

**NINTH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON PENAL ABOLITION:
TRANSFORMATIVE JUSTICE: "NEW QUESTIONS, NEW ANSWERS"**

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CALL FOR WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS!

ICOPA IX will include 3 workshop times, which will give participants a chance to sample a smorgasbord of ideas, activist movements, research, and dialogue about major issues on PENAL ABOLITION and TRANSFORMATIVE JUSTICE. It will also give participants, experienced and new, a chance to present and share your particular concerns, and learn from others who attend your workshop about networking resources and thoughts in places around the world on your issues and work.

It is vital that all workshops be presented from an abolitionist perspective. There are plenty of conferences that canvass the scene within the assumptions of our revenge based, destructive retributive system. This is one opportunity to *be proactive about abolitionist changes*. Reforms are good, but those which merely polish the walls of existing prisons and help maintain the adversarial power games of courts and policing today are not of interest to us.

If you wish to present, please send us your title, a little about yourself, and the following information:

1. SHARED PRESENTATIONS. Because there are many who will want to present, and much to learn from one another, we hope that we can group likeminded presenters and put you in touch with one another. If you already have co-presenters, list them. If you are not open to sharing with 2-3 other presenters, please let us know that, and why.
2. GENERAL APPROACH: Is yours mostly presenting a paper, leading a discussion, enabling participants to experience a process, roleplaying, or something else?
3. WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING AREAS DOES YOUR TOPIC FIT? ALL WORKSHOPS MUST ADDRESS ABOLITIONIST/ TRANSFORMATIVE ISSUES, AND WILL FALL INTO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING 5 AREA/QUESTIONS:
 - A. CORPORATE CRIME
 - B. WHAT'S WRONG WITH THE EXISTING SYSTEM?
 - C. WHAT IS KEEPING IT IN PLACE? (Corporate agenda, prisons as industry, etc.)
 - D. WHAT DO WE WANT INSTEAD? (Transformative justice models)
 - E. HOW DO WE GET FROM HERE TO THERE? Transformative strategies, hope stories, actions that make for fundamental change.

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4. WHAT FACILITIES DO YOU NEED? Classroom ok, any size of group specifications? Flipcharts, video presentation resources...

5. ANY REASON FOR MULTIPLE PRESENTATIONS? With some exceptions, most workshops will be presented once, to permit a maximum number of different presenters and topics, and to enable presenters to attend other workshops in the other two timeslots. If you have a strong reason for wanting to present 2 or 3 times, let us know.

PLEASE KEEP YOUR WHOLE APPLICATION NO LONGER THAN 2-3 PAGES. We don't need to see the whole paper, just to know who you are, what topic you will present, that it will be abolitionist and transformative in nature, and which area it will fit in.

Thanks! We will begin to organize workshop schedules as soon as this mailing is returned. *Late requests for workshop presentations may not be able to be fitted in.* We will also have to limit workshop presentations and will not be able to include those that don't fit the above guidelines, in addition to any that come in after all possible presentation slots are filled.

Workshop presenters are expected to pay the very moderate registration fees for the conference, which are income related. Our main source of income is registrations, which we have kept as low as possible to maximize participation. If you need help in accommodations or anything else, let us know. *We recommend you send this in by January 15, 2000.*

Sincerely,



Ruth Morris,
for ICOPA IX Organizing Committee