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Qualifications and Affiliations

BA Honours (University of Wales), BA Honours (Open University); PhD (University of Wales); Postgraduate Diploma in Social Work (University of Birmingham); CQSW (Central Council for Education and Training in Social Work).

OpenPAD Fellow (Open University)

Fellow of Higher Education Academy

Brief Biography

Jonathan Evans is Professor of Youth Justice Policy and Practice at the University of South Wales. His research, publications and teaching are mainly in the areas of youth justice and youth policy. Past research funding has been secured from the Ministry of Justice, States of Jersey Government, Welsh Government, Council of Europe, European Commission and Barnardos. He is currently a member of both the Wales Youth Justice Advisory Panel and Hwb Doeth (a youth justice effective practice forum for Wales). He is a qualified social worker and probation officer with experience as a family court welfare officer, youth justice worker, probation officer and senior probation officer. Jonathan has also worked in the field of youth policy as a rapporteur and senior consultant with the Council of Europe. As a Welsh Labour and Co-operative Party councillor on Cardiff County Council between 2012 and 2017, he was Chair of the Corporate Parenting Panel and a Member of the Children and Young People's Scrutiny Committee.

Recent Selected Publications

Evans, J., Raynor, P. and Heath, B. (2022) 'Locality, legitimacy and the limits of diversion: Reviewing youth justice in Jersey', *Howard Journal of Crime and Justice*, DOI: 10.1111/hojo.12480, 1-14

Evans, J., Jones, R. and Musgrove, N. (2021) "'Dragonisation" Revisited: A Progressive Criminal Justice Policy in Wales, *Criminology and Criminal Justice*, DOI: 10.1177/1748895821990428, 1-18

Evans, J (2021) "'A useful, clever bloke?': Career interview of Howard Williamson by Jonathan Evans', *Qualitative Social Work*, 1-17, DOI: 10.1177/14733250211039010

Evans, J, Kennedy, D, Skuse, T and Matthew, J (2020) 'Trauma-Informed Practice and Desistance Theories: Competing or Complementary Approaches to Working with Children in Conflict with the Law?'. *Salus Journal*, 8(2): pp. 55-76

Brookman, F., Maguire, M., Deering, J., Evans, J. and Williams, K. (2021) *Gang-Related Homicide Whilst Under Probation Supervision: A Small Scale Review of Evidence – Research report commissioned by Ministry of Justice, Pontypridd: University of South Wales*

Jones, R., Evans, J. Haines, K. (2021) 'The Criminal Justice System in Wales' in S. Case, K. Williams, D. Manlow, R. Smith and P. Johnson (eds.) *The Oxford Textbook on Criminology*, Oxford: Oxford University Press (website linked chapter)

Deering, J. and Evans, J (2020) 'Lost in Translation or a Work in Progress? Developing Desistance-Informed Youth Justice Practice in the Welsh Context', *British Journal of Social Work* (<https://doi.org/10.1093/bjsw/bcaa209>) (doi: 10.1093/bjsw/bcaa209), 1-18

Evans, J, Kennedy, D and Heath, B with Jersey Youth Justice Review Steering Group (2019) *Jersey Youth Justice Review*, St Helier: States of Jersey Government

Evans, J (2018) "'Objects of concern" or "risky young offenders"? Assessment and intervention with children in the public care and youth justice systems of England and Wales' in J Ulmer and M Bradley, (eds.) *Punishment Decisions: Locations of Disparity*, New York: Routledge, pp. 385-415

Evans, J (2017) 'Artful Dodgers: The role of unreliable narrators in the production of authorized histories and assessments of young people in conflict with the law', *Deviant Behavior*, 38(9), pp. 1042-1058.

Evans, J, Jones, R and Haines, K (2017) 'The Criminal Justice System in Wales' in S. Case, P. Johnson, D. Manlow, R., Smith and K. Williams, K (eds), *Criminology*, Oxford: Oxford University Press, <https://arc2.oup-arc.com/access/content/case-student-resources/58ef750f38ec0a0f0070a185>

Recent Conference Papers

2018

"'Objects of Concern" or "Risky Young Offenders"? Assessment and Intervention with Children in the Public Care and Youth Justice Systems of England and Wales', Thematic Session of Division of Sentencing & Corrections Handbook Series, Volume 2, Panel 1: Punishment Decisions: Locations of Disparity, American Society of Criminology Annual

Meeting, Atlanta, Georgia, USA

'Dragonisation in Youth Justice: A beacon of progressive practice or a foundation myth of Welsh devolution? WISERD (Wales Institute of Social & Economic Research Data and Methods) Annual Conference, University of South Wales, Pontypridd Campus, Wales

'The Implementation of AssetPlus: The delivery or demise of a desistance model of practice/' (with John Deering), Welsh Centre for Crime and Social Justice Annual Conference, University of Wales, Gregynog, Wales

2017

'Practitioner texts, official documents and unreliable narrators in the youth justice system', 2nd Narrative Criminology Symposium, University of Oslo, Norway