

European Justice Education & Leadership Summit

Programme Day 1 - 17th September 2026 - *From Vision to Proximity* | VHS Vienna

08:15 - 09:00	Registration	13:00 - 14:00	Lunch Break
09:00 - 09:45	Welcome & Opening Speeches <i>Speakers:</i> - Jennifer Davies - VHS Simmering - Dr. Sarah Lewis, Steven van de Steene, and Tamara Höfer - Champions Community	14:00 - 15:00	Panel: Leadership on the Senior Level <i>A cross-sector dialogue mapping the future of correctional leadership.</i> Institutional & Ministry Speakers: - Torben Adams - Head of Division, Ministry of Justice & Constitutional Affairs Bremen - Beverley Wall - Director General, Northern Ireland Prison Service Innovation & Advisory Speakers: - Bella Atkinson - Associate Director, ChangeMakers at Unlocked Graduates
09:45 - 10:25	Keynote: What difficult experiences can teach us that success never will <i>Speaker: Gustav Tallving - Executive Director, EuroPris</i>	15:00 - 15:45	Coffee and Connection Break
10:25 - 11:00	Coffee and Connection Break		
11:00 - 11:30	Keynote: The Human Rights Imperative <i>Speaker: Olivia Rope - Executive Director, Penal Reform International</i>		
11:30 - 12:10	The Champions of Change - Featuring a short video premiere <i>Speaker: Petra Scicluna - Forensic Psychologist, Correctional Services Agency Malta & Malta Champion</i>	15:45 - 16:45	Panel: The Training of Leadership <i>Examining educational frameworks & developing resilient correctional leaders.</i> <i>Speakers:</i> - Michal Sopinski - Rector Commandant, University of Justice in Poland - Kim Ekhaugen - Director of International Cooperation, Norwegian Correctional Service & Vice President, ICPA - Nim Gill - Assessor and Trainer, Unlocked Graduates
12:10 - 13:00	Panel: The Journey of Change <i>A dynamic discussion featuring the vital perspectives of frontline correctional staff and operational leaders.</i> - Charlie Abbott - Head of Performance & Assurance, HMP Isis, HMPPS & UK Champion - Kat Gartland - Ambassador Network Manager, Unlocked Graduates - Lukáš Strnad - Deputy Head of the Penitentiary Department, The Czech Prison Service, Pardubice Prison & Czech Champion	16:45 - 17:15	Closing: Reflections and Outlook <i>Speakers: Dr. Sarah Lewis & Steven van de Steene - Champions Community</i>
		17:15 - End of Day	



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Programme Day 2 - 18th September 2026 - *Deconstructing & Sustaining Leadership* | VHS Vienna

From 08:15	Registration	12:20 - 13:20	Lunch Break
09:00 - 10:00	Dialogue Islands: A Tour of European Justice Projects <i>Including:</i> - Innovative Austrian Justice-Education Projects by the VHS Vienna - AusbildungsFit BOK - Education Fit - BOA - Education, Orientation, Employment - Jugendcoaching - Youth Coaching - ENABLE (HMPPS - UK) - PROMOTE (Interchange - DE, Timisoara Prison - RO) - Liberates Skills (CPIP - RO, Gherla Prison - RO, Timisoara Prison - RO) - RESIZE (CPIP - RO, Gherla Prison - RO, Timisoara Prison - RO, RESCALED - BE)	13:20 - 14:10	Panel: Deconstructing Leadership Pedagogy <i>A cross-sector examination of teaching, developing, and implementing leadership competencies.</i> <i>Speakers:</i> - Martina Schneider, Project Lead "Jugendcoaching", VHS Vienna - Pascale Pug - Training Officer, École Nationale d'Administration Pénitentiaire (ENAP) - Khalil Chait - Founder of Sileo and Programme Manager at Humanitas
10:00 - 10:30	Coffee and Connection Break I	14:10 - 14:45	Launch: Champions Community <i>Vision, Growth & Community-Building</i>
10:30 - 11:00	Presentation: Introduction to the Council of Europe's Role in the Correctional Leadership Landscape <i>Speaker: Donche Boshkovski - Head of Unit, Co-operation in Police and Deprivation of Liberty Division (CPDL), Council of Europe (TBC)</i>	14:45 - 15:45	Panel: Leadership Voices - Shaping the Culture of Justice <i>A closing dialogue bringing together top executive, ministry, and academic leaders.</i> <i>Speakers:</i> - Prof. Alison Liebling - Cambridge Institute of Criminology - Gustav Tallving - Executive Director, EuroPris - Olivia Rope - Executive Director, Penal Reform International - Torben Adams - Head of Division at the Ministry of Justice and Constitutional Affairs Bremen
11:00 - 11:20	Flash Talk: Leadership in (small-scale) detention - It's all about culture. <i>Speaker: Leen Muylkens - Founder of De Kansenfabriek Foundation and Director of Transitiehuis Leuven & Hamme, Belgium</i>	15:45 - 16:00	Closing: Remarks & Acknowledgements <i>Official closing remarks and expressions of gratitude.</i>
11:20 - 11:50	Coffee and Connection Break II	16:00 - End of Day	
11:50 - 12:20	Keynote: Cultivating a Growth Culture - Insights from a Governor's Office <i>Speaker: Hofrätin Mag^a Seada Killinger - Juvenile Justice Facility Vienna - Münnichplatz, Austrian Prison Service</i>		

