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Young People's Journey through the Youth Justice System

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THE PROBLEM

- No Money, drugs, fighting, lack of support/guidance/ role models

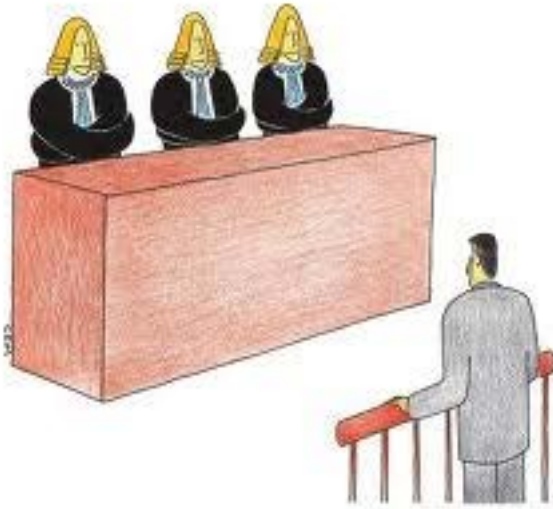


FIRST EXPERIENCE

- First time arrested, Police car, alone, fingerprints, interviews, solicitor, police cell, handcuffs

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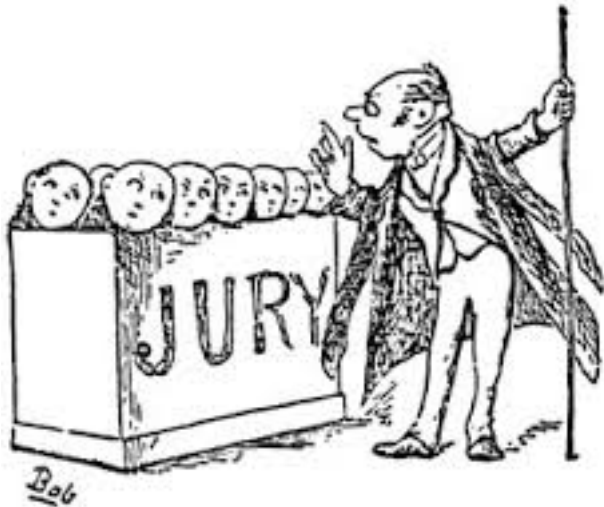
COURT

- Court cells, space, don't know what's next, down to individual judge's mood, life in someone else's hands



BAIL/REMAND

- CPS, Charged



TRIAL

- Scary, emotional, thoughts and feelings, facing jury



TRANSPORT

- Sweat box, safety, first experience



GUILTY

- Reality kicks in



YOT WORKER INTERVENTION

- Not personalised, too many on caseload



PRISON

- Induction, first day, first week, stories, expectations, clothes



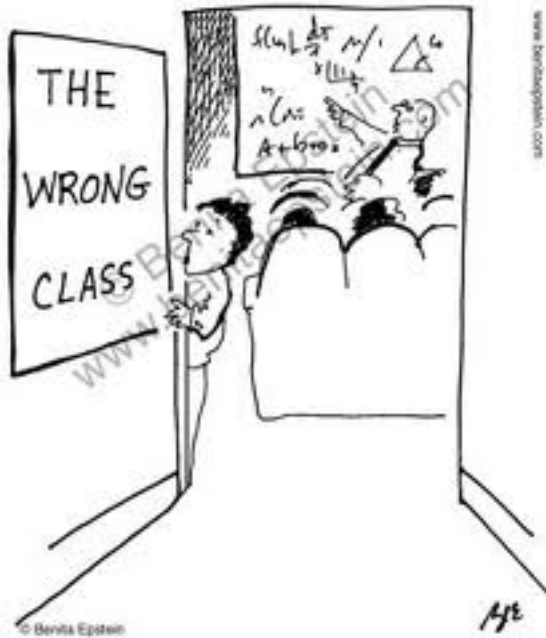
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CASE WORKER

