

News from the Centre for Crime and Justice Studies

How Corrupt is Britain?

A one day conference jointly organised by the Centre for Crime and Justice Studies and the University of Liverpool explored how to tackle the corruption of public life in Britain. It took place on May 10 and speakers included Deborah Coles, Penny Green, David Miller and David Whyte.

European Prison Observatory: looking at detention conditions in the European Union

CCJS is participating in a new pan-European project to improve the detention conditions of the 600,000 people held in prison across the European Union, which was launched in Rome in February. The European Prison Observatory operates in eight countries, where it monitors the penitentiary systems and the prison regimes and conditions.

Currently, each country in Europe has separate legal requirements in relation to prison conditions. Through the exchange of good practice, the European Prison Observatory will become a relevant resource to address some of the critical issues affecting national penitentiary systems. A key outcome will be the establishment of common European standards on prison conditions.

The other partner organisations are:

- Università degli Studi di Padova – Italy
- Observatoire international des prisons – section française – France
- Special Account of Democritus University of Thrace Department of Social Administration (EL DUTH) – Greece
- Latvian Centre for Human Rights – Latvia
- Helsinki Foundation for Human Rights – Poland
- ISCTE-Instituto Universitário de Lisboa – Portugal
- Observatory of the Penal System and Human Rights – Universidad de Barcelona – Spain

UK Justice Policy Review: Volume 2 is now out

UK Justice Policy Review 2, covering the coalition's second year in office, is out. It's packed with detailed analysis, facts and figures on the criminal justice and welfare systems.

With over a hundred references and a thousand individual data entries, the 2011-2012 review provides a concise summary of contemporary criminal justice issues in the UK and brings this together with UK-wide criminal justice data, much of it available in one place for the first time.

www.ukjusticepolicyreview.org.uk/home

You can now follow us on Twitter for up to the minute news and views

@crimeandjustice @worksforfreedom @comparefutures