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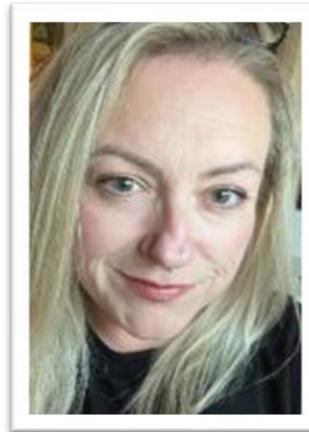
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News from the AYM Executive Board

The AYM Executive Board met on the 7th March and **we were pleased to welcome new additions to the board – Carly Turner has returned in the role of East Midlands Regional Representative and John Evans joined as the Deputy Regional Representative for the East Midlands.**

It is good to see the regions so well represented, although we are still seeking deputies for the East and the South East regions – please get in touch if you feel you would like to undertake these roles and we can provide more information.



Each month the Executive Board holds a thematic discussion to provide an opportunity for board members to hold a more detailed discussion on current topics impacting on the sector. This month's topic was custody and Lisa Harvey-Messina, Deputy Director at the Youth Custody Service (YCS) and Claire Wilson from Oasis Restore provided an update on the implementation of the secure school which is on track to be opened early in 2024.

Hazel Williamson who has been seconded from her position as Head of Staffordshire Youth Justice Service to work with YCS also gave some feedback on her work to improve safeguarding arrangements for children in custody. Hazel kindly agreed to provide an article on her reflections which you can read this on pages 6 and 7 of this bulletin. Thank you Hazel, we hope all managers and practitioners will take the time to reflect on your observations and consider how practice can change to improve experiences and outcomes for those children entering and living in custody, and returning to their community on release.

Of course, the Executive has also been concerned with planning for this year's AYM Summer Conference which is followed by the Annual General Meeting of the AYM, the agenda for which is below. This conference provides us with the opportunity to reflect on changes over the 25 years since the implementation of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 and we have some excellent presentations to make the day interesting.

Please register for the conference by [clicking here](#)

AYM Summer Conference:
25 Years of Crime and Disorder in Youth Justice. What's changed since the Crime and Disorder Act 1998?



Thursday 22nd June, 2023
10am – 3:30pm

1 Staffordshire Place, Tipping Street, Stafford ST16 2LP.

AGENDA

- 10:00 Registration and refreshments**
- 10:30 Welcome – Jacqui Belfield-Smith, AYM Chair**
- 10:40 Highs, Lows and Unfinished Business: Personal Reflections on the last 25 years of Youth Justice –**
John Drew, Former CEO of YJB and AYM Life Member
- 11.15 John Hawkins Award (2022) Presentation**
- 11.25 Supporting Children's Rights in the YJS –**
Laura Cooper, Co-Head of the YJ Legal Centre
- 12.10 AYM/Microlink YJ SEND Awards Presentations –**
Marius Frank, Head of Education, Microlink
- 12:20 What next for the YJS?– Keith Fraser, YJB Chair**
- 13.00 Reflections from YOT Managers**
- 13:15 Conference Closes with Lunch**
- 14.00 AGM commences (*for AYM members only*)**

Register for a place at the conference by [clicking here](#)

Working with Stakeholders

Chris Sweeting, the AYM Deputy Regional Representative for Yorkshire and Humberside, represented the AYM at the House of Commons on 20th March to see the launch of the Peer Action Collective's (PAC) first research report '**Leading research, driving change**'. The launch attended by MPs and other senior stakeholders invested in making communities safer and fairer for young people.



The report is based on insights into youth violence gathered from research, designed and conducted by young people, through consultation with more than 4,600 children and young people aged between 10 and 20 years of age

The event saw young people continuing in their leadership of the project by taking their recommendations for change directly to decision makers.

To read the report [click here](#)

Youth Justice Sector Improvement Partnership

The Youth Justice Sector Led Improvement Partnership (YJSIP) has been working tirelessly on sector improvement activity over the past month.