- Can't be there all the time, doesn't really know you, can't always help

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EDUCATION

- Formal, not personalised, not relevant



FOOD

- No variety, not healthy, carb overload



BULLYING

- Being branded a bully when you're not, no help for those being bullied,



FIGHTS

- Having to fight, defending yourself, being judged, being punished



PRISON

- 23 hour bang up, phone calls, lock down, stitched up so you don't get enhanced status

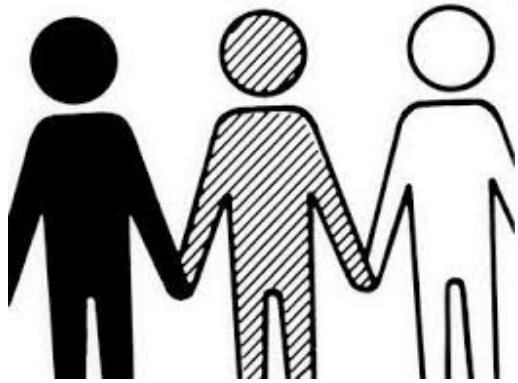
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RELATIONSHIPS WITH STAFF

- Some good, others not, talk to you like you're rubbish, judge you, are mean, not helpful



STEREOTYPING

- Saying things are about race, not supporting faith, staff not representing all races, everything being about BME



EARLY RELEASE

- Going for it, knock back, accepted, review meetings



Release on Temporary License

- Not many choices, difficulties coming back in, challenges being out, not being allowed



HOUSING

- Don't find out until the last minute, poor conditions, where you aren't allowed to go

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LICENSE

- Would rather be inside!!!! License conditions



EMPLOYMENT

- There is none, no one willing to employ



NO MONEY PROBLEMS

- Back to the beginning again

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If young people designed the Youth Justice System

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THE PROBLEM

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- Young people should grow up in environments with no crime, disorder or poverty
- With role models
- With opportunities
- No racism
- No discrimination
- Teachers in school able to identify with young people from different back grounds.

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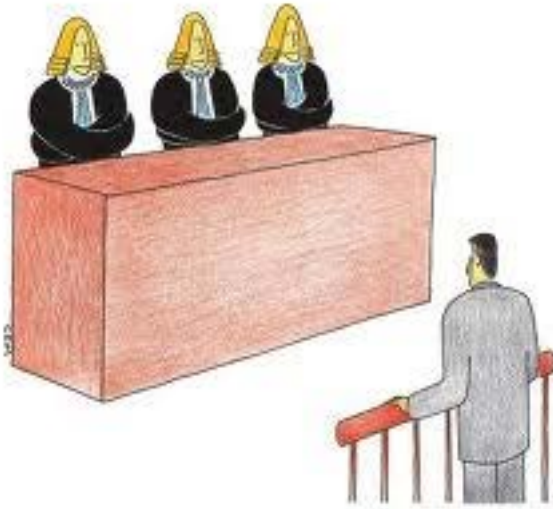
When engaging with police as young people

- Treated as a young person who has made a mistake rather than a criminal (depending on crime)
- No racism or discrimination based on faith, colour or environment your from
- Have faith in the police rather than feel it's us and them

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COURT



- Child friendly rather than daunting
- Judge looks into individuals personal circumstances
- Judges of all ages and ethnic groups



TRANSPORT

- No sweat boxes up until the age of 18
- Travel same as secure units when going to courts, cars, minibuses (understands this depends on the crime)



PRISON

- Young people criminal records being wiped at the age of 18 as when you are young you make mistakes, this will then not prevent you from having different opportunities in the future
- Less authority figures based on punishing you and more mentors to help you
- Mentoring would promote good behaviour
- Punishment encourages negative
- Diverse staff
- Staff who understand young people from different cultures, backgrounds, religion and ethnic groups
- Better education
- More visits
- Lighter sentences as we have kids doing life sentences for things like joint enterprise which isn't right
- No racism
- Family support
- Life skills
- More positive activities

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RELEASE

- Education and job opportunities
- Housing
- Real support