The Virtual Campus

Using the Virtual Campus for ESOL in prison

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The Virtual Campus is in 105 prisons in England and Wales. Across all the Virtual Campus sites (online and offline) there are over 30,000 learners using the system and over 600 advisors supporting these offenders.
The VC: Steps To Resettlement

In Prison

- Learner Assessment
- Building a CV

Through The Gate

- Referral To Probation

Resources

- Accreditation

Courses

- Job Application

Referral To Community

Gaining Employment
Offender & Staff Benefits

1. Easy to navigate straight from the learner home page
2. Can create a CV regardless of literacy level, empowering offenders to search for opportunities themselves
3. Ability to apply for training courses, workshops and jobs
4. View resources to support education, training and resettlement
5. Enables offenders to securely communicate with tutors
6. ePortfolio documents follow offenders through the prison system into the community
7. Learners can perform comprehensive job searches based on job type, region and industry
8. Detailed Management Information allows staff to track and report on VC activities
Welcome back

Virtual Campus can help you find jobs, apply for courses, create a CV and much more.

Create a CV

Find a course

Find a job

Message your advisor

Try an Enterprise Course

Advice for your resettlement?
Summary

Section
1. Personal Details
COMPLETE

2. Personal Profile
COMPLETE

3. Education
COMPLETE

4. Training
INCOMPLETE

5. Employment & Work Experience
INCOMPLETE

6. Hobbies & Interests
INCOMPLETE

7. Languages
INCOMPLETE

8. Computer Skills
INCOMPLETE

9. Driving Licence
INCOMPLETE

Templates
Click on a template below to download your CV.
Resources

Whatever you need info on, whether it’s help with getting a job or help with quitting smoking you will find it here. Type in a keyword relating to what you would like and the info we have will be listed below.

Filter Keywords: [ ] Order By: Any [ ] Apply Filter

- Behaviour
  - Click here to find out about behaviour

- Drugs and Alcohol
  - Click here to find information and support about drugs and alcohol

- Family and Relationships
  - Click here to find resources on family and relationships

- Health
  - Click here to find resources and support about health issues

- Housing
  - Click here to find resources and support about housing issues

- Money
  - Click here to find resources and support about money issues

- Road to Resettlement

- Skills and Work

- Browse
- Behaviour
- Drugs and Alcohol
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- Health
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- Money
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- Skills and Work
Training Courses

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Online Courses

- Display your work
  Personal Development

- Lab Reports
  Personal Development

- Page Layout
  Personal Development

- Writing Essays
  Personal Development

- Organising Yourself
  Personal Development

- Plagiarism
  Personal Development
**Secure Relay Messaging**

**The Virtual Campus**

**Messaging**

*Inbox*  *New Message*  *Sent Items*

**hello**

**Demo Advisor**

**TO:**

Charlie Brown

**SENT:**

Monday, 14 February 2011 13:16 PM

Hi.

had a great interview today.
Job Searches

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Job Search

Keyword(s): Construction
Opportunity Type: Job
Industry: - ALL -
Region: - ALL -

Search
Provision for Education

• Can record outcomes

• Secure messaging between tutors and students (only within a prison for offline system)

• Interactive content enhance existing course delivery

• Assisted creation of CV’s quickly and easily

• Matches offenders with ETE opportunities
“Due to the enormous differences in culture and political and economical settings across Europe, the educational systems are very diverse…Foreign nationals are often excluded from local education due to language problems. And if the prisoner takes part in education, their qualifications are often not recognised when they return to their home country or are not in line with what is expected from employers”.

Dorien Brosens, post-doctoral researcher at Vrije University in Brussels
The FORINER project, started on the 1\textsuperscript{st} of January 2016, was initiated to provide EU foreign national inmates in EU prisons with access to qualitative, low threshold, certified learning opportunities provided by home institutions but received by the inmate in an EU foreign prison.

The aim is to allow education providers to reach out to their national prisoners in other EU countries, at the same quality standard as the home offer.
Four core partners coordinate

VOCVO (Flemish support center for adult education) based in Belgium and also promotor of the project;

VUB (Vrije Universiteit Brussel), also a Belgian partner;

Educatie Achter Buitenlandse Tralies or EABT (Education Behind Foreign Prison Bars) from the Netherlands;

MegaNexus, an ICT company based in the UK.
There are four additional partners

EPEA, the European Prison Education Association

EuroPris, practitioner network of 26 member European Prison Services

CEP, confederation of European probation; also comprising the *CEP/EuroPris expert group on foreign national prisoners*.

Weston College, Educational Provider to HMPs across the United Kingdom
We will be hosting the International Prisoners Education Conference over three days (12th – 14th October).

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