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News from the AYM Executive Board

Ensuring Full Representation Across the AYM regions.

The AYM Executive Board has been working together with members to ensure that all regions have representation on the AYM Executive Board.

We are really pleased to say that we have received a great response from the regions to take up the role of regional representatives and deputy regional representative.

Once these positions are confirmed by the regions, we will advise members so that you know who to contact to provide information for discussion at the Executive Board meetings, and so that you know who will be feeding back to you after each board meeting.

The **next meeting of the Executive Board is Tuesday 7th March**, we look forward to welcoming our new members at that meeting.

We welcome observers at Executive Board meetings, if you would like to attend one please contact us by [clicking here](#), or by contacting your regional representative.



Consultations

Members of the Executive Board have also been busy working with members to provide responses to a consultation from the Joint Inspectorate regarding their intention to implement **assurance inspections of secure training centres**, in addition to the normal inspection framework. To read the AYM response [click here](#)

The Executive completed a survey from the Shadow Justice Minister, Steve Reed MP, which is part of **Labour's 'end-to-end review of the criminal justice system'**. Our Chair, Jacqui Belfield-Smith, has also written to the Shadow Minister and the Minister of State for Youth Justice, Damian Hinds to introduce them to the work of the AYM. The Executive Board hope to engage with each of them over the coming months in order to ensure the voice of youth justice services and our members are considered in their plans for the future.

Working with Stakeholders

A number of AYM regional representatives and members of the AYM met with Loughborough University to support its developing **research into preventative interventions**. The group covered many issues during their discussion, amongst which were the methodology adopted by HMI Probation's YOT inspections, Turnaround and the Youth Endowment Funding (YEF), and the use of random control trials for evaluating YEF funded projects.



The AYM has recently joined the **Strategic Advisory Board for the Ministry of Justice Sports Fund** which is being managed by the Alliance of Sport in Criminal Justice and StreetGames and co-ordinated by the Sport for Development Coalition. We are working with the coalition of sports organisations to support them to make the best use of funds to provide sporting opportunities to those young people in need of support to divert them from offending behaviours. Charlie Spencer, AYM Vice Chair said:

'I have been really impressed by the passion and commitment demonstrated by StreetGames and other sports governing bodies to effectively roll out such a programme in such a short space of time. Of particular note is the rigour in which over 200 organisations have been selected and awarded funding to extend their sports programmes to engage child at risk of involvement in crime or youth violence. In addition, the un-wavering commitment of the providers to work closely with youth justice services and to ensure Child First principles are at the heart of the sports programme.'

The list of providers will be released shortly, and will be complimented by a series of regional events through February and Early March 2023. These events will be a great opportunity to continue to develop partnerships with existing sports partners and/or to develop new relationships with new providers in your area. The AYM will continue to provide updates on the programme, and share more information as it becomes available. **Look out for your Ministry of Justice Sports Fund regional event coming to your area soon.**



We were pleased to receive a letter from the Executive Director of the Youth Custody Service advising the AYM that improvements in **Oakhill Secure Training Centre** have resulted in the HMPPS Prison Performance Committee agreeing to remove the Urgent Notification oversight of the establishment.

The decision, based on evidence of sustained and long-term improvements in safeguarding children, the physical environment, staff development and reduced violence and self-harm is one that is welcomed by the AYM.

Members of the AYM and other delegates at the AYM Autumn Conference in December received a presentation from Oakhill managers about their safeguarding activity and are keen to engage and learn from AYM members going forward. The AYM will also continue to work with our members and the Youth Custody Service to support developments that help drive such improvements for children detained in custody.



The AYM also received a thank you from Anne Longfield CBE, chair of the **Commission on Young Lives (COYL)**, whose report '*Hidden in Plain Sight*' was published in November 2022.

In her letter, Anne expresses her gratitude to the AYM and its members in supporting COYL's understanding of the issues facing children in the criminal justice system. As always, we would like to thank all of our members who helped us respond to such consultations. The roundtable hosted by the AYM helped COYL's understanding of the issues facing children involved in the criminal justice system.

