

**Brief bio information for speakers at QKR Seminar on Penal Reform,
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Linley GREGORY first met Alternatives to Violence Project (AVP) in 1976 in New York State and has been involved with AVP in Aotearoa since it was brought here in 1991. Her roles have included regional committee member, treasurer, facilitator and team leader. She is a retired teacher of secondary school-aged students. Linley is actively involved with the Religious Society of Friends.

Allan HARVEY has a personal interest in having the Family Courts maintain a balance between parents when deciding matters concerning the custody and access of their children. The concern has led him to become involved in his spare-time with services that support men. Otherwise, he was a former volunteer for Service Abroad and president of the Otago Students Association.

Lindsay HELSON began work in toxicology then explored other interests including the funeral industry. He is also a qualified financial planner and currently looks after the High Security Dependency Treatment Unit at Rimutaka Prison. Awarded the NZ Special Service medal for his work after the Erebus disaster he became an object of curiosity for Professor Taylor, and so began an association that has endured for decades. Now, to hear about a controversial High security operation within New Zealand's largest Prison provides an opportunity to be informed and empowered, so that the work of William Penn and many others who have so ably advocated for reform through the ages, is continued.

Pat MAGILL describes himself as a middle class pakeha in his thinking until he attended a week Treaty of Waitangi Workshop at Omahu Marae in 1970. Since then his life changed, and he became as a member of the International Association for Prison Abolition and 'visited many horrible prisons in many countries'. Current he holds the position of Napier Community Mentor JP, attends Courts regularly, and assists individuals and is active in many group projects that strengthen community ties.

Saskia SCHUITEMAKER is a peacebuilder, community psychologist, from Hamilton, New Zealand. She has worked in community development and restorative justice in New Zealand, and from 2010 to 2014 worked with Friends Peace Teams (*Peacebuilding en las Américas*), expanding and developing the Alternatives to Violence Project (AVP) nationally in Guatemala. Currently one of her projects is with AVP Aotearoa National Executive, working to strengthen AVP in New Zealand.

Jan SMITH has worked with offenders since the early 1970's in the United Kingdom and New Zealand in both voluntary and statutory settings. She started in the community as a Probation Officer and a Social Worker, and then became a custodial Prison Officer. Since 1997 she has been a Prison Manager. She is firmly of the view that change will come from within the system rather than being imposed from the outside.

Tony TAYLOR joined the Probation Service in 1949 after training in Britain. Two years later he emigrated to do similar work in New Zealand. In 1955 he became a prison psychologist, and in 1961 he became a lecturer at Victoria University, with research interests over the years that spanned young women prisoners, student counselling, psychopathology, Antarctic research and disaster studies. From his retirement in 1991 he focussed primarily on penal reform, as exemplified in his publications and initiating a series of Quaker seminars on the subject.

John WAREHAM is founder and chief of an international leadership development firm, and a Trustee of the Consultancy, Advocacy and Research Trust (CART), serving underprivileged and at-risk Maori. He has created and led symposia for corporate leaders throughout the world, and, as an unpaid volunteer, conducted prison rehabilitation programs at New York's toughest prisons and Auckland's Paremoremo. He also ran an historic weekend retreat for New Zealand gang leaders, the community-healing outcome of which the New Zealand Herald deemed "a miracle." John has published several best sellers in a dozen languages, including the business reference classic *Anatomy of a Great Executive*, and the crossover life-changer, *How to Break Out of Prison*. A member PEN, his work includes the Pulitzer prize nominee *Sonnets for Sinners*, and *The President's Therapist*, a psychological thriller that explores the themes of power, addiction and destiny. His latest work, a school-days memoir, *Exposed*, has been called a "Kiwi Catcher in the Rye." After living in New York for the past 38 years, John and his wife Margaret recently returned to their hometown in Wellington, New Zealand

Mike WILLIAMS was a student activist whose participation in many campaigns led to prominence in the organisation of the NZ Labour Party. In that capacity he rose to become the president, while simultaneously developing skills in IT and directing a number of business concerns. He features regularly on the radio as a commentator on political and social matters. Today he appears as the Chief Executive of the Howard League for Renal Reform, and of an organisation against the spread of methamphetamine.

Kim WORKMAN QSO (of Ngati Kahungunu and Rangitaane descent) is a retired public servant, whose career spans roles in the Police, the Office of the Ombudsman, State Services Commission, Department of Maori Affairs, Ministry of Health, and the Families Commission. He was Head of the Prison Service from 1989 – 1993.

He is a graduate of Massey University, and has completed post-graduate studies both at the University of Southern California and Stanford University. He was National Director, NZ Prison Fellowship from 2000 until earlier this year, during which time the organisation established the first faith-based prison unit in the British Commonwealth, a mentoring programme for released prisoners, and was the principal provider of in-prison restorative justice services (for which in 2005 he became a joint recipient of the International

Prize for Restorative Justice. Currently he is an Adjunct Research Fellow at the Institute of Criminology, Victoria University of Wellington.

He wears his heavy responsibilities lightly, and is unfailing in his support of Quaker initiatives in matters of penal reform.