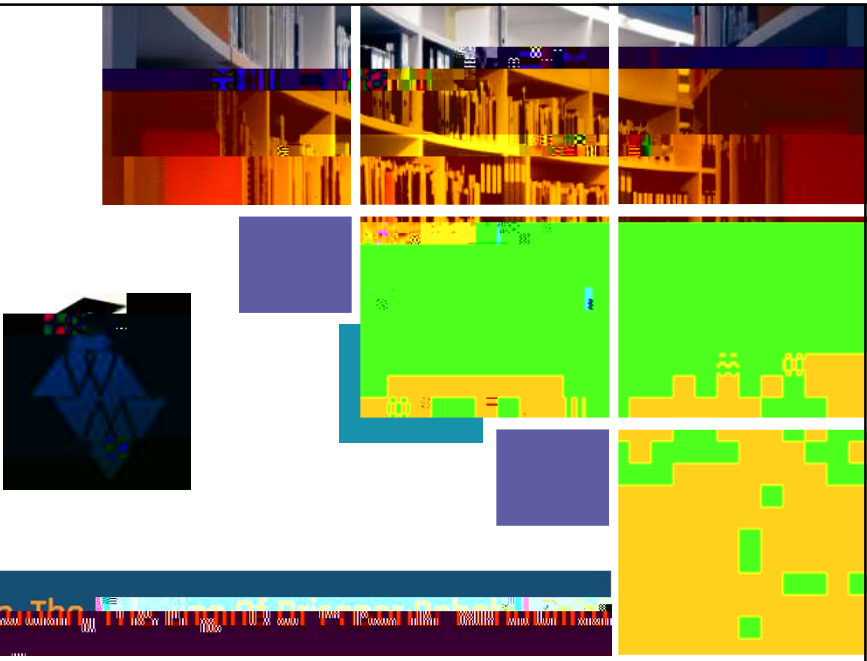


# DWRM

- Doing What Really Matters
- Education and Employability support for people in prison and on release



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# Doing What Really Matters



- We bring both expertise and relevant experience of studying in prison and on release.
- We have a well-established reputation for providing excellent support to students through advocacy, skills training and coaching.
- Our unique blend of lived experience combined with professional and academic expertise means we can provide relevant support, tailored to individual needs.

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**Partnerships with universities**

**Bringing a wide range of HE options to students in prison**

**Working with Corade to increase digital access to study materials**

#### The current situation

- 80,000 people in prison in England and Wales
- Fewer than 1500 studying at Level 3 or above
- Tuition fees paid by student loan (subject to 6 year rule)
- Studying at higher levels proven to reduce reoffending

## Our Working Practices



- The lived experience and voice of prisoners informs and drives our work
- We work with Unlock to help universities to develop inclusive admissions policies, willing to admit students with convictions
- We provide specialist administrative work to facilitate study, adhere to university requirements, and ensure compliance with complex HMPPS regulations
- We work closely with prison education departments and with other organisations in the field (eg Cirdes UK)





## Post Release Referrals

- We are able to take referrals for our post release support from Probation Officers or DWP Advisors via our online form on the Maximus Portal
- We book an initial Advice and Guidance session to plan the individual support
- We schedule support to fit the participants needs
- We hold regular sessions and provide feedback on outcomes

## Our social impact

- promote wide range of degree courses
- guidance offered by peers with direct experience of study
- comprehensive Through the Gate support ensures study continuity on release



