



LONDON YOUTH JUSTICE LEADERS

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Dear colleagues

It's a busy time for youth justice services who amongst much else are navigating the challenges of the expanded KPI regime ready for the April launch while also developing local approaches to the Turnaround Programme. Hopefully, you can use this newsletter for a moment to reflect on progress made in youth justice in recent years (as evidenced in Russell Webster's article below) as we draw breath and throw ourselves into the numerous challenges that remain - not least those outlined in Rose Durban's excellent Leading in Colour publication for the Staff College, *Just Fair*.



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As usual, please do contact me with anything you would like to share with the network in the meantime.

Ben

THIS MONTH'S NEWSLETTER

- London Accommodation and Resettlement Pathfinders Conference - Monday 20th March
- Staff College Report - Leading in Colour: Just Fair - Spotlight on Youth Justice
- Child First Youth Justice session - Tuesday 18 April
- YJ Annual Statistics
- Custody data

LONDON ACCOMMODATION AND RESETTLEMENT PATHFINDERS CONFERENCE - 20 MARCH 2023



The LARP Conference has been moved due to rail strikes and is now taking place on an earlier date of **Monday 20th March 23**.

This is an exciting opportunity to attend this FREE event bringing together the London Resettlement Partnership and the London Accommodation Pathfinder to discuss learning so far and showcase effective practice.

If you are interested, please use the link below to learn more and to register. Please share across your networks.

[Click here to register via the Eventbrite page.](#)

Contact Matthew Knights, London Accommodation Pathfinder Strategic Development Manager for more information. ✉ MATTHEW.KNIGHTS@CAMDEN.GOV.UK

LEADING IN COLOUR: JUST FAIR - SPOTLIGHT ON YOUTH JUSTICE

This publication makes the case for urgent action in and beyond the youth justice system to address racial disparities. It also helpfully pulls together evidence and resources to encourage leadership for change.

[Click here to read the report.](#)

CHILD FIRST YOUTH JUSTICE WITH PROFESSOR STEVE CASE AND PROFESSOR NEAL HAZEL - 18 APRIL, 2-3.30PM (MS TEAMS)

To mark the launch of their new compendium *Child First: Developing the New Youth Justice System* we will be joined for a YJSL event by Professors Case and Hazel.

A calendar invite will follow to all those on the London YJ newsletter circulation list.

Steve and Neal will be joined by some of the authors who have written chapters for the book for a discussion on the prospects for Child First youth justice and the particular challenges and opportunities in London.

YJ ANNUAL STATISTICS



Russell Webster's review of the YJB annual statistics makes interesting reading. Numbers of children in custody and those entering the YJ system for the first time continue to fall, as do re-offending rates (but see Danny Shaw's article below for major caveats around re-offending stats). There is also some progress being made on racial disparities. The use of remand in custody and the impact of court delays continue to be major issues.

[Click here to read Russell Webster article.](#)

[Danny Shaw article: "The Fallacy of Falling Reoffending Rates"](#)

CUSTODY NUMBERS

At the end of Dec 2022 there were **106 London** children (including a small number of 18 year olds) in the youth custodial estate.

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As always, [you can click here to register for access](#) to our dedicated Adolescent Safeguarding and Youth Justice Reports area.

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