



**The Law and Criminal Justice Centre, Plymouth Law School, University of Plymouth**

in association with the British Society of Criminology Youth Criminology/Youth Justice Network (YCYJN)  
and the South West Branch of the British Society of Criminology

Presents a Conference entitled:

# Youth Custody and Human Rights

2nd and 3rd June 2011

**Venue:** Roland Levinsky Building, Lecture Theatre 2, University of Plymouth, Drake Circus, Plymouth PL4 8AA.

**Cost:** Full delegate rate £70; student rate (limited spaces) £20; optional dinner £22.

**Registration:** To register please visit [https://estore.plymouth.ac.uk/browse/extra\\_info.asp?compid=1&modid=2&prodid=124&deptid=9&catid=19](https://estore.plymouth.ac.uk/browse/extra_info.asp?compid=1&modid=2&prodid=124&deptid=9&catid=19). Further information about the Conference can be found at the Law and Criminal Justice Centre website [www.plymouth.ac.uk/research/lcjc](http://www.plymouth.ac.uk/research/lcjc) or by contacting the Conference organiser Dr. Patricia Gray, Associate Professor of Criminal Justice, Plymouth Law School, University of Plymouth, email [P.Gray@plymouth.ac.uk](mailto:P.Gray@plymouth.ac.uk).





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## A. Outline

In 1991 the United Kingdom became a signatory to the 1989 United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) which sets out the key standards to guide the way young people below the age of 18 years should be dealt with in the youth justice system. In 2008 the Committee on the Rights of the Child (CRC), which monitors how the Convention is implemented by signatory nations, criticised the United Kingdom for breaching at least three of these standards in relation to its use of youth custody. First, the 1989 Convention states that the 'imprisonment of a child shall be used only as a measure of last resort and for the shortest appropriate period of time' and, in the Committee's judgement, this was not being applied in the UK. Second, the failure of the UK to protect young people in custody from inhumane and degrading treatment and punishment, particularly through the use of painful physical restraint, has not only been severely criticised by the CRC, but also by a number of other human rights agencies. Finally, despite large scale financial investment in improving resettlement provision, concerns have been expressed about the adequacy of these resources to protect the 'best interests' or welfare of young people leaving custody and to support their smooth return to mainstream community life.

The Conference *Youth Custody and Human Rights* will take place on 2nd and 3rd June 2011 at the Law and Criminal Justice Centre of the University of Plymouth. The Conference is organised and sponsored by the Plymouth Law School in association with the British Society of Criminology Youth Criminology/Youth Justice Network (YC/YJN) and the South West Branch of the British Society of Criminology and is directed at criminologists, legal professionals, policy makers, researchers and practitioners with an interest in young people in conflict with the law, particularly those in youth custody.

## B. Delivery

The Conference will be held over three sessions which cover the three core themes, that is 'Youth Custody as a "Last Resort"', 'Conditions Inside Custody' and 'Resettlement and Social Exclusion'. Each theme will be introduced, explored and developed by four keynote speakers who have renowned academic and professional reputations in this field. Keynote lectures will be followed by a 'themed' panel discussion and 'question time' debate in which the audience will be encouraged to contribute questions and reflections.



## C. Keynote Speakers

### Session 1: Youth Custody as a 'Last Resort' (Thursday 2 June - pm)

(a) Youth Imprisonment and the Punitive Turn.	Dr Tim Bateman, University of Bedfordshire
(b) Drivers to and Reducing Youth Custody.	Penelope Gibbs, Prison Reform Trust
(c) Campaigning to Protect the Rights of Young People in Custody and Activating the UNCRC.	Carolyn Willow, Children's Rights Alliance for England
(d) Reducing Youth Custody in Practice.	Adrian Quinn, Bristol Youth Offending Team
Panel Discussion and Question Time Debate	Chair TBC

### Session 2: Conditions Inside Custody (Friday 3 June - am)

(a) The Violence and Violations of Youth Imprisonment.	Professor Barry Goldson, University of Liverpool
(b) Monitoring Standards in Young Offender Institutions.	Nick Hardwick, HM Chief Inspector of Prisons
(c) Limiting the Use of Youth Custody.	Professor Rod Morgan, University of Bristol
(d) International Standards to Protect the Rights of Young People in Custody.	Dr Ursula Kilkelly, University College Cork
Panel Discussion and Question Time Debate	Chair TBC

### Session 3: Resettlement and Social Exclusion (Friday 3 June - pm)

(a) 'Deadly Symbiosis': The Gang, the Neighbourhood and the Secure Estate.	Professor John Pitts, University of Bedfordshire
(b) Using the Law to Protect the Resettlement Rights of Young People Leaving Custody.	Professor Kathryn Hollingsworth, Newcastle University
(c) The Resettlement Needs of Young Offenders Leaving Custody: Difficulties and Dilemmas.	Laura Janes, Howard League
(d) The Constraints in Delivering Resettlement Provision to Young People Leaving Custody and the Role of the Pilot Regional Resettlement Consortia.	Bob Ashford, Youth Justice Board
Panel Discussion and Question Time Debate	Chair TBC



## D. Programme

Day 1 – Thursday 2 June	
12.00 – 2.00 pm	Registration and Lunch
2.00 – 2.15 pm	Opening Address
2.15 – 5.00 pm	<b>Session 1: Youth Custody as a ‘Last Resort’</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Keynote Addresses 1(a), 1(b), 1(c) and 1(d)</li> <li>• Panel discussion and question time debate around theme 1 issues</li> </ul> Refreshment Break 3:30-3:50 pm
Evening	Film and Dinner
Day 2 – Friday 3 June	
9.00 am	Registration
9.30am – 12.30 pm	<b>Session 2: Conditions Inside Custody</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Keynote Addresses 2(a), 2(b), 2(c) and 2(d)</li> <li>• Panel discussion and question time debate around theme 2 issues</li> </ul> Refreshment Break 11-11:20am
12.30am – 1.30 pm	Lunch and Networking
1.30 pm – 4.30 pm	<b>Session 3: Resettlement and Social Exclusion</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Keynote Addresses 3(a), 3(b), 3(c) and 3(d)</li> <li>• Panel discussion and question time debate around theme 3 issues</li> <li>• The Way Forward</li> </ul> Refreshment Break: 3-3.20 pm

