

Conference Announcement

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Newport Centre for Criminal and Community Justice

Drugs, Alcohol and Violent Crime – policy and practice?

Friday 24 April 2009. 9:30am – 1:00pm (half day conference)

Caerleon Campus, University of Wales, Newport

The conference will provide an opportunity to hear presentations and debate by academics and practitioners in this important field.

Conference schedule*:

9.30am	Tea and coffee on arrival
9.45am	Introduction/welcome
10.00am	Keynote Speaker: John Moore, University of the West of England; 'The Elephant in the Room: Drug and Alcohol Policy as Generators of Violence and other Social Harms
10.40am	Keynote Speaker: Gavin Dingwall, De Montfort Law School; 'Responding to Intoxicated Offending: An Evaluation of Three Approaches'
11.20am	Refreshments
11.40am	Keynote Speaker: Peter Hoey, Kirlees Drug Action Team; 'Stairway to Heroin; a Study into routes to problematic drug use'
12.20pm	Keynote Speaker: Steve Delight, Delight Training Services; 'COVAID - multiple formats and implementation challenges'
1.00pm	Informal plenary, lunch and depart

There will be time for discussion and debate after each speaker's presentation.

Full conference rate is £65.00 per delegate (with a 20% discount given to bookings of five delegates or more). For bookings, contact: **Research and Enterprise Department:** University of Wales Newport, Allt yr yn Campus, Newport, NP20 5DA. Tel: 01633 432400 Fax: 01633 432543 or email: red@newport.ac.uk

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*Please note that the schedule is subject to change outside the organiser's control.

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SHORT COURSES

Course	Date	Tutor	Price
Child Protection*	24 April 2009	Lesley Williams & Nigel Miller	£95.00
Introduction to the Youth Justice System	15 May 2009	Dr John Deering	£95.00
Introduction to Key Issues in the Criminal Justice System	20 May 2009	Dr Jo Brayford	£95.00
Understanding Diversity	23 June 2009	Dr Gideon Calder	£95.00

*  Delivered in Partnership with Probation Wales Training Consortium.

Child Protection

This course provides an introduction to child protection issues. It will provide participants with an understanding of the nature and impact of child abuse upon children (including the impact of domestic violence). It will also provide participants with an understanding of the indicators of child abuse enabling you to recognise when children are at risk and when concerns should be raised. Following this the course provides information of appropriate actions to take once suspicions or concerns have aroused. Finally the course provides details of when and how to share information appropriately with relevant others and agencies.

This course is not for people well versed with child protection issues. It is for anybody that comes into contact with children and who may be able to spot child abuse. It will enable you to recognise signs of abuse and enable you to deal with it in a professional and effective way.

Introduction to the Youth Justice System

If you have a professional or personal interest in young people and crime, then this course will provide you with an informative and thought provoking introduction to a controversial and complex subject.

We examine some of the images and myths surrounding youth crime, going on to consider some general theories about why young people commit offences and why most grow out of offending, but some become persistent and on occasion, serious offenders. We will then look at how society responds to youth crime and consider some of the reasons for that response, finally considering what happens to young people who commit crime.

Introduction to Key Issues in the Criminal Justice System

This course provides a brief introduction to the key agencies that make up the criminal justice system – police, courts, prison and probation. As well as providing students with an understanding of the workings of the Criminal Justice System it will begin to explore notions of justice, punishment, deterrence, restorative justice and rehabilitation.

Key issues are then explored, for example prison overcrowding and the legalisation of drugs both of which are very controversial and complex concerns for individuals and society. We will then look at what happens to people on different types of sentences.

The course is aimed at people thinking about going into employment within the criminal justice arena or who are thinking about studying in this field.

Understanding Diversity

This introductory course explores some of the issues raised by the fact that we live and work in a diverse society. It explores sources of difference between individuals, and the values which surround discussion of 'diversity' in general. We then focus in on 'multiculturalism' as one example of the issues at stake.

The course is aimed at students, professionals and members of the general public with an interest in issues around diversity in general, and multiculturalism in particular. We explore ways in which these issues are negotiated in working contexts, in law and policy, and in our everyday lives.

Students will gain knowledge of contrasting approaches to diversity and multiculturalism, and a range of approaches (through policies, principles and individual actions) by which we might respond to the issues they raise. They will gain skills in critical reflection, decision-making, and in thinking through these challenges in a constructive way.

For further information or to book your place on a course, contact the Short Course Team on 01633 432400 or e-mail: red@newport.ac.uk