Hidden in Plain Sight sets out COYL's national plan to protect vulnerable teenagers from harm and improve outcomes for them. Members of the AYM Executive Board will be attending the forthcoming parliamentary event to launch the Hidden in Plain Sight report.

Changes at the YJB

Like many stakeholders, we received a letter from Claudia Sturt, Chief Executive of the Youth Justice Board for England and Wales (YJB) advising us of her intention to take up an 'external opportunity outside the Civil Service' in April, at the end of her two year contract with the YJB.



Our Chair Jacqui Belfield-Smith and other members of the Executive Board have been pleased with the engagement during our regular meetings with Claudia, Keith Fraser, YJB Chair, and other members of the YJB. Open and honest discussions have enabled the YJB to share updates on their developments and for the AYM to express concerns and aspirations for youth justice practice and policy

We will continue to meet with the YJB and look forward to meeting the new chief executive when appointed.

We wish Claudia all the best in her future endeavours.

Farewell to Paul Axon

Heads of Service (and some previous heads of service) in Greater Manchester met recently to say farewell to Paul Axon who has been appointed as Chief Executive of Positive Steps, Oldham).

Pictured bottom left (moving clockwise) are Tom Lang, Lee Matthews, Mike Blower,; Julie Postlethwaite, Clare Griffiths, Paul Axon; Marie McLaughlin, Jacqui Belfield-Smith, Rachel Meyrick



We wish you all the best Paul – keep in touch!

Membership of the AYM

We have received a number of requests for Associate Membership to the AYM recently from former leaders in youth justice. If you are retiring from youth justice and wish to keep in touch with our work, and/or you feel you would like to continue to provide expertise in helping us develop and influence improvements in youth justice provision, why not get in touch. To join the AYM [click here](#)



AYM Management Training Courses

ILM 7 Qualification for Heads of Service – Starts soon!

Are you interested in joining the latest cohort of the Institute in Leadership and Management Level 7 Certificate programme?

The course is delivered by our partners Solace, the UK's leading network for public sector professionals, and is unique in that it is the only leadership and management course offered to heads of service in youth justice. The course covers aspects of leadership and management within a strategic context and is delivered through a combination of workshops, tutorials, personal coaching, individual learning and work-based learning projects.



The programme is tailored to meet the needs of individuals within the cohort. The course outcomes can be linked to the organisation's strategic aims and strategies and the priorities of key political, organisational or community stakeholders, as well as to internal people and organisational development approaches.

We are currently organising the next cohort - if you are interested please contact us so that we can finalise the arrangements.

For more information about the course, and to register for a place [click here](#)

Aspiring Future Leaders Course

This course, also delivered by Solace is aimed at operational and team managers who are wishing to progress to Head of Service/YOT manager or other more strategic roles in the public sector.

The programme is varied and aims to provide candidates with knowledge and development in a number of areas:

- Leadership and change
- Strategic thinking in public services
- Collaborative working
- Coaching for high performance.



We are now taking registrations for the course commencing in September 2023.

For more information about this course and to apply for a place [click here](#)

Youth Justice Sector Improvement Partnership

We Need You!

Are you a YJSIP coach or mentor looking to get involved in Elevate or YJSIP coaching and mentoring? If so please get in touch.

With YJSIP peer reviews now well under way for this year, we want to give a big thank you to the many YJSIP peer reviewers involved.



Frontline Leaders Taster Events

This course is aimed at those who are in frontline leadership roles, supervising practitioners.

In the spirit of modelling the YJSIP *for the sector, by the sector, with the sector*, **we want to involve you in the redesign of our full programme**, so we are looking to run these events to get you involved in how we take the programme forward.

If you are a youth justice frontline manager/leader, join one of our 2-hour online events to test-drive some of our revamped content.

We will be holding these taster events on:

March 21st, 27th, 29th or 30th March

Please note, we cannot guarantee the topic(s) at this stage, but all the sessions will include elements of the full programme.

Please only book onto one date.

To book a place please [click here](#)

To share your topic preference [click here](#)



Don't Forget to Keep in Touch!

