by Presidency of the Council of Ministers.

Degree in Architecture - former School of Fine Arts of Lisbon.

She was elected several times as a member of parliament, was a councillor in the Lisbon City Council and Mayor of Cascais.

She was Vice-President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe and President of the Order of Architects.

she has taught Urbanism and Citizenship at the Lusófona University, Lisbon.

She regularly participates in the media with articles and television commentaries on issues involving political participation, urban issues and citizenship rights.













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Liz Ayre PhD Executive Director Children of Prisoners Europe

Dr Liz Ayre, Executive Director of Children of Prisoners Europe (COPE), has been working on behalf of children impacted by parental incarceration for the past two decades. She recently completed research at Maastricht University on the role of frame-reflective advocacy and language in protecting their rights and wellbeing. She has participated in the drafting of the 2018 Council of Europe Recommendation CM/Rec(2018)5 concerning children with imprisoned parents and the UN Global Study on Children Deprived of Liberty and was a principal researcher for the transnational EU-funded FP7 Framework study Children of Prisoners: Interventions and Mitigations to Strengthen Mental Health (Coping Project, 2010-2013).













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Carla Semedo

Councilor of the Municipality of Cascais

Psychopedagogue, she graduated in Curative Psychopedagogy at Universidade Moderna de Lisboa.

For more than 20 years she has collaborated with various associations and civic and social sector institutions as a manager, leader or simply as a volunteer.

She has held positions in the management of private and social solidarity institutions, focusing her work in the areas of health and social solidarity.





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Post-Graduation in Administrative Litigation, Institute of Legal and Political Sciences, Faculty of Law, University of Lisbon.

Legal Auditor at the Ministry of Environment, Territorial Organisation and Energy.

Senior Advisor to the Timor-Leste Anti-Corruption Commission.





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