



ALDCS

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Directors of Children's Services

LONDON YOUTH JUSTICE LEADERS

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Dear colleagues

It was great to see so many of you for our recent meeting (60 people in total) where we focused on Turnaround. The notes and slides from that meeting are attached. There is clearly an appetite to come together to discuss the big topics in youth justice. We agreed that we would do this on an ad hoc basis whenever the network identifies an issue that would benefit from a shared conversation or needs a London perspective.



During the last meeting we discussed the ALDCS adolescent safeguarding programme and its links to youth justice. I have included the recent LIIA newsletter which focuses on adolescent safeguarding and has useful resources embedded such as the MACE review and the Adolescent Practice Handbook. If you would like to be added to the main LIIA newsletter circulation list please contact: ✉ liiateam@londoncouncils.gov.uk

Do please contact me with anything you would like to share with the network.

Ben

THIS MONTH'S NEWSLETTER

- Adulthood Training with LARP and Listen Up Research – 22 & 23 February 2023
- London Probation Action Plan
- Diversion: Centre for Justice Innovation Best Practice Report
- Book launch: *Against Youth Violence: A Social Harm Perspective*
- Update on children in custody numbers



ADULTIFICATION TRAINING



The London Accommodation and Resettlement Pathfinders (LARP) are working in partnership with Listen Up Research to commission adultification training for Youth Justice organisations across London for senior leaders, frontline staff and operational managers.

We recognise that the adultification of children, particularly young black males, within the youth justice system can lead to a variety of negative outcomes and inequalities.

We are inviting all **senior leaders** within local authorities and the children and young people's secure estate to attend a 90 minute webinar on either **22nd** or **23rd February 10:00-11:30**.

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

The objectives of this session are:

- Improving senior leaders' knowledge of the concept of adultification.
- To enhance confidence in how to embed the concept of adultification into strategic planning and practice.
- Improve senior leaders' understanding of the broad concepts of intersectionality and adultification and the implications of the systemic challenges on outcomes.

The phase two approach evolves into an in person training offered to **frontline staff and operational managers** taking place on **19, 21 and 24 April**. Please forward the Eventbrite page to your services and teams to register for one of the dates:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/adultification-workshop-for-yjs-and-youth-accomodation-staff-in-person-tickets-493812485437>

Objectives of the in person training workshops are as follows:

- Understand notions of vulnerability and childhood and how these are applied to some children more than others.
- Understand the broad concepts of intersectionality and adultification.
- Identify ways to guard against adultification in practice.
- Reviewing findings from serious case reviews relating to child criminal exploitation.

Please note that the webinar and in person training offers are free to join and has been fully funded by the LARP.

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LONDON PROBATION ACTION PLAN

[Click here to read an article](#) regarding the recent publication of the London Probation Action Plan by the Ministry of Justice and His Majesty's Prison and Probation Service (HMPPS).

This is in response to the reports by the HMIP in October and November last year which Chief HMI Justin Russell described as 'hugely disappointing'.

DIVERSION: CENTRE FOR JUSTICE INNOVATION BEST PRACTICE REPORT

On his website, ex-probation officer Russell Webster recently provided an overview of the Centre for Justice Innovation's 6 effective practice pointers for good diversion schemes.

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

AGAINST YOUTH VIOLENCE: A SOCIAL HARM PERSPECTIVE

Luke Bellingham, Youth and Community Worker at Hackney Quest and Research Associate at the Open University (OU) and Keir Irwin-Rogers, Senior Lecturer in Criminology at the UK recently launched their book, '**Against Youth Violence**'.

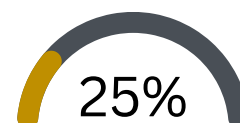
Keir and Luke gave a brilliant insight into their work in the [launch video here](#).

Highly recommended.



CUSTODY NUMBERS

At the end of Nov 2022 there were **108 children from London** in custody (25% of the total child custody population).





MEMBERS AREA ACCESS

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

GET IN TOUCH

Please visit our website: liia.london for more detailed information on each of the ALDCS priorities, or contact the team directly to discuss anything in greater detail.

Please let us know your feedback on this newsletter [via email](#) so we can keep improving future editions.

THANKS FOR READING!

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