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Youth Justice SEND Quality Awards



Congratulations once again to the dozen or so youth justice partnerships which, during 2022, achieved our Quality Mark for good practice in working with children with SEND.

We would like to remind areas which received the award in 2019, or earlier, that they will need to seek re-accreditation this year if they have not already done so, as the award remains valid for three years.

Re-accreditation is a relatively light touch and is only 50% of the cost of a new assessment, so it is well worth keeping your accreditation live. There are also opportunities to progress from 'Quality Mark' to 'Quality Lead' with a further option of special recognition for "Child First Practice" across a local partnership.

For more details contact:

marius.frank@microlinkpc.com or phil.sutton@aymorg.uk

Youth Justice Child First Effective Partnership Practice Webinars

Reminder to Enrol in this month's lunchtime webinar!

Building on the AYM work with partners Microlink in delivering the Youth Justice SEND Quality Assurance Awards, the first of our lunchtime seminars commences this month.

The seminars will give teams that have attained the coveted 'Child First Commendation' a chance to share their knowledge and experience, with others, which it is hoped will trigger creative thinking and the further development of effective Child First Partnership Practice across the country. Small changes could result in significant gains!

Two or three teams will be featured at each meeting with discussion time at the end. These lunchtime webinar-seminars will run on the fourth Wednesday of every month, commencing with webinar 1:

Working with Schools: Targeted Speech and Language Assessments for Primary and Secondary children at risk of exclusion

**22nd February 2023.
12:30-13:30**

For more information on the webinars contact: education@microlinkpc.com

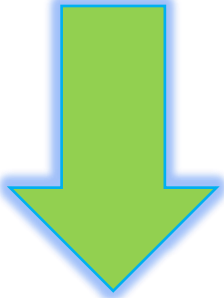
To register for the first of these events [click here](#)



Annual Youth Justice Statistics

2021-2022 Data Published

The Ministry of Justice has published the annual youth justice statistics for 2021-22 which shows continued improvement in many areas.



The number of children entering the youth justice system for the first time fell to 8,000, a reduction of 10% from the previous year, and a fall of 78% compared to 2011-12.

All ethnic groups saw decreases in the number of children cautioned or sentenced compared to the previous year, with Asian children seeing the biggest fall of 22%, followed by Black children, decreasing by 16%: children from mixed ethnic backgrounds cautioned or sentenced saw the smallest decrease (9%).

The number of children cautioned or sentenced in both the 10-14 year old and 15-17 year old age groups decreased by 1% and 15% respectively.

The reoffending rate decreased by three percentage points in the last year and is the lowest on record with a 3 percent reduction to 31.2%.

The number of children receiving a caution or sentence fell to 3,800; a 13% reduction from the previous year, and 79% reduction compared with 2011-12.

Fewer knife and offensive weapon offences were committed by children, representing a 2% decrease from last year and 3% compared with the year ending March 2012

Delays in processing cases from arrest to sentence, whilst reducing slightly from the previous year (from 221 days to 217 days), is '121% higher (or 119 days longer) than the year ending March 2012.

Whilst the number of children held in custody at any time in the year fell to 450 (a reduction against the previous year of 19% and a 77% reduction against 2011-12), the average custodial sentence length increased by six months. This, together with the reported increase in 'behavioural management measures' carried out within the youth secure estate, poses a significant concern to youth justice services. Assaults within the youth secure estate have increased by 25% and self-harm increased by 29%: separation increased by 56%, and restraints by 17%.

Disproportionality continues to be evident with children from an ethnic minority group representing 58% of those remanded; 73% of these subsequently received a non-custodial sentence.

To read the latest statistics [click here](#)

Impact of COVID-19 on Youth Custody



Youth Custody Service Report Published

The Youth Custody Service (YCS) has published the final report of the review conducted in 2020 by the YCS Psychology Services under the independent direction of Professor Neal Hazel of the University of Salford.

Researchers for the COVID-19 Research & Evaluation (CoRE) Programme spoke with 391 children and surveyed 1,220 members of staff to gain insight into the impact of the pandemic on the care offered to children detained in the secure estate.

