
THE DRAWING CENTER

The Pencil Is a Key:
Drawings by
Incarcerated Artists
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The following organizations and initiatives have developed outreach, service, advocacy, and public programming in support of incarcerated individuals and other marginalized communities locally, nationally, and internationally. For further information, please visit The Drawing Center's website at www.drawingcenter.org.

Artists at Risk Connection

www.artistsatriskconnection.org

Artists at Risk Connection (ARC) safeguards the right to artistic freedom of expression and ensures that artists everywhere can live and work without fear.

Art For Justice Fund

www.artforjusticefund.org

The Art For Justice Fund is a five-year initiative that aims to turn art into action, investing more than \$100 million into strategic efforts to reform the criminal justice system.

Artistic Noise

www.artisticnoise.org

Artistic Noise exists to bring the freedom and power of artistic practice to young people who are incarcerated, on probation, or otherwise involved in the justice system.

The Bail Project

www.bailproject.org

The Bail Project™ National Revolving Bail Fund is a critical tool to prevent incarceration and combat racial and economic disparities in the bail system.

Bard Prison initiative

www.bpi.bard.edu

The Bard Prison Initiative (BPI) works to redefine the availability, affordability, and expectations typically associated with higher education in America. Since 2001, BPI has created groundbreaking opportunities for college within America's prison systems.

Black and Pink

www.blackandpink.org

Black and Pink's mission is to abolish the criminal punishment system and to liberate LGBTQIA2S+ people/people living with HIV who are affected by that system, through advocacy, support, and organizing.

A Blade of Grass

www.abladeofgrass.org

A Blade of Grass provides resources to artists who demonstrate artistic excellence and serve as innovative conduits for social change.

Resource Guide

Learn, Give, Volunteer, Act

The Brotherhood/Sister Sol

www.brotherhood-sistersol.org

The Brotherhood/Sister Sol (Bro/Sis) provides comprehensive, holistic, and long-term support services to youth who range in age from eight to twenty-two.

Center for Alternative Sentencing and Employment Services (CASES)

www.cases.org

The mission of the Center for Alternative Sentencing and Employment Services (CASES) is to increase public safety through innovative services that reduce crime and incarceration, improve behavioral health, promote recovery and rehabilitation, and create opportunities for success in the community.

Critical Resistance

www.criticalresistance.org

Critical Resistance seeks to build an international movement to end the Prison Industrial Complex by challenging the belief that caging and controlling people makes us safe.

DreamYard

www.dreamyard.com

DreamYard programs develop artistic voices, nurture young people's desire to make change, and cultivate the skills necessary to reach positive goals.

Equal Justice Initiative

www.eji.org

The Equal Justice Initiative is committed to ending mass incarceration and excessive punishment in the United States, to challenging racial and economic injustice, and to protecting basic human rights for the most vulnerable people in American society.

The Fortune Society

www.fortunesociety.org

The Fortune Society's mission is to support successful reentry from incarceration and promote alternatives to incarceration, thus strengthening the fabric of our communities.

Groundswell

www.groundswell.nyc

Groundswell is a NYC-based organization that brings together youth, artists, and community organizations to use art as a tool for social change, for a more just and equitable world.

Howard League for Penal Reform

www.howardleague.org

The Howard League campaigns for meaningful change in the criminal justice system, aiming for less crime, safer communities, and fewer people in prison.

Freedom for Immigrants

www.freedomforimmigrants.org

Freedom for Immigrants uses a wide range of advocacy tools, including community organizing, coalition building, and legislative advocacy, to fight for a country without immigration detention.

Immigrant Justice Corps

www.justicecorps.org

Founded from direct experience with the systemic failings of our broken and outdated immigration system, Immigrant Justice Corps mobilizes quality counsel to meet the needs of immigrants nationwide.

Innocence Project

www.innocenceproject.org

The Innocence Project exonerates the wrongly convicted through DNA testing and reforms the criminal justice system to prevent future injustice.

Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services

www.lirs.org

LIRS works to protect and embrace refugees, migrants, and children seeking a new life in America. Having carried out this work for more than eight decades, LIRS and its national network of service providers are uniquely equipped to provide holistic, trauma-informed, and age-appropriate care to vulnerable individuals.

New Sanctuary Coalition

www.newsanctuarynyc.org

For ten years, the New Sanctuary Coalition has been led by and for immigrants to stop the inhumane system of deportations and detentions in this country.

The Osborne Association

www.osborneny.org/about

The Osborne Association works in partnership with individuals, families, and communities to create opportunities for people affected by the criminal justice system to further develop their strengths and lead lives of responsibility and contribution.

PEN America

www.pen.org

PEN America stands at the intersection of literature and human rights to protect free expression in the United States and worldwide.

Prisoner Visitation & Support

www.prisonervisitation.org

Prisoner Visitation and Support (PVS) is a volunteer visitation program to federal and military prisoners throughout the United States.

Prison Public Memory Project

www.prisonpublicmemory.org

Prison Public Memory Project uses public history, art, storytelling, and media to engage communities in conversation about the complex roles of prisons in America.

Race Forward

www.raceforward.org

Race Forward brings systemic analysis and an innovative approach to complex race issues to help people take effective action toward racial equity.

RAICES

www.raicestexas.org

RAICES is a nonprofit agency that promotes justice by providing free and low-cost legal services to underserved immigrant children, families, and refugees.

Survived & Punished

www.survivedandpunished.org

S&P organizes to decriminalize efforts to survive domestic and sexual violence, support and free criminalized survivors, and abolish gender violence, policing, prisons, and deportations.

The Sentencing Project

www.sentencingproject.org

The Sentencing Project works for a fair and effective US criminal justice system by promoting reforms in sentencing policy, addressing unjust racial disparities and practices, and advocating for alternatives to incarceration.

Texas Civil Rights Project

www.texascivilrightsproject.org

The Texas Civil Rights Project is serving the movement for equality and justice in and out of the courts, using tools of litigation and legal advocacy to protect and advance the civil rights of everyone in Texas.

Theatre of the Oppressed

www.tonyc.nyc

Theatre of the Oppressed NYC partners with community members at local organizations to form theatre troupes. These troupes devise and perform plays based on their challenges confronting economic inequality, racism, and other social, health, and human rights injustices.

We Got Us Now

www.wegotusnow.org

We Got Us Now is a national movement built by, led by, and about children and young adults impacted by parental incarceration with the mission to engage, educate, elevate, and empower.

Words Uncaged

www.wordsuncaged.com

Words Uncaged helps incarcerated and formerly incarcerated men and women address their past and imagine new, empowered narratives for themselves, their families, and their communities.

Young New Yorkers

www.youngnewyorkers.org

Young New Yorkers (YNY) provides arts-based diversion programs to court-involved young people. The ultimate goal is to empower participants to transform the criminal justice system through their own creative voices.