



## Nominees of 2025

### 1) England & Wales - HMP Highpoint

#### **DfE Skills Bootcamp Funding in Rail and Construction**

Since August 2022, Highpoint, in collaboration with City & Guilds, has delivered fully funded Personal Track Safety and Heavy Vehicle Construction Skills training for prisoners. The impact that this has had on prison leavers and their families is immeasurable and has been recognised nationally as a model of excellence. Our model is not only for prisoners at Highpoint but is open to all prisons in the UK. Enabling an ex-prisoner to gain purposeful employment on release significantly reduces the risk of re-offending and the impact that this can have on society and victims.

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### 2) Türkiye - Sivrice Woman Open Prison

#### **Where There's Life, There's Hope**

In the garden part of the Sivrice Women's Open Penal Institution, an outdoor cinema screening, a pool, and a waterfall were made. It is the first in the world to make a positive contribution to women convicts and children staying with their mothers physically, mentally and psychologically, as well as the use of the sound of water and a living park with animals in the poultry area has been created to improve their adaptation to collective life.

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### 3) Czech Republic - Veznice Pribram

#### **Global Culinary Exchange Connects Inmates Across Continents**

In Autumn 2023, culinary arts students from Pribram Prison participated in a unique virtual cooking collaboration with students from the Windham School District's Travis campus, Texas Department of Criminal Justice, Austin. Made possible through the support of the Prison Service of the Czech Republic, TDCJ and Sam Houston State University's Correctional Management Institute of Texas, this event marked a milestone in international educational partnerships between correctional systems.



#### **4) Switzerland - Horgen Prison Directorate of Justice and Home Affairs**

##### **Openness and Everyday Life as the Key to Resocialisation**

Horgen Prison pursues an innovative concept for the resocialisation of remand prisoners, which is based on normalisation, personal responsibility and respectful interaction. The aim is to provide inmates with a structured and humane daily routine in order to reduce psychological stress and promote reintegration into society. The core of the concept is the extensive freedom of movement within the house, supplemented by offers such as a barbershop, social clothing selection, communal meals, voluntary activities, meditation and exercise programs, as well as a child-friendly visiting room. These measures strengthen self-esteem, promote social skills and reduce conflict. The concept has been gradually introduced and continuously developed since 2019. It is based on an open mindset on the part of the team, the majority of whom are career changers. The positive feedback from inmates, the measurable reduction in disciplinary measures and the relaxed atmosphere in the building are proof of the success of this approach. Horgen Prison shows that even within the restrictive framework of pre-trial detention, a people-oriented, forward-looking prison system is possible - and thus serves as a model for other institutions.

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#### **5) Norway - Bergen Prison**

##### **CAMEO Programme**

The CAMEO Programme is an innovative rehabilitation initiative at Bergen prison, in collaboration with The Salvation Army, designed specifically for older inmates. Its goal is to improve physical, mental and social well-being, promoting dignity, purpose and reintegration through daily routines that mirror life outside prison. The programme includes tailored activities and therapeutic support. Evaluations show it significantly reduces isolation, improves health, and enhances prison culture. The CAMEO Programme sets a new standard for age-appropriate correctional care and offers a sustainable model for broader implementation.