

MJW April Newsletter



Announcement: the future of Make Justice Work

Make Justice Work (MJW) has had an amazing four years but a campaign is a campaign and we always believed it should be time-limited.

After careful consideration, the Board of MJW have chosen to bring the campaign to a close this summer. It has been an extraordinary journey and the time has come to draw the campaign to a natural conclusion.

After four years promoting robust and demanding community sentences as an effective alternative to prison for lower level offences, we are confident that we have made a significant contribution.

During the course of the campaign MJW has commissioned and published research assessing among other things:

- [the economic benefits of community sentences;](#)
- [the role of intensive community sentences;](#)
- [the views of victims of crime;](#)
- [the challenges of applying the principles of Payment by Results to the delivery of community sentences.](#)

Our reports have attracted widespread publicity and have influenced politicians, practitioners and opinion-formers at a time when the policy debate has been unusually lively.

The campaign has been guided throughout by our

Media

[BBC News Online](#) - 22/03/13 Helen Grant to overhaul community sentences for women

[The Daily Telegraph](#) - 22/03/13 Female offenders would benefit from community sentences, Justice Minister says

[The Independent](#) - 21/03/2013 Plight of women in jail tackled with new policy on sentencing

MJW Videos Perspectives - Prison and short term sentences

The first short film from Make Justice Work and Tall Wall Media's 'Perspectives' series. This film talks to previous offenders about their experience of prison and short term sentences.



Perspectives - Alternatives; effective sanctions delivered in the community

The second short film from Make Justice Work and Tall Wall Media's 'Perspectives' series. This film talks to previous offenders about their rehabilitation and the effectiveness of peer mentoring schemes.

commitment to the open-minded pursuit of hard evidence. With that in mind, we have decided to invite Stephen Boyce to evaluate *independently* just how useful and effective the campaign has been, and any lessons that can be learned.

Stephen is an independent consultant working with cultural groups, local government and the voluntary sectors. He has worked extensively in the cultural sector and has held senior positions in the Arts Council, Community Fund and Heritage Lottery Fund.

We will be publishing the results of Stephen's findings at an event in June and this, our final report, will then go on our website. We hope that it will be a useful resource for others who are already campaigning and those who may wish to in the future.

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Future - Making the right change

The third and final short film from Make Justice Work and Tall Wall Media's 'Perspectives' series. This film talks to previous offenders about their future plans and how a community sentence helped to turn their lives around.



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