The report advises that the review helped inform the care of children throughout the pandemic and beyond, for example by continuing with the new education service that is needs led, providing opportunity for providers to innovate in order to meet identified need.

The author reports that:

‘during the early months of the pandemic, children’s specific needs and best interests were not always prioritised in decision making affecting the children’s secure estate as legally required. However, senior leaders hoped that the pandemic had highlighted the peculiarity of the children’s estate within HMPPS, with the voice of the YCS now being heard more.’

The review found that during the pandemic most children (85%) felt supported by public health measures and staff in custody:

‘most felt that they had a part to play in public health protection, which depended statistically on having a sense of cultural unity. This cultural unity and feelings of safety could be undermined by resentment if they felt staff were not following public health rules.’

42% of children in custody spent time in isolation on a Reverse Cohorting Unit (RCU) and 56% found this stressful, although supported through the experience (83%). 14% of the children preferred being on the RCU *‘as it could mean a break from wider site relations’*.

Children reported that they felt safe from harm from others (children and staff) due to the small family groupings, they also reported feeling more able to report their concerns. Parents of children detained felt their children were more protected from others as a result of the measures taken. Staff too reported increased feelings of safety, crediting this to improved relationships with the children, a ‘slower regime’, and the use of small ‘family’ groups.

Senior leaders criticised the limited access for activities outside the children’s rooms, although 61% of children reported they had ‘good access to some activities outside their room’.

The report makes four recommendations for ‘building back better’, including (R 2) to:

‘ensure recruitment, training and ongoing professional development enables and motivates staff working directly with children to fulfil a ‘parent/carer’ role.’

To read the report [click here](#)

Children's Commissioner Reports

New Reports Published

The Children's Commissioner has published a number of new reports on aspects of children's lives, following research undertaken by her office.



In the report '***Siblings in Care***', following findings from the Commissioner's Independent Family Review, calls for a focus on 'extending the protective effect of family to every child in the care system'. The Commissioner identifies the four elements of protection offered by families:

- A strong emotional connection, with an emphasis on love and joy
- The importance of shared experiences (both the regular and the exceptional)
- Mutual support to one another, both practical and emotional
- The enduring nature of the relationships, and the sense this provides of unconditional support I want every child in care to benefit from this protective effect.

However, the Commissioner reports, an estimated 37% of children with a sibling (20,000 children) are separated from a sibling when placed in care. 93% of older children placed in semi-independent accommodation are separated from siblings, and children who have come into care because of a disability or because of issues with their behaviour are more likely to be separated than other children. The Commissioner reports that '*Children told me that too often these decisions were made because there was nowhere available for them to be placed together*'.

'***Supported Accommodation for Children in Care***', considers the recent reforms to supported accommodation regulations and calls for:

'every child in care to have access to a stable home environment that is able to meet their needs and give them the love and care they need to thrive in every aspect of their life. They should be in familial environment that can provide them with care until they are at least 18.'

'***Findings from The Big Ask: Children in Care***' reports on the national consultation undertaken by the Children's Commissioner in which 2,200 children in care responded and shared their concerns and hopes – and their priorities. The Commissioner concludes that as highlighted in the report, children should be heard and their 'voices given emphasis in research. Children are the experts in their own life experiences a, and they know best what needs to change to improve the lives of children in England.

To read the reports [click here](#)

Effective Practice in Resettlement

HMI Probation publish the latest Academic Insight

HMI Probation has published its latest Academic Insight written by Dr. Matt Cracknell, senior lecturer in criminology at Middlesex University.

Dr. Cracknell reviews the evidence base on best practice in supporting people as they leave prison and transition back into the community. He argues that the plethora of 're:' terms (resettlement, rehabilitation etc.) used to describe this management of transition is problematic as none fully captures the reality of disadvantage of returning to a community that many have not felt integrated with prior to detention.

The paper draws upon literature in order to outline what best practice in this area might look like, outlining six key principles of effective resettlement support. It sets out six key principles for effective resettlement practice, highlighting the importance of:

- Early identification of needs and working co-productively as early as possible to meet those needs;
- Maintaining relationships and providing continuity of support;
- Recognising intersectionality and its impact on resettlement;
- Accessing a wide network of community resources; and
- Using a strengths-based approach - balancing monitoring and risk management with genuine rehabilitative and reintegrative support.