The team has undertaken:

- Three peer reviews;
- Peer review training for sector leaders;
- The development of new frontline leaders training materials, and;
- The YJSIP board has held a board development day to review the year's achievements and develop the programme plan for the year ahead.

As the team beaver away completing this year's programme and start drawing up our Year End Report, the YJSIP Board would like to give a huge thank you to our ever dedicated, skilled and collaborative YJSIP community including those who've recently joined us. You continue to drive forward sector improvement, keeping the end goal in focus – to improve child (and therefore community) outcomes - and make it such an enjoyable experience!

If you are a YJSIP trained coach/mentor and you want to get involved in Elevate, please get in touch asap if you haven't already – laura.kinsey@aym.org.uk

We are in the process of creating some video content about what we do; look out for it at:

www.linkedin.com/company/youth-justice-sector-improvement-partnership-yjsip

YJSIP: For the sector, by the sector and always with the sector.

Youth Justice SEND Quality Awards

Congratulations to Croydon Area Partnership for attaining the Youth Justice SEND Quality Lead Status with a Child First Commendation.

Croydon was involved with the SEND Award from the earliest days of 2016 when Croydon's 'Missing Mondays' initiative was identified as something that every youth justice service could benefit from learning about.



Croydon first achieved Quality Lead status in 2020. Effective partnership work with the local authority SEND Team was celebrated then, and continues to grow, including data integration using Capita One system, proactive networking with the secure estate to enable support, and resettlement and transition-planning for children with Education Health Care Plans in custody. 'High-needs funding' is quickly made available if a child entering a youth justice pathway is identified to need it through screening and assessment.

The skillset of frontline professionals continues to develop, through embedding trauma-informed practice, and detailed assessments of speech language and communication needs that lead to court reports supported by a 'Communication Passport'.

Prevention work continues to develop at a pace, moving further downstream leading to a continuous fall in both the cohort size and first-time offending rates. The intensity of effort, the development of funded provision, and the impact of this work, must be celebrated as examples of outstanding Child-First practice:

Congratulations to Norfolk Area Partnership for attaining the Youth Justice SEND Quality Mark Status.

The assessor states that initial benchmarking highlighted clear strengths, but also critical areas of development. The Quality Assurance process was used to explore opportunities to review and develop practice, and to develop further inter-service opportunities.



Close cooperation with the SEND team enables needs that were previously unidentified to be met. Data integration across services is now supported through ChildView. A strategic focus on children with SEND is leading to more effective inclusive practice across education settings (including more effective transition planning and support), impacting on exclusion rates and thus first-time offending. Of particular note is the Challenge 4 Change initiative.

Considerable progress has been made in developing effective partnership working to secure positive futures for children on youth justice pathways. Robust resettlement policies and protocols, together with 'best practice provision guides', underpin closer relationships with 16+ providers. Children are offered opportunities to re-engage with learning through Skill Mill, volunteering opportunities and ASDAN qualifications delivered by ETE workers.

Norfolk Area Partnership is well on its way to securing Quality Lead status in the near future.

Well done Croydon and Norfolk!

Community Support for Children in Custodial Establishments

Reflections of Hazel Williamson, YOT Manager seconded to YCS

I have been a YOT Manager for 13 years and the relationships with our custodial establishments for children has changed within that time. I remember when detention and training orders (DTOs) were first introduced, and the community and custody sector trained together and met regularly. In my early time as a social worker in the YOT, I can remember more often than not children would be located close to home and there was the opportunity as a practitioner to build effective working relationships with our colleagues in custody.



For the past 9 months I have been seconded into the Youth Custody Service (YCS) to support the safeguarding agenda; this has enabled me to not only have a lens into custody but to see the community from the 'other side of the fence'.

At any one time there are just short of over 500 children in custody; all have experienced adverse childhood experiences and for many of them they are located more than 50 miles from home. There are children within our establishments that never receive a family visit - the only contact they have with the outside world is from a professional visit. Children tell us they worry about what is happening in their own communities and this worry is often more acute for the children who are being criminally exploited - the threat of being criminally exploited doesn't end when a child enters custody.

