Announcing paid opportunities to participate in a summer story shaping project to add your voice to the movement for criminal justice reform

Summer writing retreat times to be arranged.

CALL TO ACTION — 100 STORIES PROJECT

Through a grant from Humanities New York, Herstory Writers Workshop, the Humanities Institute at Stony Brook University, the Criminology Program at Hofstra University, Prison Families Anonymous and New Hour for Women and Children Long Island will bring together prison families, those navigating reentry, and those who are trying to change the system.

Our Goal is to generate 50-100 finished stories to be used in advocacy efforts by the end of the summer, though a series of 15 to 20 one-time 2-3 hour virtual writing retreats.

In an intimate small group setting, three to five participants committed to writing for a cause come together with a Herstory workshop facilitator with the understanding that each member will complete a short piece by the end of the meeting to donate to the cause. Each member will be paid a $75 stipend upon submission of a finished story.

Herstory is committed to generating 50-100 new stories this summer that can be connected to legislative priorities and circulated widely on the websites, social media and newsletter of a growing coalition of Long Islanders. This project will give a face to those who are too often demonized and build bridges of empathy, compassion and inclusion to counter the recent violations of our most basic human rights.

No previous writing experience is necessary, just the desire to contribute your words to a movement for carceral justice and change.

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