

Black and Pink

Criminal Justice Issues and Prisoners' Rights

<https://www.blackandpink.org/penpal-newsletter/>

Newsletters

At Black & Pink National, we coordinate a nationwide penpal program in which we match incarcerated members with penpals who correspond, build relationships, and participate in harm reduction and affirmation. For an incarcerated LGBTQIA2S+ person, corresponding with someone on a regular basis is itself a harm reduction strategy, giving that person a support network outside of prison.

Check out our [PenPal Pairing Site](#) to learn more about how to be an awesome PenPal and to connect with our inside family!

[Read our release](#) about the importance of our revamped PenPal Pairing Site (new as of November 2020)!

The Black & Pink National Newsletter has been distributed free of charge to a rapidly growing list of incarcerated LGBTQIA2S+ members and incarcerated members living with HIV/AIDS around the country since 2010! We now have over 19,000 subscribers. Each issue is full of pieces submitted by our incarcerated members; relevant news, history, and opinions from our non-incarcerated community; and reflections from our national Executive Director.

We include a calendar so that people in solitary confinement can keep track of which day it is. Periodically, the newspaper includes a form for inside members to update their PenPal listing. Each month, we ask inside members to reply to a feedback questionnaire via mail to inform our organizing efforts.

If you submit the form below, you will subscribe your incarcerated loved one to the Black & Pink National PenPal Program and/or Newsletter Program. If you are signing up on behalf of an incarcerated person, please inform them of this and discuss it with them before signing them up. Please do not subscribe if you/your loved one do not understand and agree to all of the following statements.

These requests are handled through the mail and processed by a small staff at Black & Pink National. Both the postal service and carceral facility mail processing take a long time. **Because of this, it could take up to 6-12 months to be removed from either of our programs.** We appreciate your understanding and patience. Please consider this before signing up if you feel it may endanger you or cause inconvenience. If you need immediate assistance, please reach out (or have someone outside reach out) to community@blackandpink.org.

To request that a newsletter be sent to someone inside and to sign them up for our PenPal program, please fill out the below form to the best of your ability. We will reach out if we have any additional questions, and will add them to the distribution list! Please specify if interested in only one program.

Black & Pink National is a national 501c3 organization based in Omaha, NE.

Black & Pink National is a prison abolitionist organization dedicated to abolishing the criminal punishment system and liberating LGBTQIA2S+ people and people living with HIV/AIDS who are affected by that system through advocacy, support, and organizing.



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Head over to [this blog post](#) or our [PenPal Pairing Site](#) to learn more and register today!