

RESULTS OF OUR WORK IN 2023

We help people who want to overcome their criminal past. We support them in getting and keeping a job and housing, in dealing with debt, in taking responsibility for themselves and their actions and for their family and community.

We cooperate with various actors in the Czech Republic and abroad to initiate system changes. We help to create an open and respectful society. We involve colleagues with lived experience of serving a sentence in all activities, because their experience is irreplaceable.

WHO ARE OUR CLIENTS?

People with criminal past, their families and loved ones

1019 clients we have worked with in 2023

 **87 %** of clients with criminal past have already been in prison

Our most frequent client

40
-year-old man



- currently unemployed
- work experience from occasional temporary jobs
- basic education or apprenticeship
- unstable or no housing
- maintenance obligation
- amount of debts 500 000 CZK
- experience of addiction
- without family and friends
- needs help with work, housing and debts

75 %
of male



25 %
of female

WE EMPLOY IN PRISON



12 clients
in the workshop at Vinařice Prison



they pay off debts from their wages and acquire work skills

Social counselling

193 clients newly provided with the social service of professional social counselling

WE PREPARE FOR RELEASE

267
clients

 in **23**
prisons

 **47 %**
of released clients continued to cooperate



33
clients - online counselling in 10 prisons



72
clients - long-term correspondence counselling

WE PROVIDE COUNSELLING AFTER RELEASE

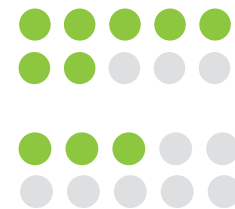
494 clients actively address risk areas in their lives

First steps after release

261 clients financially supported in a difficult situation

313 clients supported ← **9250 kg** by food aid

Dluhy



7/10
pay alimony

3/10
repays compensation

Housing

54 clients in 42 training flats



67 proposals for debt relief (35 in prison)

Práce / vzdělávání

91 clients got a job

 **57 %**
of clients keep the job after trial period

 **11** clients increased their work competences on training job

10 have increased their qualification

120 employers provided job positions

5 clients and 3 employers participated in [Practical Reviews](#)

20 clients trained in digital literacy

WE CHANGE SOCIETY

Yellow Ribbon Run



As part of the platform, we co-organized the 8th annual event dedicated to imprisoned and released women

Community Centre and Garden Kotlaska



278 participants
of activities

30
of them with criminal past

FRIENDS CLUB AND FORMER CLIENTS HELP



4
peer mentors

14
volunteers and lecturers

30 %
of our employees have lived experience

WE STRIVE FOR SYSTEMIC CHANGES



Legislative changes

We actively participated in:

- advocating for a three-year debt relief
- reducing the overuse of criminal repression in the Criminal Code
- Increasing the social pocket money for people in prison



Research and innovative solutions

- We created awareness-raising materials on the topic of the treatment of sentenced and incarcerated women (www.zenyavezeni.cz)



Collaboration and networking

- We launched the Czech office of European network RESCALED, focused on development of detention houses (www.rescaled.cz).
- We continue to be active members of the Association of Organisations in Penal Affairs (A00V), the Platform for Training Employment (PLATZ) and now also the Association of Social Service Providers of the Czech Republic.

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