

Greater Manchester Youth Justice University Partnership (GMYJUP)

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MMU GM Youth Justice Services and YJB

Co-operate in a broad range of areas and to work together for their mutual benefit.

- Research and Evaluation Activity
- Sharing knowledge and Experience
- Opportunities for students to gain employability skills and work experience
- For GM Youth Justice Services to improve the use of evidence in service delivery.

Why Develop a Partnership?

- Mutually beneficial
- Motivates staff to understand *why*
- Creates more sound, safe practice (Do No Harm)
- An opportunity to assertively state the case for youth justice services

GMYJUP

- Launched October 2014
- Involved staff from the YJB, practitioners from each of the 10 GM YOTs/YOS and academics from MMU
- Information sharing day
- Practitioners and academics learning from each other
- Identification of YOS priorities

Research and evaluation activity

- MMU assistance with formulating research and evaluation plans & ideas
- A basis for commissioning pieces of research/evaluation
- Feasibility of research- where does it fit in with YOT/YOS priorities?

Sharing knowledge and experience

- Contribution of YOS / YOT staff to MMU teaching
- This is happening already – a number of are contributing to the undergraduate degree programme
- Potential for MMU contribution to YOS staff training / briefing events

Enhanced student experience

- Creation of an applied dissertation route
- Links student learning to real world experience
- Enhances their employability
- Grounds them for work post-graduation
- Provides framework for students to make a valuable contribution to YOS/YOTs research

Working Example

- Oldham Youth Justice Service and Positive Steps are currently awaiting the results of an 'Innovation Bid'
- MMU provides credibility and research expertise as well as international links
- Positive Steps provides a cohort to work with and links into 'real world' research situations

Learning Curve

- Don't 'go it alone'
- Do involve the YJB/other YOT's/staff/young people (we're not there yet...)
- Have some clear, agreed and achievable outcomes in mind
- Establish some champions within YOT and academic community to ensure progress

Future Plans

- Enhance Evidence Based Practice
- Develop Innovative Approaches to research and practice
- Generate Income
- Develop Research Papers