Special Issue

Youth Justice: Social Policy, Social Work and Practice

Message from the Guest Editors

Scholarship and applied research conducted internationally (Western and Non-Western world) over the previous decade outside of (before, beyond) and within youth/juvenile justice systems, which have produced evidence-based recommendations for policy and practice focused on child justice. Youth justice research and scholarship, particularly the generation of evidence to inform systemic and informal 'Child First' and child-friendly practice responses to offending by children. The content of this Special Issue will cover (but is not limited to) reimagining and reforming child justice, child policing, child legal processes, child social care, child asylum and immigration, etc. Each article examines the scope for an evidence-based, innovative re-imagination and reform of 'justice' for children. prioritising criminal/youth justice, weaving in detail considerations of social, restorative, and distributive justice throughout. Each article will include a 'state of the nation' assessment (always international in scope), as well as detailed critical exploration of theoretical, policy, and practice opportunities for justice reform.

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