We can celebrate that fewer children are in custody, however fewer children mean fewer commissioned beds and more opportunity for children to be placed in establishments where they are more likely to meet their 'rivals'. With this comes the threat of increased violence and the fashioning of weapons.

Managing and working in a custodial environment for children who have experienced trauma, are displaying daily violence and regularly making weapons creates an environment where staff must be hyper vigilant and where they themselves are subjected to trauma, whilst trying to keep children safe. I have seen lots of examples where officers have risked being hurt themselves by protecting children from being harmed. There are some real heroes in the YCS yet we recognise that there is still much to do to make things better for our children and staff.

In the last 9 months I have seen some outstanding practice from community partners, but I have also seen practice that falls short of prioritising children in custody. Children in custody are the most vulnerable children within the youth justice system and they also make up the smallest cohort which means there will be some YOT's who will rarely have a child in custody and are at risk of losing the expertise within their teams. I have seen practice where children are not visited, not provided with their entitlements, don't know where they are going to live until the day of their release and who report not feeling connected to their own communities.

Having seen both sides of the 'fence', I think it is time as a whole system we reviewed the relationships between practitioners in the community and custodial establishments to ensure that our most vulnerable children are safeguarded.

If you are a YOT Manager I would urge you to think about how you know your children in custody are safe and if you rarely have children in custody how you maintain the skills of your workforce. Make sure you know the Heads of Safeguarding, Heads of Resettlement, Governors (YOI), Directors (STC) and Registered Managers (SCH).

For anyone who has read a serious case review the one consistent recommendation will always be information sharing and communication, so let's get ahead of ourselves, talk to each other, develop relationships so we make it better for our children.

Supporting Children in the Youth Justice System

LGA Calls for Good Practice Examples

The Local Government Association (LGA) is conducting a piece of work which aims to share good practice in supporting children involved in, or at risk of entering, the youth justice system.

The LGA is therefore looking for examples of councils providing effective support to a young person (or young people) by using innovative approaches, new partnerships, early intervention or any other type of support that other councils could learn from.

Of particular interest are examples of:

- Support for children from over-represented groups such as those from minoritized communities;
- Supporting young people with special educational needs
- Effective use of remand into community provision
- Effective use of Bail Intensive Support and Supervision
- YOTs that are closely interlinked with wider children's services provision
- Effective prevention and diversion activity



**Do you have
an example of
good practice?**

If you feel that your local area may have an example to contribute, please get in touch with Becky Fedia, who is conducting the work, for an informal conversation:

beckyfedia@gmail.com

Review of Custodial Remand for Children 2022

An update from the Ministry of Justice



The AYM has been a key part of the Ministry of Justice's (MoJ) Youth Remand Working Group. This is a group of partners working together to reduce unnecessary custodial remands in the year since the MoJ's Remand Review was published. We've seen some encouraging progress reflected in the annual statistics, however there is still much to do, particularly in relation to alternatives to custody, lengths of time in custody, and ethnic disparities.

Notable amongst the review's recommendations were the tighter remand tests, now in law through the PCSC Act, and an independent thematic inspection on youth remand, for which HMI Probation, HMI Prisons and Ofsted commence fieldwork soon.

At the year point since the review, the Youth Remand Working Group felt it was worth re-sharing the recommendations in the review aimed at local partners as a 'checklist' to ensure these have been considered and implemented:

- Do you have effective information-sharing procedures in relation to remand agreed across partners (via the Local Criminal Justice Board (LCJB), Local Community Safety Partnership (LCSP))? Are these effective in enabling the YOT to present robust alternatives to custodial to the courts in a timely manner?
- Do you have appropriate protocols in place between liaison & diversion teams, police, CPS, emergency duty teams, YOT etc, to enable services to identify children at risk of remand early?
- Is remand included in your YOT's Youth Justice plan in accordance with the YJB's practice note?
- Does your Youth Justice Management Board conduct practice reviews of remand cases to identify trends, take action on emerging issues and implement lessons learnt?
- Do existing criminal justice structures provide oversight of remand cases in your local area, (e.g. the LCJB & LCSP)?
- Can local agencies intensify efforts to understand the diverse needs and backgrounds of children in the area through practical steps such as training, improving staff diversity, and community engagement?
- Have you seen the changes to Bail ISS in the Case Management Guidance and discussed this new approach with local partners?

