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reducing crime

As the General Election looms, and the main political parties are all making positive noises about the voluntary sector's contribution to the criminal justice system. This conference gives you a unique opportunity to explore what this could mean in practice.

The conference will be addressed by:

Lord Bach The Lord's Minister for Ministry of Justice

Billy Bragg Singer-songwriter and Founder of Jail Guitar Doors

Alan Duncan MP Shadow Justice Minister for Prisons

Ian Green YMCA England Chief Executive

Cllr Graham Brown Powys County Council and Deputy Chair, Safer Communities Board, Local Government Association

Paul McDowell Nacro Chief Executive

Clive Martin Director, Clinks

Dr Jackie Worrall Nacro Director of Policy and Public Affairs

The event will be chaired by:
Simon Israel Home Affairs Correspondent for Channel 4 News

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Part of the system?

The future role of the voluntary sector in the criminal justice system

Tuesday 23 March 2010

Central Hall Westminster, London

About the conference

'We believe the unique qualities of the voluntary sector – especially its ability to respond flexibly and innovatively to the needs and aspirations of individuals – means that it has a vital role to play in helping to deliver personalised public services.' **Labour Party**

'We would enhance the role played by charities, voluntary organisations and social enterprises in tackling the problems facing our society.' **Conservative Party**

'The voluntary sector has a vital role to play in complementing the provision of criminal justice services.' **Liberal Democrat Party**

The three main political parties all voice a similar commitment to enhancing the voluntary sector's role in the criminal justice system. This afternoon conference brings together the voluntary sector, national and local politicians, the statutory and private sectors to explore what this might mean in practice:

- Small and local community groups, specialist or large national charities – which voluntary sector are the political parties talking about?
- Many voluntary sector organisations are already deeply involved in the justice system – what do they think is the best way forward?
- Will the sector continue to be able to run services and campaign for change?
- How could commissioning and grant-making processes be improved to optimise the community and voluntary sectors' role?
- Will charities end up subsidising the state?

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- 12.30 Registration
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- 13.30 **Chair's welcome and introduction**
Simon Israel Home Affairs Correspondent, Channel 4 News
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- 13.40 **Plenary session 1** How an incoming Labour government would build on the voluntary sector's current role
Lord Bach The Lord's Minister for Ministry of Justice
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- 14.05 Questions
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- 14.15 **Plenary session 2** Tackling youth offending
Cllr Graham Brown Powys County Council and Deputy Chair, Safer Communities Board, Local Government Association
Dr Jackie Worrall Director, Policy and Public Affairs, Nacro
Ian Green Chief Executive, YMCA England
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- 15.15 Questions
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- 15:35 Refreshments
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- 15.55 **Plenary session 3** Improving services for prisoners and offenders in the community
16.00 **Billy Bragg** Singer-songwriter and Founder, Jail Guitar Doors
16.20 **Paul McDowell** Chief Executive, Nacro
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- 16.40 **Plenary session 4** How an incoming Conservative government would develop the voluntary sector's role
Alan Duncan MP Shadow Justice Minister, Prisons
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- 17.05 **Plenary session 5** Panel discussion on services for prisoners
Alan Duncan MP Shadow Justice Minister, Prisons
Billy Bragg Singer-songwriter and Founder, Jail Guitar Doors
Paul McDowell Chief Executive, Nacro
Clive Martin Director, Clinks
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- 17.25 Chair's summing up
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- 17:30 End of conference
Drinks reception until 19.00
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The conference is aimed at anyone wanting to explore the optimum role for the voluntary sector in the criminal justice system. The conference will be of benefit to leaders, professionals and volunteers from:

- Voluntary and community organisations working in criminal justice
- Voluntary and community organisations campaigning on criminal justice issues
- Justice Department and Home Office
- Department for Children, Schools and Families
- Youth Justice Board
- Supporting People, children's and families, and other local authority departments
- Prisons and probation
- Youth offending teams
- Police services
- Crime and disorder reduction partnerships
- Local criminal justice boards
- Private sector contractors

And also:

- Academics and researchers
- Politicians and prospective parliamentary candidates
- Students
- Members of the media

Directions to venue

Central Hall Westminster, Storey's Gate, London SW1H 9NH
Tel: +44 (0)20 7222 8010 www.c-h-w.com. Nearest tube stations St James's Park and Westminster (District, Circle and Jubilee lines).

For detailed directions to the venue from nearby tube and mainline stations, please visit www.c-h-w.com/location/index.shtml.

To book a place

You can book and register online at **www.regonline.com/partofthesystem** or complete the attached booking form and return to: Caroline Fuller, Events Manager, Nacro, Park Place, 10-12 Lawn Lane, London SW8 1UD, or fax to 020 8181 6662. Or you can book with a credit card by phoning 07974 406673. Email enquiries to caroline.fuller@nacro.org.uk. Confirmation of your place will be sent to you by email.

Terms and conditions

All fees are payable in advance of the conference. Delegates who have not paid prior to the conference will be required to provide credit card details or supply a company cheque at registration on the morning of the conference.

Cancellations

Cancellations received before **9 March** will be refunded minus 20% administration fee. Regrettably, no refunds can be processed after that date. Transfer of places can be made, in writing, at any time.

Sponsorship and exhibition opportunities

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