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ONLINE JUVENILES AND YOUNG OFFENDERS IN PRISON AND PROBATION WORKSHOP – 1 & 2 DECEMBER 2020

Speaker Introduction
Presentation Synopsis

TUESDAY, 1 DECEMBER

CHILD JUSTICE IN EUROPE: TRENDS AND CHALLENGES AFTER COVID-19

Foussard presentation will bring a snapshot of the current trends and evolution of child justice systems in Europe, before to develop more in details the direct implication of the recently adopted European Union Directive on procedural safeguards for children who are suspects or accused persons in criminal proceedings. Then, the presentation will explore concrete recommendations for child justice systems in order to protect children deprived of liberty in time of pandemic

Cédric Foussard, Terre des Hommes, France

Cédric Foussard is an expert on justice for children, working at the international level. Foussard is currently coordinator of the Global Initiative on Justice with children and is Advocacy and Global Learning Senior Advisor for Terre des hommes Foundation. For more than a decade he worked for several organisations to promote a global approach to child rights, especially for children in conflict with the law. He has contributed to several international and European publications on access to justice for children.

CUSTOMIZED INCARCERATION OF JUVENILES: A MUST!

For a couple of years the Dutch Custodial Institutions Agency is working on an ambitious program with the aim to make incarceration of juveniles more tailored to the individual. We look at the brain maturation, the specific needs of the juvenile in terms of risk and place them on specific units and treatment interventions considering these needs, risks and their responsibility. What are the backgrounds of this program, why did we start it and how does it work out in practice? The workshop will be a collaboration between science, policy and practice.

Sanne Hillege & Helma Blankman, DJI, Netherlands



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Sanne Hillege is a mental health psychologist and senior researcher and works in a Juvenile Justice Institution in the Netherlands, embedded in the organisation Pluryn.

Helma Blankman is a senior policy advisor at headquarters of DJI with a background as Psychiatric Nurse and teacher/trainer of both juveniles and adults in social skills training.

SMALL SCALED LOCAL FACILITIES IN THE NETHERLANDS & BELGIUM

1. SMALL-SCALE DETENTION FOR JUVENILES IN THE NETHERLANDS

2. SMALL-SCALE, COMMUNITY-INTEGRATED, GROUNDED IN RELATIONAL SECURITY, YOUTH JUSTICE FACILITIES: LESSONS FROM THE NETHERLANDS

In June 2019, the Dutch government announced an overhaul of the system of detention for juveniles. The new system will consist of small-scale facilities, as well as larger forensic treatment centres. The small-scale facilities offer a unique approach; the young people there are able to continue to attend their own school, and other positive elements in their lives are continued as much as possible. The young person and their parents are in charge of the care-plan where possible. The facilities have no barbed wire or high prison walls, but are houses in the middle of residential areas.

Due to a decreasing number of placements in youth justice facilities, an increasing distance between the social environment (the community) and the facilities, and the need for a tailored approach for a complex and diverse youth justice population, the Dutch government initiated an exploration of the further of youth justice in 2015; resulting in the nation-wide implementation of small-scale, community-integrated youth justice facilities. These facilities are grounded in relational security, with differentiated arrangements in security and care tailored to youth's specific needs. An intensive three year evaluation, involving qualitative and quantitative research methods, shows that this setting allows pre-existing protective factors (such as education, support from the network, health care) to be continued or initiated in the community during the period of incarceration. A follow-up showed that an average of ten months after release the majority of youth (72%) were still engaged in a structural daytime activity (school or work). Further, through relational security staff is able to provide both a supervised and structured as well as safe and therapeutic environment; increasing treatment motivation and stimulating positive youth development. In this presentation we will explore the outcomes of the evaluation, how key elements of the Dutch approach translate to daily practice, and how lessons may be transferred to other jurisdictions (through international exchange in networks like RESCALED).

Jiske Wallace-Lems & Irene Bos, DJI, Netherlands
Fleur Souverein, AWRJ, Netherlands

Jiske Wallace-Lems is a project manager for the Dutch prison service. Previously she has worked for the ministry of justice and as a youth probation officer in the Netherlands and the UK.

Irene Bos is a behavioural psychologist and had worked for one of the Dutch youth detention centres. Currently she is responsible for developing one of the new small scale facilities in the south of the Netherlands.

Fleur Souverein completed (with distinction) two master degrees in Social Psychology and Clinical Forensic Youth Sciences. During my studies I worked on several national and international research projects and as a life-skill trainer for young people in correctional facilities in Cape Town. After my



studies I worked as psychologist for outpatient forensic treatment in the Netherlands. In 2016 I started my PhD at the VUmc, within the AWRJ, on small-scale community-integrated youth justice facilities and the conceptualization of relational security. Aligned with my PhD I lead an intensive three year evaluation of youth justice reforms in the Netherlands.