Dr. Cracknell argues that for these principles to be realised, practitioners need to be given the time and resources to adopt an individualised and collaborative approach to be minimised in order to facilitate effective re-integration into the community. He also argues that barriers to effective practice such as insufficient staffing and the exclusions from community some face when leaving custody must be addressed in order to improve outcomes and enable effective re-entry into the community.

To read this latest Academic Insight [click here](#)

Call for the Removal of Police from Schools

The logo for Runnymede, featuring the word "RUNNYMEDE" in white capital letters on a dark teal rectangular background.

From the Runnymede Trust

The Runnymede Trust, a charity that is ‘rooted in challenging structural racism and its impact on our communities’ has published a report ‘**Over-policed and under-protected: the road to Safer Schools**’. The report calls for the removal of police from schools arguing that the presence of safer schools officers (SSOs) in schools ‘**can facilitate the school-to-prison pipeline for many Black and ethnic minority young people,who are already over-policed and under-protected**’.

Research undertaken by Runnymede Trust found that SSOs are more likely to be based in schools with higher number of children eligible for free school meals, correlating with higher number of Black and ethnic minority pupils – half of SSOs are based in London and there are plans to increase the number of SSOs nationally by 7%.

The report highlights government statistics showing that 58% of all strip searches undertaken by the Metropolitan Police Black boys between 2018-2020 (rising to 75% for 2018 alone) were on Black boys.

‘Over-policed and under-protected’ makes a series of recommendations regarding the use of strip searches of children and the discontinuance of police involvement in Safer Schools Partnerships and the withdrawal of SSOs from schools.:

NPCC Lead for Children and Young People Response

T/DAC Catherine Roper, responded to the report saying:

‘Schools officers, together with all officers whose primary role is to work with children and young people, are essential to ensure that we can provide support and guidance to pupils in schools and colleges. Officers are there to build trust and forge relationships with students and staff and empower young people to know their rights’

I disagree with the recommendation of the report that Schools Officers should be withdrawn.

Police involvement with schools is closely monitored and agreed with headteachers and education authorities.

We fully accept that some of our powers, like stop and search, are disproportionately applied to Black communities, and we are working hard – including the full 43 force commitment to the Police Race Action Plan - to put this right.

I have personally contacted the Runnymede Trust on the back of their report and I am delighted that they have accepted our offer to be part of our ongoing research into police officers in schools, alongside the Youth Endowment Fund.’

To read the report [click here](#)

Youth Justice Effective Practice Certificate



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Youth Justice Effective Practice Certificate (YJEPC):

Throughout 2022 Youth Justice practitioners and professionals, supported by their employers, registered with Unitas for this widely recognised youth justice qualification.



The **YJEPC - Unitas** is a FHEQ L5 30-week course, accredited by Skills for Justice Awards.

In the Unitas November survey 100% of respondents said that they would recommend this course to their colleagues.

The next cohort start dates are 27th March, 2023 and 12th June, 2023

Also on offer:

Other validated and recognised youth justice qualifications, including:

The [Certificate of Higher Education in Youth Justice – Unitas](#) which is a FHEQ L4 54-week course to explore the underlying principles that support and inform youth justice. Completion of two modules will help develop practice skills in ways that are evidence-based and grounded in current theory. It provides a progression route to:

The [Foundation Degree In Youth Justice – Unitas](#)

The next cohort start dates is 24.4.23

To find out more about Unitas the courses offered visit the website <https://unitas.uk.net>

Or email contact@unitas.uk.net or phone **01603 570365**

Vacancies



Service Manager: Adolescent and Youth Justice – London Borough of Barking and Dagenham Council

The Service Manager role is central to providing exceptional and creative leadership for the Team, and making a positive difference to children, young people and their families in the community.