If you have any questions, comments or suggestions, please email the remand team at

remandreview@justice.gov.uk

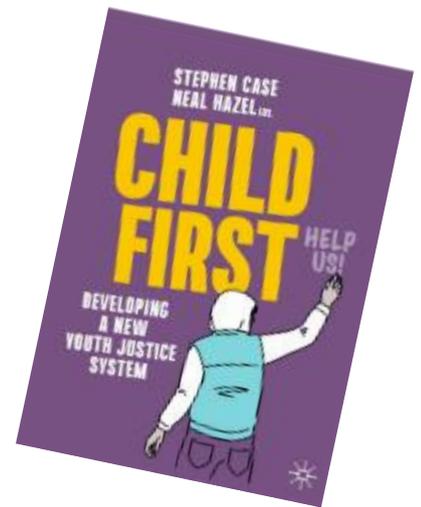
The full Remand Review can be found at gov.uk.

Child First: Developing a New Youth Justice System

New Publication

Stephen Case, Professor of Youth Justice in the Criminology, Sociology and Social Policy division at Loughborough University and Neal Hazel, Professor of Criminology and Criminal Justice in the School of Health and Society at the University of Salford have published a new book ***Child First: Developing a New Youth Justice System***.

The book explores the development and implementation of Child First as an innovative guiding principle for improving youth justice systems.



Applying contemporary research understandings of what leads to positive child outcomes and safer communities, Child First challenges traditional risk-led and stigmatising approaches to working with children in trouble. It has now been adopted as the four-point guiding principle for all policy and practice across the youth justice system in England and Wales, it is becoming a key reform principle for youth justice in Northern Ireland, and it is increasingly influential across several western jurisdictions.

With contributions from academics, policymakers and practitioners, this book critically charts the progress and challenges in establishing a progressive evidence-led youth justice system. Its dynamic and accessible integration of theory, research, policy and practice, alongside discussion of critical themes, makes it a key read for students on youth crime/justice modules and for a wider market.

The book has an entire section (four chapters) on 'Child First: Developing youth justice in practice', with contributions from Ben Byrne, Kathy Hampson, Sean Creaney, Samantha Burns and Ann-Marie Day

You can purchase the book online by [clicking here](#)

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Family Contact in Youth Custody

Children's Commissioner Publishes New Report



The Children's Commissioner, Rachel de Souza has published a new report '**Family contact in youth custody**, as part of her independent review of family life.

The report is based on a review of children in custody, predominantly those detained in Youth Offending Institutes (YOIs), where over three quarters (77%) of children in custody are detained. The Children's Commission researchers (CCo) '*conducted a series of visits to the youth custody settings with the intention of understanding family relationships, and how important ties to children's families and wider support networks are supported by settings.*'

Information gathered from these visits together with responses to data requests from all custodial settings in England and Wales revealed the structural barriers which prevent children from maintaining meaningful relationships with their families.

The research found that 44% of children in custody did not receive a face to face visit, and 83% did not receive a video call in the period October-November 2022.

The report argues that '*family contact policies are unacceptably inconsistent and poorly overseen in YOIs, both in policy design and delivery.*' Whilst the report cites some examples of positive practice, the system for family engagement in YOIs at large is beset by failures of strategy and oversight

The research found the larger YOIs were largely outdated with some feeling like adult prisons and with family visiting rooms feeling '*relatively unpleasant and poorly furnished.*' In most, children were not permitted physical contact with their family members. Several boys said they didn't want their family to see them in such settings. The report also states:

'Concerningly, some children told the CCo that they avoided booking visits for their own safety and the safety of their family members. One boy told the CCo team: "The system for visits isn't safe. People tried to assault me. They can't protect me".'

