



# ESRC Seminar Series

## The Third Sector in Criminal Justice

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# Aim of the series

- to critically explore third sector (voluntary, charitable and non-governmental organisations) involvement in the criminal justice system and consider how it might develop in future
- Website:  
<http://www.law.leeds.ac.uk/research/projects/the-third-sector-in-criminal-justice.php>

# Penal Reform and Service Provision

- Aim of today is:
  - to consider the issues raised by the third sector's dual role in campaigning and penal reform and in service provision; and
  - to explore the issues and tensions raised by TSOs providing core criminal justice services.

# Context

- Long history of Third Sector involvement in both service provision and penal reform
- Large and diverse set of organisations but they have common goals/values
- Missions differ - What is reform?

# Tensions

- Longstanding tension between providing services and campaigning
- Especially pertinent when organisations are state funded
- Main concern is mission drift
- Different operational models

# Marketisation and challenges for the Third Sector

- Can the campaigning/reforming mission of Third Sector organisations survive?
- Will Third Sector organisations agendas be co-opted by the state (Carlen and Tchaikovsky, 1996)?
- Will Third Sector values and policies be appropriated and redefined (Hannah-Moffat, 2002)?
- Can organisations continue their campaigning/reforming roles when they operate core criminal justice services?