Exodus; support before, during and after detention

Exodus advocates on behalf of family members of detainees

Exodus has special projects and programmes for partners and children:

Parents, Children and Detention
Volunteers of Exodus, in liaison with the Custodial Institutions, make it possible for children of detainees to visit their incarcerated parent in a family-friendly way.

Being a father in Prison
Volunteers of Exodus provide parenting workshops in prisons, for fathers who want to restore or improve the relationship with their child(ren).

The workshop contributes to raising awareness of the impact of imprisonment on their families and helps to continue or recover the relationship with the other parent.

Online forum
In the near future, Exodus will have an online forum available for those left behind with a relative in detention. The forum is designed to connect with companions so that they can exchange experiences and seek support from each other.

Ambassadors
In order to keep the issues of children of prisoners on the radar, Exodus has ambassadors who had a parent in prison. They are the voice of this group. Together with the ambassadors, Exodus advocates in politics and society to improve the circumstances of the prisoners’ children.

About Exodus
Exodus is the largest national aftercare organisation, working with professionals and volunteers, to provide support for ex-convicts and their family members.

Four keys are relevant for the success of the Exodus programme:
- Residence
- Work
- Relationships
- Giving Meaning to Life

Our programmes for children and partners of detainees focus on the keys ‘Relationships’ and ‘Giving Meaning to Life’. 25,000 children in The Netherlands have to cope with a parent in prison. In liaison with the political world, judiciary, police, education and others, we raise awareness for their issues.

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