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ALVP PRISON VISITORS' DEONTOLOGY

We, the voluntary visitors of the Luxembourg Prison Visitors' Association, all share the same approach to the human person, namely that:

- human development requires sharing, fraternity and solidarity;
- no-one can be reduced to his or her actions;
- everyone is capable of changing.

Through regular, individual meetings, we try to listen actively to the individuals in detention, without judging them or seeking to know the reason for them being in prison. In this way, we wish to give them a chance to reconstruct themselves and take charge of their own future, with a view to their reintegration into society.

We wish to establish a relationship with detainees based on mutual respect (as regards origin, beliefs, etc). Our exchanges are based on the principle of equality, lasting loyalty and empathy. At the same time, we are careful not to become too personally involved and we guarantee the confidentiality of our conversations. We make every effort not to proselytise or moralise. We wish to ensure that our listening role does not develop into a relationship based on material assistance.

We undertake to comply with the prison's internal rules, to work in cooperation with the relevant social services (SPSE, SCAS, etc.) and to cooperate with the judicial authorities of the Grand-Duchy while retaining our own independence.

We also undertake to take an active part in meetings and training sessions organised by the ALVP with a view to:

- sharing our experiences,
- supporting one another in dealing with difficult situations
and
- acquiring the tools we require for our work with detainees.

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