## E. Dinner

If you would like to attend a 2 course dinner with wine on the evening of the 2nd June 2011, a restaurant has been booked on the Barbican. The price is £22 per person. The menu choices will be available nearer the time and pre booking will be necessary. Please book [https://estore.plymouth.ac.uk/browse/extra\\_info.asp?compid=1&modid=2&prodid=124&deptid=9&catid=19](https://estore.plymouth.ac.uk/browse/extra_info.asp?compid=1&modid=2&prodid=124&deptid=9&catid=19) at the registration site.



## F. Accommodation

A preferential rate has been negotiated at the Jurys Inn just minutes from the University <http://plymouthhotels.jurysinns.com/>. This is a 3 star hotel. Single occupancy rooms are £72 per person bed and breakfast; double occupancy rooms are £77 per person bed and breakfast. Both these prices include VAT. Please quote YOUTH02611 when booking the room.

### Other Options

Name	No of Bedrooms	Star Rating	
Copthorne Hotel Armada Way PL1 1AR	135	4	<a href="http://www.millenniumhotels.co.uk/copthorneplymouth/">www.millenniumhotels.co.uk/ copthorneplymouth/</a>
New Continental Hotel Millbay Road PL1 3LD	99	3	<a href="http://www.newcontinental.co.uk">www.newcontinental.co.uk</a>
Holiday Inn Armada Way PL1 2HJ	211	4	<a href="http://www.holidayinn.com/hotels/gb/en/plymouth/plhuk/hoteldetail">www.holidayinn.com/hotels/gb/ en/plymouth/plhuk/hoteldetail</a>

## G. Travel

### Air Travel

Plymouth has an airport about 6.5km from the city [www.plymouthairport.com/](http://www.plymouthairport.com/), but it caters almost exclusively for domestic flights, including four per day from London Gatwick. The main operator is SouthWest Airlines. The nearest alternative is Exeter airport, about 60km from Plymouth [www.exeter-airport.co.uk/](http://www.exeter-airport.co.uk/). There is a bus every half-hour to Exeter train station. The main operator is Flybe [www.flybe.com/](http://www.flybe.com/) which flies to a number of European destinations.

The largest regional airport is Bristol [www.bristolairport.co.uk/](http://www.bristolairport.co.uk/), which is a hub for both easyjet [www.easyjet.com](http://www.easyjet.com) and Ryanair [www.ryanair.com](http://www.ryanair.com), among others. Shuttle buses run every 15 minutes to Bristol Temple Meads railway station.

If you arrive at London Heathrow, you can travel by train (3-4 hours from London Paddington station). or coach to Plymouth (see below). There are two ways of travelling by train: first you take the Rail-Air link bus to Reading Rail station and then get a train from there; alternatively, you take the Heathrow Express train to London Paddington and get a train from the same station (quicker, less hassle but more costly).

London Gatwick, London Stansted and London Luton have good rail services into London, from where you can catch a train to Plymouth. London City is more central, as the name implies, and has good train and metro connections to Paddington, but services are limited.



### **Coach and Train**

Plymouth Railway Station and Plymouth Coach Station are each a few minutes' walk from the City centre and the University.

### **Train**

Train travel details are available on the Trainline website [www.thetrainline.com](http://www.thetrainline.com).

From Exeter there are several trains to Plymouth in most hours. Avoid the local 'stopping' trains if you can, as they are uncomfortable, slow, and do not cost less than the inter-cities. From Bristol there is one inter-city train per hour operated by Cross-Country, plus occasional local and intercity trains by other operators. From London Paddington there is one inter-city train per hour and there are some trains from London Waterloo, but the journey is longer than from Paddington, and you will have to change trains at Exeter.

### **Coach**

National Express is the main coach operator from London airports to Plymouth and is highly recommended as a fast, reliable service. Booking in advance is essential.

### **Car**

The main route to Plymouth from the North is via the M5 motorway and the A38 Expressway. Leave the A38 at Marsh Mills interchange and take the A374, which is clearly signed for the City Centre. From the West, leave the A38 at Manadon Interchange and take the A386 into the city.

### **Ferry**

Brittany Ferries operate car ferry services between Roscoff (France) and Santander (Spain) and Plymouth [www.brittany-ferries.com](http://www.brittany-ferries.com). Fares can be high, especially in season, but are charged by the vehicle, so for a group sharing a car it can be a good deal (with no further travelling necessary in the UK). There are other ferry services from France to ports further East (Weymouth, Poole, Portsmouth, Dover), but there are no direct highway connections with Plymouth, so you need to allow ample travelling time. Operators include P&O [www.poferries.com](http://www.poferries.com), SeaFrance [www.SeaFrance.com](http://www.SeaFrance.com) and Norfolk Line [www.norfolkline.com](http://www.norfolkline.com).

### **Local Transport**

Delegates are unlikely to require the use of local transport due to the campus' location and proximity to the hotels offering conference accommodation. However, the campus' city centre location means that there is a good, regular bus public service, details of which are available on [www.plymouthcitybus.co.uk](http://www.plymouthcitybus.co.uk). If arriving by train, taxis are readily available outside the station.