

The View Magazine is a social enterprise that started as a prison publication, by 3 incarcerated women. We do what we say we do, we work with women with convictions and they produce a compelling and powerful publication. However the governance and finances are not managed or controlled by them.

For anyone to state that people who believe in rehabilitation should **not** be involved with The View or our campaign Someone's Daughter, is contrary to the concept of rehabilitation.

**We** believe in rehabilitation and we will not deplatform women who have been brutalised by the criminal justice system.

Women working with The View are not facing any current or live criminal proceedings, anywhere in the world. The situation in the Irish High Court concerns Ireland's refusal to surrender a woman, under a European Arrest Warrant and as this is a live matter, we are not going to comment or opine on it.

The allegations about our team's past, spent convictions are not relevant. They are involved in producing a magazine that is unparalleled and that has the support of leading jurists, human rights champions, artists, justice NGOs, penal reformists and most importantly, women with conviction.

For too long the voices of criminalised women have been silenced and the criminal justice system continues to fail them. We believe change can only come with their input from their lived experience.

The voices of dissent didn't exist, until a witch hunt was stirred up by female barristers who have never had dealings with the organisation, who attempted to bully us into deplatforming women, who have misunderstood our policy on trans women in women's prisons. When we refused to kowtow to them, we are accused of being aggressive, bullying, not listening. We know who we are, we know the importance of The View to the people who read it, who subscribe to it and who support us.

A handful of people who have never had any dealings with women in the organisation, or the organisation took umbrage about our Someone's Daughter campaign.

It is a powerful artistic campaign that sets out to refocus the way we see women in the criminal justice system, the way they are spoken about, and asks us to question the prevailing, harmful and traumatising justice system that we are all paying for, in excess of £7billion a year.

We need to examine who has the most to lose when an entire system is unfit for purpose and a privileged few profit from the punishment of others.

They describe themselves as prominent female barristers. This is alarming conduct by officers of the court. Are these the type of brutalising and vindictive women we want defending the most vulnerable people in society?

Instead of compassion, asking to hear the other side of the story, meeting us to allay their worries, they have swarmed on a vulnerable woman with known, serious mental health conditions, in a foreign country with limited support. We are ashamed of their conduct.

An article in The Times is not responsible reporting, this is a coordinated campaign against our organization by an invested and manipulated journalist who is a friend or colleague of the lead dissenters and a former barrister.

Don't let status quo which is harmful and traumatising win.

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