

Souheil Benslimane

Souheil Benslimane lives, learns, loves and resists on the traditional, unceded and unsundered territories of the Algonquin Nation. Souheil spent over 5 years in Canadian jails and prisons where he largely contemplated the appalling treatment that criminalized folks are subjected to. Since his release from prison in March 2018, Souheil have been involved in social justice issues directly linked to his past, present, and future lived experiences. He is a member of Ottawa Sanctuary City Network (www.ottawasanctuarycity.ca) a group of local organizers advocating around migrant justice issues. He is also a member of the Criminalization and Punishment Education Project (www.cp-ep.org). Currently, he is the co-coordinator of the Jail Accountability and Information Line (J.A.I.L.). Souheil is a lived experience expert whose advocacy, activism and writings are an endeavour to bring to light the aggressions suffered by criminalized peoples, the ones endured by the folks under the grip of the Canadian immigration system, and the harm created by state-sanctioned violence.