The successful postholder will be required to plan, organise and manage the team, providing effective operational management and support, as required, delegating to Team Managers, as necessary. The Service Manager will support the Head of Service to deliver on portfolio commitments and National Standards and expectations as well as inspection preparation. In addition to this. The Service Manager will also oversee all recruitment, service development, quality assurance and individual casework undertaken by the team.

Candidates must be a qualified social worker and registered with Social Work England

To apply for the position [click here](#)

Closing date for applications is 5th February, 2023.

Interview date 20th February, 2023

Board Member: Alliance for Youth Justice

The Alliance for Youth Justice (AYJ) is an alliance of organisations working to improve the youth justice system in England and Wales.

The AYJ is looking for people to join its active and committed Board, at an exciting time for the organisation. All the AYJ board members share the aim of advocating for a distinct and child-focused justice system that tackles the underlying causes of offending, respects rights and promotes positive long-term outcomes.

If you work with children and young people with experience of the youth justice system, and are passionate about creating positive change, this opportunity might be for you.

If you wish to have an informal and confidential discussion, please contact Lesley Tregear (Chair of the Board) on **07909 526122**; or Saqib Deshmukh Interim CEO at:

saqib.deshmukh@ayj.org.uk or on **07749 725193**

For more information and to apply for the position [click here](#)

The deadline for applications is 13th February, 2023 at midday.

Interviews will take place week beginning 20th February, 2023



Other News

A graphic with the word "News" in a bold, red, sans-serif font with a blue drop shadow, set against a white background with a thin black border.The logo for the Joseph Rowntree Foundation, featuring the letters "JRF" in a large, bold, red font, with "JOSEPH ROWNTREE FOUNDATION" in a smaller, black, sans-serif font to its right.

Annual Poverty Report Published

The Joseph Rowntree Foundation has published its latest Annual Poverty Report in which it reports that 13.4 million people were in poverty during 2020/21, including 3.9 million children.

1.3 million primary school children and 1 million children who are under 4 were growing up in poverty even with additional support, and as a result are now experiencing the sharp end of the hardship caused by the cost of living crisis: one in six children faced persistent poverty for at least three out of the last four years.

To read the report [click here](#)

Call to Cease the Use of Images of Offensive Weapons

Research, commissioned by London's Violence Reduction Unit (VRU) and undertaken by University College of London in January 2021, into the impact on young people's perception of safety of using knife imagery in social media found very little to suggest that viewing social media posts of knives seized by police had an impact on young people's attitudes towards knives and knife-carrying. However, the researchers suggested this may be due to desensitisation of images among young people and recommended further qualitative research, especially that which targeted young people already affected by knife-carrying or harm.

The VRU's Young Person's Action Group (YPAG) has now published a report following its peer led research, which included a survey and a series of workshops with children and young people aged 12-25 years and found that:

'seeing the images made the majority of young people feel negatively (unsafe, fearful, scare and triggered). A very small number also admitted that seeing images of knives would make them more likely to carry a knife'.

The YPAG recommends that the police stop posting images of confiscated knives because of the impact it has on some young people and communities, especially those who have experienced knife-related trauma. They also set out a series of recommendations of how the Metropolitan Police could visually demonstrate the work they are doing to tackle knife crime.

To read the report [click here](#)

Young People's Voice in Diversion

The Centre for Justice Innovation has published a report '**Children and young people's voices on youth diversion and disparity**' which builds on the previous research project, '**Equal Diversion? Racial Disproportionality in Youth Diversion**'.



This latest report crucially centres the voices of children and young people in diversion. It explores the experiences of children and young people who have received diversionary interventions or out of court disposals, with a particular focus on how they perceived their ethnicity to have impacted the youth justice process and outcome.

The report makes a number of recommendations, including calling for improved engagement with children being considered for diversion, co-production of interventions, embedding of child first principles and anti-racist and anti-discriminatory practices.

To read the report [click here](#)

Remand to Local Authority Accommodation Guidance

The Ministry of Justice has published additional guidance on Remand to Local Authority Accommodation (RLAA). The guidance exists as an Annex to the June 2022 circular on the youth remand framework.



