



Mark Zammit

After spending 21 years in the federal system, Mark Zammit has detailed, first-hand knowledge of the corrections system in Canada. An openly gay man, now queer rights and prisoner rights activist, Mark founded the first LGBT group at Beaver Creek Institution, and was the first federal inmate to access PrEP for the prevention of HIV.

Mark is passionate about the concerns and treatment of inmates. He has endured discrimination for his sexual orientation, from both inmates and staff. Mark has turned that discrimination into determination by writing his experiences in *Cell Count*, and by helping others through the complexities of the corrections system.

Since his release in January 2019, Mark has been helping bring awareness to issues faced by transgender inmates. He advocates for Dawna Brown, a trans-woman being held in an all-male facility, through his website www.FreeDawnaBrown.com.”