In settings where attention and investment had been applied to family visiting areas, the researchers were told by boys that they felt comfortable welcoming younger siblings, parents and friends. '*Boys who were themselves fathers were able to engage with their children in a safe and child-friendly environment which was enormously beneficial to their parental relationship and own sense of wellbeing*'

The report makes a number of recommendations, applicable to all youth custody settings, but with a particular focus on YOIs where challenges are most acutely felt.

To read the report [click here](#)

Vacancies



Youth Justice Officer – Leeds

Leeds Youth Justice Service is looking for Youth Justice Officers who understand what good practice looks like within the youth justice system and who can work effectively with others in a culture of high support and high challenge. Your responsibilities will relate to the case-management of statutory orders and also pre-court disposals.

Candidates will specifically need:

- A CQSW/DipSW/Diploma in Probation Studies/Diploma in Youth and Community Work/Foundation Degree in Youth Justice or equivalent
- A commitment to multi-agency, restorative working and a flexible approach, which will include working weekends and evenings on occasion.
- Knowledge of the criminal justice system and court processes
- Experience of working with young people and their families
- Excellent communication, assessment and report writing skills – all of which may also be required in a court setting.
- A positive, professional approach with excellent IT skills
- Proven commitment to equality and diversity.

For an informal discussion about this post please contact the Youth Justice Centre reception on **0113 3782055** and ask for **Karen Fawcett** or email leeds.yos.admin@leeds.gov.uk.

The closing date for applications is 11:30pm on Tuesday 18th April, 2023

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

Advertise your vacancy here and reach the sector!

Don't forget to let the AYM know of any vacancies you have so that we can add to them to the 'Job Vacancies' section of the AYM website and advertise them in the monthly bulletin.

With many visitors to our website each month, from across the criminal justice sector, we hope this will be beneficial to your service (or organisation).

To advertise a vacancy on the AYM website [click here](#)

Fill in the form and we will do the rest!





Other News



Ministerial Steer to the YJB

Damian Hinds, Minister for Prisons, Parole and Probation, has written to the Keith Fraser, Chair of the Youth Justice Board (YJB), setting out his priorities for the youth justice system and what he would like the YJB to prioritise in the financial year 2023 to 2024.

The letter states that *'The Youth Justice Board's unique role is concerned with those children who are already in, on the periphery of, or at high risk of entering, the Youth Justice System, and those leaving it. Outside the secure estate, the key specialist frontline interaction with these young people is through Youth Offending Teams, and it is here that I would like the YJB to focus sharply.'*

The steer from the minister is for the YJB to focus on the objectives of reducing crime committed by children, ensuring those children who enter the justice system are kept safe, and treated fairly and with care, always remembering they are still children; and preventing child offenders becoming adult offenders.

The minister writes that *'I appreciate that there may be other related areas that you may wish to look at, and I will be grateful to receive insights from you, but none should come at the expense of capacity to drive YOT performance.'*

To read the letter [click here](#)

Chair of YJB Continues for Further 2 Years



The YJB has announced that its Chair, Keith Fraser, has accepted the Deputy Prime Minister's invitation to extend his tenure for a further two years. The announcement also included that Keith has secured agreement from the Ministry of Justice to appoint a permanent Chief Executive by open competition to replace Claudia Sturt who leaves the role at the completion of her tenure at Easter.

If you are interested in applying for the role of Chief Executive, keep an eye on the YJB Bulletin for further information and updates.

Children's Home Closures Announced

Children and Young People Now (CYPN) has reported that the **Outcomes First Group** has announced the closure of 25 of its children's homes.

CYPN report that Department of Education figures show that the group is the fourth biggest provider of children home provision in England with 60 children's homes offering 272 residential placements in March 2022.



To read the article [click here](#)

Strip Searching of Children

The Children's Commissioner conducted a review of strip searching following the strip search by the Metropolitan Police of Child Q in Hackney, the findings of which showed that there were **'systemic problems with transparency, scrutiny and non-compliance with guidelines when children were being strip searched under stop and search powers.'**



The Commissioner has now published a further report in which she reports Child Q is 'not an isolated problem, limited to London. Across England and Wales, police are strip searching children as part of stop and searches and there is evidence of deeply concerning practice.'