MOVEMENT FOR SMALL-SCALE DETENTION HOUSES FOR JUVENILES IN BELGIUM

Under 18 years old, youngsters in Belgium do not go to prison, therefore the responsibility for these youngsters does not lie with the Ministry of Justice, but other Ministries. VZW De Huizen in Belgium has made a recommendation note for politicians for small scale detention houses specific for young adults between 18 and 25 years old, the goal being to replace prisons with small scale detention houses in future. In Belgium and The Netherlands some important steps into this direction have already been taken.

Marlies will discuss how good practices can be upscaled to more houses and how it can inspire policy changes to occur. Also, she will explain what the difference is in policies regarding incarcerated juveniles in Belgium and The Netherlands.

Marlies Gailliaert, VZW De Huizen - RESCALED, Belgium

Marlies completed her Social Work studies in 2004. She holds a Master's degree in Social Work (university Gent) since 2006. She worked for nine years as a social worker for CAW Noord-West Vlaanderen in the prisons of Bruges and Ruiselede supporting inmates during their stay in prison. In 2017 she stopped working at these prisons and started working in the field of victim-offender mediation for minor offenders commissioned by the legal authorities of Ghent, Oudenaarde and Dendermonde. Marlies is a member of De Huizen since 2019 and she started in 2020 in addition to her current work as Belgium coordinator of RESCALED.

PROBATION OFFICERS AS VICTIM-OFFENDER MEDIATORS IN THE GREEK JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM

The Greek penal law has mainly adopted non-custodial measures for juvenile offenders. Juvenile offenders' cases are tried by special courts. Probation officers (juveniles' supervisors) have the mission to prepare a social inquiry report in relation to offenders' personality and their family background; they also submit proposals to the Court in relation to the most suitable penal treatment of each offender. Based on the Law 3189 of 2003, victim-offender mediation (VOM) has been introduced in the Greek Penal Law, and belongs to educative/reformatory measures imposed to juvenile offenders. Probation officers play the role of mediator in the process.

This presentation will examine the Greek legal framework and its application in relation to court based victim-juvenile offender mediation in light of the restorative justice scholarship and the guidelines of the international organizations (United Nations and Council of Europe). The main emphasis will be given on the role of probation officers in the process and the main challenges for the protection of victims' interests in a child-centred criminal justice system.

Dr. Konstantinos Panagos, National & Kapodistrian University of Athens, Greece



Dr. Konstantinos I. Panagos is a Greek lawyer with specialization in criminology, penology/corrections and sociology of law. He studied at the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, the LSE (MSc in Criminal Justice Policy) and the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, Greece. During his doctoral studies, he was invited as a Visiting Scholar at University of Cambridge (Institute of Criminology), Max Planck Institute of Criminal Law and University of Oxford (Centre of Socio-Legal Studies). He is currently a postdoctoral researcher at School of Law, University of Athens (with the financial support of the Greek Foundation of Scholarships).

WEDNESDAY, 2 DECEMBER

INTERVIEW WITH AN YOUNG EX-OFFENDER

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IDENTIFYING THE TRAITS OF ASD AND ADHD IN PRISONS AND DEVELOPING REHABILITATION DURING THE SENTENCE

The research concerning autism spectrum disorder (ASD) and ADHD in prison populations is increasing. Especially young prisoners with ADHD have impulse control issues and are also prone to institutional behavioural disturbances. At present, this target group is still under-recognized, and the rehabilitation for their neuropsychiatric needs during the sentence is scarce. Legal protection and rehabilitation 2020-project aims to increase understanding on ASD and ADHD and develop supporting processes within Finland's Criminal Justice System.

1000 staff members as well as around 80 prisoners have already participated in the project's training sessions, where they learned about neuropsychiatric traits and needs and how to work with this target group. It was clear that most of the prisoners haven't been diagnosed, although many of them have apparent symptoms. That is why the need for better recognition of and rehabilitation for prisoners with ADHD and ASD traits is obvious. The recognition of the neuropsychiatric traits and needs of these individuals with well-targeted rehabilitation can at its best provide considerable benefits for the society by reducing recidivism.

Sanna Kara & Katri Mikkola, Autismisäätö, Finland

Sanna Kara is an Occupational Therapist and currently is studying psychotherapy (CBT) at the University of Tampere. She has worked over 15 years with clients who have neuropsychiatric traits. Kara has lead different kind of developmental projects related to rehabilitation, supported employment and social services.

Katri Mikkola is a Clinical Psychologist (MA Psych) and PhD student at the University of Helsinki. She has worked with neuropsychiatric, neurological and psychiatric clients. In addition to the project work she is currently also practising clinical work and doing research about ADHD and ASD traits among Finnish offenders.

YOUNG ADULT MEN & PSYCHOSOCIAL MATURITY: HOW DO WE IDENTIFY LOW PSYCHOSOCIAL MATURITY AS A NEED AND WHAT CAN WE DO TO SUPPORT YOUNG ADULT MEN?



