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Juvenile and Young Offenders in Prison and Probation
Learning inside out
Who are we?
Career counselors with a focus on learning

- Lise
  - Graduated in 2018 as a social worker
  - Working for Huis van het Leren since 2018
    - Since March 2019 working for the LIO project
  - Short term sentenced prisoners

- Robin
  - Graduated in 2019 as criminologist
  - Since January 2020 working for the LIO project
  - Long term sentenced prisoners
About LIO

- 3 organisations
  - VOCVO
  - Leerwinkel West-Vlaanderen (learning shop West-Flanders)
  - Federal justice department
- Funding by ESF (European Social Fund)
- Initially 3 prisons in West-Flanders
  - Expansion 2020
  - Planned expansion 2021
- Guidance and orientation service on adult education
Goals

- Making adult education accessible for prisoners
- Guide prisoners in making choices on education
- Support prisoners in their learning path
- Improve chances of successful learning path
- Build a bridge between the prison and the world outside
Case 1: Ilias

- **Background**
  - Ilias, 23, Prisoner in Bruges
  - Sentenced for 37 months for drugs
  - Schoolcareer: didn’t finish secondary school, stopped in his last year
  - Probation has not been started yet
Case 1: Ilias

Approach
- Regret for stopping with school
- Motivated but insecure
- Short time between follow ups
- Short education
- Guidance outside the prison
Case 2: David

- **Background**
  - Age: 22
  - Former football player
  - School career: dropout
  - Small crimes and street fights
Case 2: David

► Approach
  o Typical high school behaviour
  o Family is key
  o Informal support
  o Celebrate small successes
Conclusions

- Inlcuding the network
- The informal connection
- Get some quick successes
- Celebrate small successes
- Motivation counselor
Thank you for your attention