The Commissioner states there is *'evidence of widespread non-compliance with the statutory safeguards in place to protect children, including the lack of Appropriate Adults in more than half of searches and strip searches being conducted in schools, police vehicles, and within public view.'*

She goes on to say she has *'serious concerns about the poor quality of record-keeping, which makes transparency and scrutiny very difficult, and means that the numbers in this report may only be a minimum. Further, I find it utterly unacceptable that Black children are up to six times more likely to be strip searched when compared to national population figures.'*

To view the report [click here](#)

Casey Review into the Metropolitan Police

Baroness Louise Casey's has published her final report into the Metropolitan Police which shows '*severe institutional failings across the organisation that will require radical reform to resolve.*'

The review which was commissioned as a result of a series of scandals which have shaken public confidence in the force has found that the Metropolitan Police Force is failing women and children and states '*The de-prioritisation and de-specialisation of public protection has put women and children at greater risk than necessary.*'

The report also argues that frontline policing has been degraded by ten years of austerity measures and that there is institutional racism, misogyny and homophobia inside the force, and toward those in the community.

The report makes a number of recommendations to address the issues identified in the review but concludes with the recommendation that:

'If sufficient progress is not being made at the points of further review, more radical, structural options, such as dividing up the Met into national, specialist and London responsibilities, should be considered to ensure the service to Londoners is prioritised.'

To view the report [click here](#)

APPG on Children in Police Custody

This group was established on 13th December, 2022. Janet Daby MP is the Chair of the APPG and Dr Miranda Bevan, an academic based at Goldsmiths, University of London, provides secretariat support for the APPG.



The next meeting of the APPG on Children in Police Custody will take place on **25th April 2023** between **5pm and 6:30pm**. This will be an evidence session with children and young people who have experienced police custody, and will form part of the APPG's ***Inquiry into Achieving the Rights of Children in Police Custody.***

New Prisons and Probation Ombudsman Appointed

The Secretary of State for Justice, Rt Hon. Dominic Raab MP, has announced the appointment of Adrian Usher as Prisons and Probation Ombudsman for a tenure of three years. His appointment will commence on 24th April 2023.

Adrian Usher, a retired senior Metropolitan Police Officer, previously served on both Counter-Terrorism and Anti-Corruption Commands and has been a Senior Investigating Officer in a variety of roles.



To read more [click here](#)

County Lines Programme

The Home Office has published data on the County Lines Programme and the impact it has made since its launch in 2019. The data shows that

- Over 3,500 county lines have been closed
- Over 10,200 people have been arrested
- Over 5,700 individuals have been referred by police to safeguarding services.

To read more about the County Lines Programme [click here](#)

Ethical Humility in Probation

HMI Probation has published its latest Academic Insight in which the author, Frederic Reamer Professor at the School of Social Work, Rhode Island College, Providence, Rhode Island, highlights the importance of practitioners' humility and reflective practice when managing ethical issues in probation.



The author considers how *'ethical humility enables practitioners to consider at the individual, interpersonal and organisational levels, with high levels of humility increasing the likelihood of leaders fostering a culture that values honesty, respect, trustworthiness and integrity, with employees benefitting from greater psychological safety.'* He argues that *'Concurrently, practitioners must be given the time and space to reflect on the moral dimensions of their work and the key decisions they are required to make.'*

To read the article [click here](#)

Understanding Perpetrator Behaviour to Protect the Vulnerable

Children and Young People Now (CYPN) has published an article by Dr. Jackie Craissati MBE and Dr. Kerry Beckley, that calls for practitioners to adopt *a truly curious approach to understanding perpetrators of sexually abusive behaviour. If we are determined to protect the vulnerable, and if we intend to work constructively with the perpetrator to achieve this, then we need to accept that there is another truth - the offender's perspective - which needs to be understood.'*

The article also provides information to access webinars by the authors.

