

Women prisoners find a second chance with the 13 Roses reinsertion programme

LOCATION: Málaga

DURATION: 1'32"

SUMMARY: A resource to make women feel that they have the power to change their lives and that it is up to them. It's the '13 Roses' Project, developed in Malaga by the Arrabal Association. They help current and former women prisoners integrate in society and enter the labour market.

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These are current and former women prisoners of the Social Insertion Centre of Málaga. They are attending a coaching workshop, which is part of '13 Roses', one of the programmes of the Arrabal Association. It is a social and labour intervention project that aims to empower these women.

Josefa Reyes
Social manager Arrabal Assoc.

"90% of the prisoners are men, and only a 10% are women. That's why there are fewer resources available to them. So, we thought that we needed to create a specific resource for women only."

Loli and Susana participate in this programme that offers assistance to 40 women a year. They join this project once they are placed under the semi-open regime or are granted Parole.

Loli Almario
Beneficiary of the 13 Roses Project

"I was doing drugs and ended up in jail. Then, I was placed under the semi-open regime, and the '13 Roses' chose a group of people and explained us what it was about. And thank God I said yes, because it has been very good for me."

Susana Fernández
Beneficiary of the 13 Roses Project

"The truth is that it is very good, it helps you get to know yourself and be strong enough to move forward."

Apart from these classes, the association also accompanies them when they visit social services, the courts or when demanding housing, and also guide them through the labor insertion and training processes.

Josefa Reyes
Social manager Arrabal Assoc.

"To empower women. So women feel that they can change their lives and that it is all up to them. Our job is to guide them through their processes, those change and empowerment processes."

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