Systemic Prison

Prison can be as much a state of mind as it can be a large facility. Both are built by our system and the discourse that constructs perceptions. Many become "lifers" due to the crime of being born a certain race, crippled by an addiction, struggling with a disability, coping with a mental illness. Society must collectively challenge the falsities and demand the pretense of current assistance be exposed. ODSP, Ontario Disability Support Plan is a sentence to poverty not a supportive plan. Ontario Works attaches shame and blame to their checks not programming and support. Empty words dance onto program headings disguised to soothe the public who pay but never ask for accountability. It is time to take off the mask of the guards , release the prisoner and create program that is client centred.

