

Research Office

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DECLARATION BY PARTNER ORGANISATION

1. **“When the Innocent are Punished – Children of Incarcerated Parents, a vulnerable Group”.- The Danish Institute for Human Rights**

2. Name of partner organisation (Full legal name): **University of Ulster**

3. Contact details of the partner organisation (contact person, address, telephone, e-mail address):
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4. Specific role that the partner organisation will play in this project (maximum 10 lines)

The University's research role in Northern Ireland will include analysis of legislation and policy regarding children of imprisoned parents and primary research based on qualitative interviews with key individuals and groups including legislators, sentencers, prison service officials and staff, professionals working in the prison system, representatives from non-governmental organisations, prisoners and their families, and collate and analyse available statistical material on children of prisoners. A report including recommendations will be produced. The team will facilitate dialogue involving criminal justice professionals and civil society on the issue of prisoners' children including the organisation of roundtables, seminars and a conference. The team will develop media work aimed at increasing the profile of the issue in the local media and enhancing public understanding of the 'silent sentence' served by the children and families of incarcerated people.

5. Reasons why the partner is suitable to play this role:

Dr Una Convery and Dr Linda Moore are both lecturers in criminology in the School of Policy Studies, University of Ulster. They have researched and published widely on the issue of the rights of detained people. They were the authors of two published reports for the Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission on the rights of children in custody. Dr Moore is also a co-author of two research reports for the Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission on the rights of women in custody. All of these reports were based on primary research conducted in the detention facilities (details provided in curriculum vitae). Dr Moore is also co-author of a report on children's rights in Northern Ireland published by the Northern Ireland Commissioner for Children and Young People. The work of the team at the University of Ulster will be supported by the involvement of Professor Phil Scraton, professor of criminology in the school of law, Queens University of Belfast. Professor Scraton is co-author of the NIHRC reports on women in custody with Dr Moore and co-author of the report on children's rights published by NICCY. He has published extensively on imprisonment and on children's rights. Professor Scraton is currently managing a major research

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project based at Queens University Belfast on children, marginalisation and rights based on primary research with marginalised and socially excluded children and young people.

The research team has extensive experience of working with prisoners and with criminal justice agencies and has a wide range of contacts in the field. Dr Moore was recently legal advisor to criminal justice and victims working group of the Bill of Rights Forum and has provided consultancy to the Association for the Prevention of Torture (Geneva) on a project aimed at establishing monitoring systems for places of juvenile detention in Egypt.

6. Persons responsible for participation in this project:

Name: Dr Linda Moore and Dr Una Convery

Function in organisation: Lecturers in criminology, University of Ulster.

7. Financial contributions to project (please specify¹): NONE / EUR 21,037.50

- I certify that the information in this proposal about my organisation is accurate and complete.
- I declare I have read and accept the rules governing this call for proposals. I will grant power of attorney in the terms set out in the annex IV of the grant agreement to the applicant (coordinator) mentioned above, to act in my name and on my behalf in signing the possible grant agreement and its possible subsequent riders with the European Commission. I will be bound by the terms of this grant agreement.
- I declare that I am aware and agree that in case of a successful evaluation, the Commission shall, subject to payment arrangements, pay the grant in full to the coordinator which is entitled to receive funds from the Commission and distribute the amounts corresponding to the partners' participation in the action.
- I declare that I am aware that, except in cases of *force majeure*, as provided for in the standard grant agreement, I shall make good any damage sustained by the Commission as a result of the execution or faulty execution of my obligations.
- In particular, as provided for in the standard grant agreement, I accept in advance on-the-spot checks and inspections by Commission departments, the European Anti-fraud Office (OLAF) and the European Court of Auditors

I, the undersigned, certify on my honour that:

The partner organisation is not in one of the situations which would exclude it from taking part in a Community grant programme and accordingly declare that the organisation:

¹ This amount should be consistent with « budget estimate » heading N

- is not bankrupt or being wound up, is not having its affairs administered by the courts, has not entered into an arrangement with creditors or suspended business activities, and is not in any analogous situation arising from a similar procedure provided for in national legislation or regulations;
- has not been convicted of an offence concerning its professional conduct by a judgment which has the force of *res judicata*;
- is not guilty of grave professional misconduct proven by any means which the contracting authority can justify;
- has met its obligations relating to the payment of social security contributions or taxes under the legislation of the country in which it is established or with those of the country of the contracting authority or those of the country where the contract is to be performed;
- has not been the subject of a judgment which has the force of *res judicata* for fraud, corruption, involvement in a criminal organisation or any other illegal activity detrimental to the Communities' financial interests;
- is not currently subject to an administrative penalty;
- has not been declared to be in serious breach of contract for failure to comply with its contractual obligations subsequent to another procurement procedure or grant award procedure financed by the Community budget.

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- are subject to a conflict of interest;
- are guilty of serious misrepresentation in supplying the information required by the contracting authority as a condition of participation in the contract procedure or fail to supply this information.

Authorised signatory of the partner organisation:

Title (Mr, Mrs, Pr, etc.): Dr
 Name and Surname: Ann Marie Patton
 Position in the partner organisation: Director of the Research Office
 Date : 30th May 2008

Signature :

AM Patton

² Official Journal L 248, 16.9.2002.

³ Official Journal L 390, 30.12.2006, p. 1.