



Thank you for your interest in the Standing Committee for Youth Justice (SCYJ). The SCYJ is a not-for profit company that:

- Provides a forum for organisations, primarily in the non statutory sector, working to promote the welfare of children who become engaged in the youth justice system.
- Advocates a child-focussed youth justice system that promotes the integration of such children into society and thus serves the best interests of the children themselves and the community at large.

### **Objectives**

Our objectives among others, as outlined in the constitution are:

- To campaign for changes in legislation, policy and practice in accordance with SCYJ's principles.
- To coordinate and express the views of its members in relation to youth justice issues and their work with children in trouble.
- To facilitate the exchange of information between members.

### **Activities**

SCYJ provides a coordinated approach to informing and influencing youth justice policy. We produce briefings, policy papers and consultation responses; meet with key politicians and civil servants; circulate monthly e-bulletins to external interested parties; and are both pro-active and responsive in seeking press coverage for our work.

### **Membership**

SCYJ has two categories of membership:

- Organisational membership – organisations pay an annual fee and can nominate representatives to attend meetings (please see membership form for subscription details).
- Associate members – individuals not employed by a relevant or member organisation can apply for membership. The current fee for associate members is £15.00 per annum.

All members receive a weekly e-bulletin, comprising youth justice policy updates, SCYJ news, member news, a notice board for announcements and requests, and links to relevant external publications.

### **Committee Meetings**

Committee meetings are held every two months, normally in a central London venue between 2pm and 4pm.