To read the article [click here](#)



Dates for Your Diary

**For Your
Diary!**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR AYM 2023-24



Title	Date	Venue
Executive Board meeting	22 nd June, 2023	Stafford
AYM Conference	22 nd June, 2023	Stafford
AYM AGM	22 nd June, 2023	Stafford
Executive Board meeting	5 th September, 2023	MS Teams
Executive Board meeting	5 th December, 2023	To be confirmed
AYM Winter Conference	6 th December, 2023	To be confirmed
Executive Board meeting	March 2024	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

Serious Violence Duty

This event provides an opportunity to reflect on the national journey efforts across England and Wales to reduce serious violence and the Serious Violence Duty as the latest development of this work. It will also provide opportunities to network, share practice and highlight the efforts organisations are taking to reduce and prevent serious violence.

The event takes place on:

Tuesday 18th April 2023 i
at
Birmingham Conference and Events Centre

To register for this event [click here](#)

If you have any queries, contact seriousviolenceduty@homeoffice.gov.uk

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:

Wednesday 19th April, 2023
14:00-16:00

Guest speaker will be Ed Cornmell, Executive Director of the Youth Custody Service.

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



The AYM is a member of the Alliance for Youth Justice

Re-Launch of the Revised Participatory Youth Practice Framework

Join the Manchester Centre for Youth Studies at Manchester Metropolitan University and the Greater Manchester Youth Justice Services at this free re-launch event of the revised PYP framework. Originally co-created with justice-involved children and developed and embedded over the last five years across the Greater Manchester region, PYP has been revised and updated to take account of current research evidence.

At a moment in time when the English and Welsh youth justice system is advocating for a child-first approach to working with children, this event will provide an opportunity for professionals across the youth justice system, academics, and students to hear from researchers who developed PYP and youth justice professionals who have embedded PYP in their practice. They will talk about ways in which the PYP framework has led to better outcomes for children.

There will be plenty of opportunities for interactive discussions about the enablers and barriers to meaningful participation in youth justice systems.

The event takes place on:

Wednesday 26th April, 2023

9:30am – 1:30pm

at

**Pendulum Hotel (Pendulum Conference Centre)
Sackville Street Manchester M1 3BB**

To register for this free event [click here](#)



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](#)

The SEND Summit: Policy Reform and Practice Impact

Children & Young People Now is holding its third annual **SEND Summit** on

Tuesday 4th July, 2023

in

Central London.

This event is for practitioners and leaders across the system of SEND support.

Experts will guide delegates through what the reforms mean for practitioners and families, with examples of innovative and effective practice highlighting key insights in supporting a range of needs.

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





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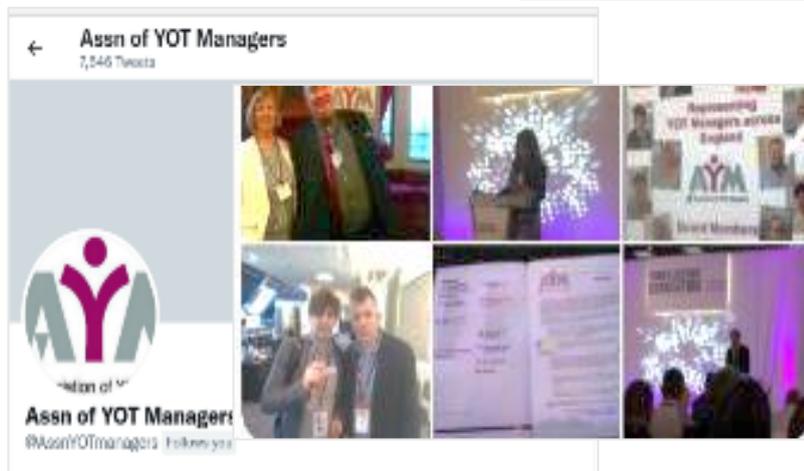
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AYM Regional Representatives

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[Click here](#) for details of all Executive Board members.

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