Untold Stories on Kingston Penitentiary Tours:  
An Online Panel Discussion

WHEN?
Thursday, September 24, 2020  
12:00pm – 1:00pm

WHERE?
Facebook Live  
https://www.facebook.com/events/642480093354012

WHO?

Speakers:
Ricky Atkinson, author of The Life and Hard Times of Ricky Atkinson
Ann Hansen, P4W Memorial Collective / author of Taking the Rap: Women Doing Time for Society’s Crimes
Justin Piché, University of Ottawa / co-editor of the Journal of Prisoners on Prisons
Kevin Walby, University of Winnipeg / co-editor of the Journal of Prisoners on Prisons

Moderator:
Linda Mussell, Queen’s University / P4W Memorial Collective

WHY?
The voices of criminalized people continue to be excluded during tours of Kingston Penitentiary (KP), along with narratives critical of and advancing alternatives to imprisonment.

WHAT?
In response, this event will feature the official release of “The Untold Stories on Kingston Penitentiary Tours Series” by the Carceral Cultures Research Initiative featuring testimonials produced by people once imprisoned in federal penitentiaries located in the Kingston-area, including Kingston Penitentiary (KP), the Regional Treatment Centre (RTC) and the Prison for Women (P4W). These interventions will illuminate the violence of incarceration, the shortcomings of reforming instead of abolishing prisons, and the need to build caring communities, not cages. In addition, event speakers will discuss the emergence and implications of KP tours as a Correctional Service of Canada public relations exercise that reproduces stigma and naturalizes the notion that caging human beings is an appropriate response to social harm. They will also propose different possibilities for decolonial and decarceral futures for the KP lands and buildings presently owned by the Government of Canada that are being rented out for tourism, filmmaking, and other purposes.

SOCIAL MEDIA
Event webpage: https://www.facebook.com/events/642480093354012
Hashtags: #KingstonPen | #KP | #KingstonPenTour | #ygk | #PrisonTourism | #CarceralRetasking

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