



SEEKING TATTOO ARTISTS & STUDIOS

Help us raise awareness about prison tattooing and funds to support prisoners and ex-prisoners!

WHY? Tattooing is illegal inside federal and provincial institutions; therefore, it's driven underground where prisoners risk their health, safety, criminal records and ultimately their lives to practice tattooing due to lack of access to clean equipment and training around safety.

WHO? PASAN provides individual and community support services for ex-prisoners and prisoners in provincial and federal prisons across Canada, with a focus on health and harm reduction. We support the legalization of prison tattooing and reinstatement of safer tattooing programs inside. In the face of criminalization, we create and provide harm reduction resources and information about tattooing to prisoners, some of which get banned by certain prisons. For more information about the work of PASAN, please visit www.pasan.org or call 416-920-9567.

WHAT? *Save Our Skins (S.O.S)* will reach out to tattoo artists, studios and communities on the outside to get involved in ending the criminalization of prison tattooing. We are working with artists inside to produce flash and art to be included in a booklet as part of our awareness raising campaign, which we can leave copies of at your place of business. We are asking you to be involved by donating some of your time and proceeds to our organization.

WHEN? During the weeks of May 1-15th, 2018, you or the studio you work for can participate in S.O.S. There will also be a final event on May 17th at Buddies in Bad Times Theater.

Ways to Participate

Artists

- ★ Create a specific design or flash sheet for the event and donate the proceeds of the flash sheet to PASAN during the event weeks.
- ★ Donate a portion of your proceeds (between 10-40%) for all tattoos done during the event weeks.
- ★ Use some flash created by artists currently detained in federal and provincial prisons.

Studios

- ★ Donate a portion of your proceeds (between 10-40%) during the event weeks.
- ★ Put out a donation jar and some PASAN safer tattooing materials in your workplace.
- ★ Provide a sponsorship for the event.
- ★ Become a monthly sponsor of PASAN.

What we do for you

- ★ In publicizing our event, PASAN will widely advertise and promote the work and contributions of participating artists.
- ★ For sponsorship or donation, tax receipts can be provided.
- ★ All contributions from artists and others will be recognized on PASAN's website and social media platforms and on all event materials.

Please get in touch and let us know how you would like to contribute to our event!

Contact: **Lisa** lisa.leinveer@gmail.com or **Janet** janet@pasan.org

We welcome and encourage all artists to participate, especially artists who are ex-prisoners, Black, Indigenous, of colour, queer, nonbinary, trans and/or woman-identified.



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