



Making the Invisible Visible

Creative justice reform and prison education

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We acknowledge the Larrakia People, the
Traditional Owners of the land on which we are
gathered, and we pay our respects to their Elders
both past and present



Agenda

1. Context of Incarceration in the NT
2. Research Projects and Methodologies
3. Y Write NT
4. Incarceration Nations Network
5. Questions & Conversation



Context

2016 Four Corners expose 'Australia's Shame'

Australian Royal commissions

'Closing the Gap'

Deaths in custody

Exclusion of United Nations from NT prisons

What is missing?





Filling the Gaps

Mass incarceration is a crisis of the imagination

Centring the voices of those most harmed will challenge harmful narratives

Justice is what love looks like in public (honouring victim and perpetrator)

Speak reform from memories and experience, not from abstract theory

Education is a commitment to freedom. The two cannot be separated

Story Work as Research Methodology





**Blue Skies on Jail
Walls**



**Y Write: a prison education program for
the NT**

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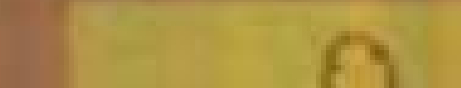


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MOMENT'S HEALING HANDS



STRONG WOMEN, ULRIYEK DALUK!

To Be a STAR
is to Be
YOURSELF



WOMEN
BUSINESS
STRONG
ONE ME
GURINDJI
TRIBE

BE PROUD
OF OUR ELDERS



Never a
Failure
Always a
Lesson
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BORN FREE



soar like an eagle



NANGALA BABA



Nakamura is a family woman and an artist. She also had friends that carried her away, and she started drinking...

She lost her art, she lost her kids. She started fighting and secured her time.

She learnt there was more than drinking, and worked hard to get her kids back.

Dear





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Y Write

Empowering Voices Through Creative Expressions



"Every person has a story worth telling."

Behind prison walls are voices, experiences and untold stories that are rarely heard. YWrite is a transformative creative writing and prison education project led by Associate Professor Adelle Softer Powston at Charles



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Questions and Conversation



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