

WHO WILL BE THE PRISONERS OF TOMORROW? Speculations on possible futures in the correctional environment

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Prisons have been part of the social and political landscape in Aotearoa for over 180 years. While prisons continue to serve the political functions of punishment, containment and rehabilitation, much has changed over the decades.

In this workshop, we inquire about the future of prisons in Aotearoa, but more specifically, who will be in them in 10 years time? Who are the prisoners of tomorrow likely to be? How might prisons - as a resource with intervention potential - be best prepared for social changes to come?

Reflecting on the journey of prisons in the last 10-years with thought leaders from Ara Poutama and Police, you are invited to discuss what the 'prisoner of 2035' might look like and how correctional services could better-adapt to anticipated cultural, social and political changes.

This is a free event that is open to students and academics who have an interest in the future of criminal justice and crime prevention. This is also an in-person event, so places will be limited.

Light refreshments will be provided. Please scan the QR code to register.

Contact saferprisons@waikato.ac.nz for any questions.

Date: Wednesday, 17th September 2025

Time: 9.00am-2.00pm

Venue: S.G.02

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