

'The Criminal Justice Voluntary Sector: Comparative Workshop Number One'

CRIMVOL: The International Criminal Justice Voluntary Sector Research Network

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About CRIMVOL: The International Criminal Justice Voluntary Sector Research Network

CRIMVOL is an international, multidisciplinary criminal justice voluntary sector research network for academics, practitioners, and policymakers. The network fills an important gap in scholarship and infrastructure: the criminal justice voluntary sector is more topical than ever before, but has not received academic attention commensurate with its importance anywhere in the world.

The network is chaired by Dr Philippa Tomczak (Leverhulme Trust Early Career Fellow, University of Sheffield Centre for Criminological Research, Author of [The Penal Voluntary Sector](#)). Philippa won funding from the British Academy (*Rising Star Engagement Award*) and the Socio-Legal Studies Association (*Seminar Competition*) to launch the network at an inaugural international conference in June 2017. Philippa's Leverhulme Trust Early Career Scholarship has also contributed to the programme. The network already has over 70 members.

The network was established from a group of specialist early career researchers, drawn from England, Wales, Scotland, Northern Ireland, Eire, Finland, Denmark, and Canada. In its early stages, the network was championed by Professor Sir Anthony Bottoms (Universities of Cambridge and Sheffield) and Professor Joanna Shapland (University of Sheffield), and support at the first three events was provided by Dr David Thompson (University of Sheffield).

The network brings academics, practitioners, and policy makers together to establish a 'state of the art' criminal justice voluntary sector research agenda, paying particular attention to:

- Identifying needs and gaps in the research capacity of academics, practitioners, and policymakers;
- The range and adequacy of theoretical and methodological tools used in criminal justice voluntary sector research, and the ethics of such research;
- Voluntary sector governance, regulation and safeguarding in commissioning, contractual and informal service delivery relationships with statutory agencies; and
- The effects of contractual provisions in shaping voluntary organisations' activities.

Following our successful inaugural conference in Sheffield in June 2017, four thematic panels at the November 2017 American Society of Criminology annual conference in Philadelphia, USA, and presentations from our early career scholars at the British Academy in London in January 2018, it was an honour to host the first comparative CRIMVOL workshop in Sheffield at the Leopold Hotel.

Delegates from academia and practice presented working papers based on the penal voluntary sectors in England and Wales, Scotland, Northern Ireland, the Republic of Ireland and Canada. We had a stimulating and exciting discussion about priorities for future research and collaborative working, and hope that there will be many more such meetings.

Feedback from the event included:

- *“It was really good to have a big think out loud”*
- *“Really brilliant and fantastic initiative. Focus on action and next steps”*
- *“The event has started a question in my mind about how we can best engage with and support academics in their work and vice versa. It has sparked a lot of thoughts for me and its great to have the space to do that.”*





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The criminal justice voluntary sector in comparative perspective: Preliminary workshop

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Wednesday 12th June 2018

1200 Introductions and overview

1230 Session 1

Dr Philippa Tomczak (University of Sheffield) and Dr Gill Buck (University of Chester) *A sociology of the penal voluntary sector*

Anne Fox and Nicola Drinkwater (Clinks) *The role and state of the sector: Voluntary organisations supporting people in the criminal justice system in England and Wales*

Deidre Malone (Irish Penal Reform Trust) *The penal reform movement in the Republic of Ireland*

1415 Refreshments

1440 Session 2

Dr Philippa Tomczak (University of Sheffield) and Dr Gill Buck (University of Chester) *Conceptualising the criminal justice voluntary sector and volunteers*

Dr Deidre Healey (University College Dublin) *Offender Rehabilitation and the Penal Voluntary Sector in Ireland*

Dr Deborah Jump (Manchester Metropolitan University) *Getting out or Getting in? The charitable sector and young people's criminalisation*

Discussion

1700 - Finish

1730 - Dinner at Strada

Thursday 14th June

0930 Session 3

Chris McCully (Criminal Justice Voluntary Sector Forum, Scotland) *"You're doing alright up there": Uncovering the real penal voluntary sector in Scotland*

Dr Michelle Butler (Queens' University Belfast) *Voluntary and statutory service provision: What role does the type of service provider play in improving outcomes?*

Samantha McAleese (Carleton University, Canada) *Supporting People with Criminal Records: The Role of the Criminal Justice Voluntary Sector in Ottawa, Canada*

1115 Refreshments

1145 Discussions, future plans

1330 Close and lunch