

Prison Activist Resource Center

Spring Update 2000

PARC's Ongoing Work



PARC volunteers tabling at a recent event.

The Prison Activist Resource Center (PARC), founded in 1994, is a grassroots collective project.

PARC provides support for educators, activists, prisoners, and their families by producing materials and building networks for action that expose human rights violations, and challenge the rapid expansion of the prison industrial complex.

PARC works to educate the public, exposing the myths that sustain widespread injustices in prisons and in the communities most harshly affected by mass imprisonment.

PARC also strives to inspire and motivate people to take positive action against the prison system and for prisoners' human and civil rights.

"They don't care about a million man, million woman, or a million youth march. You can get 10 million people out there, one day. One day. They don't care about that, they can deal with that. But it's the **ongoing work** that's a threat to the system. It's people **every day** working for our freedom, making it clear that we ain't gonna sit back, and watch these prisons be built faster than we can blink an eye, and be filled just as fast. We ain't gonna have it. That's the message we've got to send."

---Ramona Africa, speaking at the Critical Resistance conference, September 1998

Prison Art Show

PARC works to educate in as many arenas as possible. Our newly formed Prison Art Show Project is aimed at educating artists and community members.

Organized to promote public awareness of incarceration in the US and the struggle of women and men prisoners, "El Hoyo Seco - The Dry Hole," was organized as a collaborative exhibition by artists from the Bay Area and Chicago. The opening reception at the Balazo/Mission Badlands Gallery in San Francisco attracted hundreds of activists, artists, former prisoners and community members on February 25th, 2000, for a night of art, poetry, music, and video.

The show will tour throughout the year to various schools and community centers across the Bay Area.



Community members listen to music, speakers and poetry at the Prison Art Show opening



Opening reception of PARC's Prison Art Show at the Balazo/Mission Badlands Gallery in San Francisco.