

## MJW May Newsletter



During the last month the team at Make Justice Work have been concentrating on three key pieces of work: a highly successful event held last Friday - Just Results – which explored the challenges of applying Payment By Results to community sentences; preparing our responses to the new Crime and Courts Bill and to the [Community Sentencing and Probation Review](#); and finally our project with [Victim Support](#) to gather evidence about the attitudes of victims of crime towards community sentences.

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### Just Results

On Friday 25th May 2012 Just Results brought together over 30 leading experts from both outside and inside the criminal justice sector to discuss the Ministry of Justice's proposals to extend the system of Payment by Results (PbR) to community sentences. The aim was to identify the key operating principles on which a successful PbR regime for community sentencing would depend. It was a very busy, thought-provoking day, and a comprehensive report of our findings will be published in July.

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### The Queen's Speech

The new Crime and Courts Bill has already started its legislative journey through Parliament and will incorporate the conclusions of the Government's consultation exercises in relation to Probation Services and Community Sentences. MJW will be lobbying MPs, Peers and Ministers over the next few months on the contents of this Bill.

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### Women Prisoners

MJW is working closely with organisations such as [Women's Breakout](#) and [Women In Prison](#) to promote faster progress in reducing the number of women in prison. This includes raising the profile of the issue in the media and identifying agreement on the key messages moving forward.

### Latest News

Reoffending rates reach record high - [BBC News](#)  
[24/05/2012](#)

The problem with privatising probation services - [The Guardian](#)  
[22/05/2012](#)

Theresa May explains new orders to replace Asbos - [BBC Breakfast](#)  
[22/05/2012](#)

Magistrates to sit in community centres in plan to speed up justice- [The Telegraph](#)  
[08/05/2012](#)

Ken Clarke calls on big businesses to give ex-prisoners a chance to find jobs - [The Independent](#)  
[05/05/2012](#)

### MJW Videos

#### Perspectives - Prison and short term sentences

The first short film from

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## Working with Victim Support

As part of our work with [Victim Support](#) exploring the views of victims of crime on community sentences, next month 10 members of the public who have experienced lower level crime will visit the [Thames Valley Probation Service](#) in Reading. During the day they will see what a demanding and effective community sentence looks like. We are also working with the polling firm Populus, who will conduct focus groups with the victims, before and after the visit, followed by a nationwide poll. The results of both the focus group day and the poll will be launched early September and disseminated through a series of roundtable seminars at the party conferences.

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## MJW On the Road

During recent weeks MJW have met many people around the country, including Tom Brake MP, Magistrates in Milton Keynes, Judge David Fletcher and staff at the Community Justice Centre in Liverpool, Hull Probation Trust, Institute for Government, the London Assembly, representatives from Policy Exchange and the Senior political advisor to the Shadow Justice Secretary, Sadiq Khan MP.

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## The Media

MJW also contributed to the following articles which recently appeared in the media.

Custody v Community Sentences - [The Economist](#)

Why are we jailing so many women? - [Fabulous Magazine](#)

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## An Aside!

Roma Hooper, Director of Make Justice Work is Chair and Founder of the Prison Radio Association which recently won a Gold and Bronze at the Sony Radio Academy Awards. The programme which won the Gold was achieved through its partnership with Victim Support and focussed on the extraordinary story of Vi and Ray Donovan and their son who was tragically killed, and their experience of restorative justice. You can watch Face to Face on [Victim Support's YouTube Channel](#).

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## Social Media

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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.



## Future - Making the right change

The third and final short film from Make Justice Work and Tall Wall

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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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