To read the Annex [click here](#)

Young Women's Justice Project Extended

Agenda Alliance and the Alliance for Youth Justice (AYJ) have been awarded extension funding from Lloyds Bank Foundation for England and Wales to help build on the success of the Young Women's Justice Project, focused on making a positive impact on policy and practice for young adult women (aged 17-25yrs) in contact with the criminal justice system.

The project has run for two years and during this time has built a strong and credible evidence base about the needs of girls and young women in the criminal justice system. It has influenced government policy and strategies to take account of minoritized ethnic girls and young women and empowered many girls and young women to share their experiences to effect change.

To find out more about the project [click here](#)



**For Your
Diary!**

Dates for Your Diary

Calendar of events for AYM 2023



Title	Date	Venue
Executive Board meeting	14 th March, 2023	MS Teams
Executive Board meeting	22 nd June, 2023	To be confirmed
AYM Conference	22 nd June, 2023	To be confirmed
AYM AGM	22 nd June, 2023	To be confirmed
Executive Board meeting	5 th September, 2023	MS Teams
Executive Board meeting	5 th December, 2023	To be confirmed
AYM Conference	6 th December, 2023	To be confirmed

Please contact your regional representative (see below) if you wish the Executive Board to consider a particular issue, or if you have an item you would like to bring to their attention at one of their meetings.

To keep up to date with this calendar between Bulletins, please look at our website aym.org.uk

Working with Schools: Targeted Speech and Language Assessments for Primary and Secondary children at risk of exclusion

Join colleagues in the first of a series of webinars aimed at sharing and developing best practice.

Milton Keynes Youth Justice Partnership will share their knowledge and experience with delegates, to trigger creative thinking and the further development of effective Child First Partnership Practice across the country.

This webinar takes place on

22nd February 2023

at

12:30-13:30

For more information on the webinars contact: education@microlinkpc.com

To register for the webinar [click here](#)



Evaluation, Evidence & Impact: Delivering better outcomes for children

Children and Young People Now are holding a one day conference bringing together a range of experts and inspiring practitioners to address key challenges and provide practical tips to support professionals in their endeavours to improve outcomes for children, young people and families.

The conference takes place on:

**The Hallam Conference Centre,
central London**

on

29th March 2023

at

9:15am – 4:30pm

For more information and to register for a place [click here](#)

**Children &
Young People Now**
For everyone working with children, young people and families

Alliance for Youth Justice Member's Meeting and AGM

The Annual General Meeting and Members meeting of the Alliance for Youth Justice (AYJ) will take place on:

14:00-16:00

on

Wednesday 19th April, 2023



More details will follow in future bulletins.

The AYM is a member of the Alliance for Youth Justice



Defining the Roadmap to Responsive and Connected Justice

The 21st Annual Modernising Criminal Justice Conference will bring together senior leaders from across the criminal justice sector.



The conference will receive the keynote address from **Victoria Atkins MP**, Minister of State at the Ministry of Justice before hearing from a variety of experts and leaders in criminal justice.

The conference takes place on

22nd June, 2023

at

The QEII Centre, London

To find out more and to register for a place at the conference [click here](#)



Want to stay up to date with YJ issues?

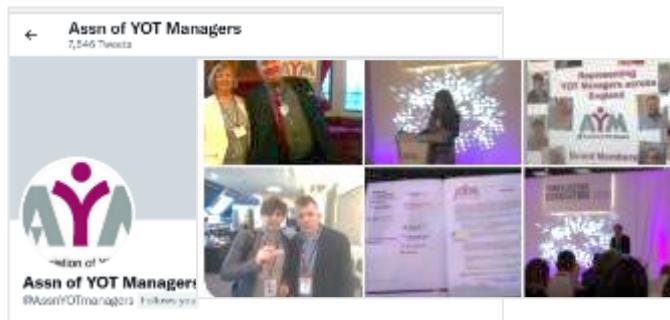
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also the 'latest news' information at <http://aym.org.uk>



Via our website <https://aym.org.uk/about-us/contact-us>

Via Twitter [@AssnYOTmanagers](https://twitter.com/AssnYOTmanagers)

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