Our understanding of why young adults think and behave in the way they do has grown in the last ten years. Evidence suggests that the parts of the brain associated with impulse control and regulation and interpretation of emotions, are the last to mature, and continue to develop well into adulthood. In 2015 HM Prison and Probation Service (HMPPS) published the guidance 'Better Outcomes for Young Adults', identifying the most promising ways of addressing the needs of young adult men. The guidance highlighted the need to take account of, and provide services to promote, psychosocial maturation (i.e. temperance, perspective and responsibility) for young adults convicted of crime, many of whom will still be maturing in important ways up until their mid, even late twenties. In this presentation, we will aim to provide attendees with an opportunity to consider how this might apply to the work they do – What do we know about the young adult brain? What have we done within HMPPS to identify low psychosocial maturity at a commissioning and individual level? Provide an overview of the Choices and Changes Resource Pack – a flexible resource to help promote psychosocial maturity; the ability to manage and regulate impulses and emotions, perspective take, think about the future, as well as the ability be self-sufficient, resist peer influence, and to have a stable and robust sense of self

Aubrey van Zyl & Helen Wakeling, HMPPS, England & Wales

Aubrey van Zyl is a National Specialist Lead at HMPPS, Interventions Services. Aubrey has been involved with the delivery, training and design of CSAAP (Correctional Services Accreditation and Advisory Panel) accredited offending behaviour programmes since 2005. Main areas of responsibility include joint oversight of the Thinking Skills Programme (the highest volume cognitive skills programme offered across custody and community settings in England and Wales). Aubrey has also led on the development of Choices and Changes; a non-accredited resource, supporting the development of psychosocial maturity for young adult men.

Dr Helen Wakeling is a Chartered Research Psychologist, currently working as a researcher and evidence-based practice specialist within the HMPPS Evidence Based Practice team. She has worked as a researcher within HMPPS for over 18 years, specialising originally in research into sexual offending, and the use of psychometrics with men convicted of sexual offences undertaking an intervention. More recently her research interests include procedural justice, prison culture, drug taking in prisons and psychosocial maturity.

LEARNING INSIDE OUT: HOW TO FIND YOUR WAY AS A YOUNG ADULT PRISONER TO LIFELONG LEARNING AS A PART OF YOUR REINTEGRATION PROCESS?

The project Learning Inside Out, also called "LIO", is a partnership between Vocvo, two Learning Shops, Klasbak and the Belgian prison service. The project is funded by the European Social Fund. The main goal of LIO is to implement a guidance and orientation service for inmates to make education more accessible. After three years of experience in this project we can share valuable information about guidance of young adults. The Learning Shop supports and empowers prisoners in making choices on education. Especially for young adults, who suffer sometimes from recent negative school experiences, this can be a crucial point during detention. If necessary, there is a continuity of support after release. By this, LIO wants to improve chances of qualification, which can have an impact on recidivism.



Lise De Baere & Robin Van De Castele, Leerwinkel West-Vlaanderen, Belgium

Lise De Baere works as a mentor for 'Leerwinkel West-Vlaanderen' (Learning Shop West-Flanders). She is part of the LIO project since 2018 in the prison of Bruges. She has a degree of a social worker.

Robin Van De Castele works a mentor for 'Leerwinkel West-Vlaanderen' (Learning Shop West-Flanders). He is part of the LIO project since 2020 in the prisons of Bruges and Ruiselede. He has a degree of criminologist and teacher.

MEDIAWISE: A DIGITAL SECURED PLATFORM AND LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

MediaWise is a digital (secured) platform and a complementary learning environment that supports educational and leisure programs in juvenile detention centres. Through MediaWise youngsters and professionals are being trained in 21st century skills. MediaWise is a combination of training modules on: rights and duties, literacy, making articles, learning to work with media-tools. A team of coaches train the professionals in the juvenile detention centres in how to use the platform and how to use the methodology in their own daily practice in working with the young adults. More than 1000 articles will be published on the platform and provide young adults with information about relevant themes on work, school, lifestyle, health, etc.

In 2019, we started working together with Youth Detention Lelystad (a judicial youth institution for young people between 12 and 27 years) with MediaWise in combination with Chromebooks. As the only judicial youth institution in the Netherlands, they are specialised in the treatment of young people with complex mental and psychiatric disorders. Over the past year and a half, we have gained a lot of experience working with Chromebooks together with the staff of the Juvenile. Chromebooks in combination with the MediaWise platform and a MediaWise whitelist creates a manageable environment and access to a rich learning and information environment that can be adjusted per institution and makes them flexible but safe to use in places where contact with the internet can be achieved through cabling or Wi-Fi.

Max Terbeek, Click F1, Netherlands & Marc Kleefstra, Youth Institution Lelystad, Netherlands

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