The Leicester Prisons Research Network

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Aims and Mission

- This network aims to deliver ambitious, transformative and innovative research that crosses disciplinary boundaries.

- This vision is captured by our three strategic aims:

1) To undertake excellent, world-leading and interdisciplinary prisons research that advances academic knowledge.

2) To develop effective, collaborative partnerships which ensure genuine and lasting impact beyond the academy.

3) To recruit, coach and mentor future research leaders.

We're engaged in a wide range of activities, e.g...

- Innovative research
  - An evaluation of digital technology in prisons (Ministry of Justice funded)
  - A process evaluation of the Drug Recovery Prison project (Ministry of Justice funded)
  - Transcending the bars- An exploration of the lived experiences of transgender prisoners
- Public engagement projects
  - Cell Block Science and AKA Dr Amnesia – HMP Leicester
    - informal, interactive STEM teaching is provided by researchers from the University to prisoners
- Seminars and knowledge exchange events
  - Range of topics across the social and physical sciences, e.g.
    - well-being and working conditions in prison,
    - prison education,
    - cardiovascular risk amongst prisoners, and
    - traumatic brain injury in sexual offenders

We've a number of exciting plans for the future, e.g...

- Prisons in East Africa (Uganda, Rwanda, Kenya)
  - Exploring research opportunities relating to physical and psychological health in staff and prisoners
- Antimicrobial resistance in prisons
  - Research with LeMID
- Multi-morbidity in prisons in Columbia, Guyana & Brazil
  - Interdisciplinary research EoI to MRC/GCRF funding (Respiratory Sciences, Health Sciences)
- Ageing in prisoners
  - Exploring research ideas on ageing in prisoners with S. Conroy (Health Sciences)
- Cell Block Science extension
  - plans for the development of this interdisciplinary project in conjunction with the University of St. Andrews
  - both PE and research funding bodies