



Creating change workshop

Alternatives to criminal justice: Building social justice solutions

This workshop takes as its starting point that we need to look beyond criminal justice to find ways of preventing, reducing and repairing harm. Participants are invited to consider the available policy and practice solutions to harm that do not rely on punishment and exclusion.

About the workshop

Workshop facilitators guide participants through a series of discussions to consider short-and long-term solutions to a range of social problems. Participants discuss the opportunities for creating positive change in their organisations, sectors and in wider society. There are three key sections to the workshop:

1 Thinking beyond criminal justice and building social justice solutions

This involves a discussion of the problems of criminal justice interventions. With the assistance of visual aids, participants discuss how to change the frame and move from criminal justice problems to social justice solutions.

2 Doing things differently

Participants discuss case studies with a focus on special areas of concern or interest and explore 'social justice' solutions to these problems. Examples include (but are not limited to) youth violence, violence against women and problematic drug use.

3 Making change happen

Consider how we can begin to implement these solutions and identify the risks and opportunities for taking forward the proposals discussed.

About us

The Centre for Crime and Justice Studies is a public interest charity working to advance public understanding of crime, criminal justice and social harm.

We believe that the United Kingdom's over reliance on policing, prosecution and punishment is socially harmful, economically wasteful, and prevents us from tackling the complex problems our society faces in a sustainable, socially just manner.

The 'Creating change' workshop has been developed as part of the Justice Matters project to downsize criminal justice and build policy and practice alternatives.

Host a workshop

This workshop can be tailored to community and activist groups, educators, third sector, statutory and civil society organisations.

If you would like to host a workshop, or find out more, then contact:

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