

## INVITATION: STRENGTHENING YOUTH DIVERSION

### Venue and timings:

Maurice Barnett Room, Central Hall, Westminster.  
Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> January 2020.  
10:00-11:30. (refreshments served from 9:45)

### Speakers:

- **Phil Bowen**, Director of the Centre for Justice Innovation
- **Alan MacDonald**, Head of Youth Inspections at HMI Probation
- **Charlie Taylor**, Chair of the Youth Justice Board.
- **Ben Finley**, Regional Representative, Association of Youth Offending Team Managers and Service Manager at Targeted Youth Support, Barnsley.

### Topic:

Following a referral from the police, youth diversion gives young people the chance to avoid court and a criminal record by completing community-based programming. Young people who comply with the conditions of the programme receive a lesser criminal justice disposal than they would have otherwise received, reducing the negative consequences of formal criminal justice sanctions and allowing practitioners to focus resources on addressing the root causes of offending.

At this symposium, the CJI is launching our new briefing paper on how national government can strengthen youth diversion. The event will focus on:

- The evidence for youth diversion
- Current practice and funding
- The national policy framework for youth diversion
- How youth diversion can be put on an even more effective and sustainable footing in the future.

This event is generously supported by our funders the Esmée Fairbairn Foundation and Hadley Trust.

### RSVP:

If you would like to attend, please RSVP to [info@justiceinnovation.org](mailto:info@justiceinnovation.org) by **4<sup>th</sup> of January 2020**. Please let us know if you have any accessibility or dietary requirements.

We very much hope that you can join us.

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