



# Centre for the Study of Crime, Criminalisation and Social Exclusion

# An innovative research, training and information resource

## Who we are...

The Centre for the Study of Crime, Criminalisation and Social Exclusion (CCSE) brings together academics from across Liverpool John Moores University in order to respond effectively to the research, training and information needs of a diverse range of clients in the public, not-for-profit and private sectors.

The CCSE unites highly skilled professionals who together can meet the requirements of policy makers, practitioners, user communities, campaign groups and other 'stakeholders' in criminal justice, social policy and related fields.

The CCSE team combines skills and experience from a broad range of disciplinary backgrounds including

criminal justice, criminology, community studies, education, geography, politics, social work, sociology, youth and community work, urban and women's studies.

This innovative combination of research expertise means that the CCSE is able to deliver high quality research reports, engage in effective knowledge exchange, offer a range of Continuous Professional Development opportunities and undertake a range of evaluation and action research projects.

The CCSE is committed to optimising knowledge transfer activities and the social impact of its research and seeks to contribute significantly to progressive reform in criminal justice and social policy.

## Our expertise...

CCSE members have extensive expertise in the following areas:

- **Power, Social Justice, Inequality and the State:** exploring the impacts of social policy and criminal justice initiatives in terms of class, gender and sexuality, 'race' and ethnicity, age and ageing, ability/disability.
- **Children's Policy and Practice:** children's rights, social policy and criminal justice treatment of both children with learning difficulties and 'looked after' children.
- **Consumption, Identity and Mass Media:** exploring issues of consumption and 'lifestyle', the role of various forms of mass media and communications in these issues, the construction of identities and youth cultures.
- **Corporate Crime and Harm:** health and safety at work regulation, the impacts of corporate harms on local communities, spatial and demographic patterns in corporate crime victimisation.
- **Cultural Regeneration:** promoting social capital and social inclusion, particularly in relation to BRM and marginalised communities.
- **Financial Services for Low Income Groups:** financial exclusion, credit unions and community development finance, over-indebtedness and debt, co-operatives and social control.
- **Gendered Inequalities:** women's health, responses to sexual violence, maternity services for asylum-seeking women in Merseyside, and reproductive rights.
- **Homelessness:** resettling socially excluded groups and assessing needs and risks within the community, the relationship between

access to financial services and ex-offender resettlement.

- **Innovative Applications of Geographic Information Systems (GIS):** in social research across a broad range of areas including environmental crime and harm, contested spaces and innovations in spatially orientated research methods.
- **Poverty and Poverty Measurement:** social exclusion, age and gender in education and work, work-life balance, older students and identity in Higher Education.
- **Prisons and Penal Policy:** medical and health issues in prisons; surveillance; criminological theory.
- **Social Policy and Criminal Justice Responses to Crime and Social Exclusion:** including policing, community justice, probation, youth justice and a range of non-statutory interventions.
- **Substance Misuse and Offending:** treatment of drug users in the criminal justice system, community punishment, social capital and criminal justice.
- **The Impacts of Crime on Local Communities and Socially Excluded Groups:** including a focus on hate crime, homophobia, and the spatial and demographic patterns of victimisation.
- **Youth Crime:** social control, effectiveness of policy and practice responses to children in trouble, anti-social behaviour policy and practice, community justice initiatives, criminal justice responses to young people with learning disabilities, responses aimed at youth 'gangs'.

## Our services...

We adopt a professional and client-focused approach, listening carefully to the needs of our customers and developing a response that meets their needs. All our activities are carried out sensitively and in a manner that enhances key relationships.

### Research Solutions

CCSE offers bespoke research solutions by applying an extensive range of research methods and techniques devised by a highly experienced team. These methods include focus groups, world café, quantitative questionnaires, story-boards, qualitative interviews, vox-pops and internet surveys.

### Data Collection, Management and Analysis

CCSE manages the efficient and accurate collection, entry and analysis of data, using a range of computer software. We can also prepare relevant and targeted reports, deliver bespoke GIS solutions and help you to benchmark your performance.

### Learning Opportunities

CCSE can devise tailor-made learning solutions that can be delivered in your organisation or at Liverpool John Moores University as part of a staff development programme for a range of organisations. Areas covered could include developing a systematic approach to monitoring and evaluation, introductory, intermediate and advanced sessions on GIS, statistical research packages, such as SPSS, plus introduction to a range of qualitative and quantitative research methods.

### Knowledge Exchange

CCSE is well experienced in organising symposia and conferences around progressive policy and practice developments, aimed at a wide variety of service users, practitioners and academics.

## Our clients...

CCSE works with clients from the public, private and not-for-profit sectors, locally, nationally and internationally.

Organisations with whom the CCSE team has worked include:

All Party Group on Abuse Investigations; Association of British Credit Unions; British Council; Development Partnerships in Higher Education; Children's Rights Alliance for England; Citizens Advice; Community Crime Fighters; Hazards; Institute for Employment Rights; Inquest; Joseph Rowntree Foundation; Liverpool Catholic Blind Institute, Liverpool Integrated Play and Youth Service, Liverpool Schools' Parliament, Liverpool; Sefton and Wirral Councils; Merseyside Police; National Association of Youth Justice; Safer Schools; The Co-operative Bank; UK Association for Chinese Mental Health; Welsh Assembly.

"Effective monitoring and evaluation is a vital part of many of our areas of work. The CCSE course on monitoring and evaluation for community organisations provided expert information to help us develop projects, measure their success and communicate key objectives."

**Tim Coleman,**  
Director of Darkhorse Design & Advertising

"'Dispersed', the young people's conference on dispersal zones, based on LJMU research and organised and hosted by the University, was a great success. It allowed young people to challenge Councillors and staff in a perceptive and thought provoking way."

**Councillor Ann O'Byrne,**  
Liverpool City Council

"The 'Towards Sustainable Credit Union Development' report, written by LJMU's Paul A Jones, helped to kick start a revolution in the way credit unions are funded and operated... the results of this ground-breaking work led to more credit unions being directly funded, more shop front premises, more staff and more members benefiting from local and mutual financial services".

**Mark Lyonette,**  
Chief Executive Officer,  
The Association of British Credit Unions Ltd



## Contact Us

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