

Call for submissions:

Holistic Responses to reintegration, resettlement and reducing reoffending

It is widely accepted that if there are significant barriers to desistance for people leaving prison upon their release. These include poor quality housing, a lack of meaningful work and training opportunities, a hostile policy environment, and ongoing censure and stigmatization in the community. A lack of support from significant others, peers and communities can make an already difficult transition back into society even harder for those affected. Such complexities become compounded when considering individuals from minority communities.

In the face of these challenges there has been a growing interest in holistic, person centred, and strengths-based models to support reintegration, resettlement, and reducing reoffending. These approaches, which hold the individual at the heart, seek to move away from a focus on criminogenic risk and need, and instead focus upon developing the strengths and abilities of the individual as part of their desistance journey.

We are inviting contributions to a collection which speaks to these themes, and explores and critiques key ideas surrounding holistic, person centred responses to crime and criminal justice. While they may vary culturally, the challenges of desistance and reintegration are experienced globally and so to this end we are inviting contributions from around the world.

Submissions may be empirically or theoretically informed and themes which could be explored include, but are not limited to:

- * **Models of holistic responses to support reintegration and resettlement;**
- * **Embedding holistic responses in policy and practice;**
- * **Critical and decolonising responses to reintegration, resettlement and reducing reoffending;**
- * **Explorations of the role of key groups, individuals and communities in holistic programmes;**
- * **Addressing gender, social class and ethnicity in holistic responses;**
- * **Examples and critiques of innovative holistic responses in practice;**

The proposed editors have had initial outline discussions with a number of publishers who are interested in potentially taking a collection themed around

holistic responses forward and we will keep potential contributors updated as negotiations evolve.

Submission details:

Abstracts of up to 500 words and a two-page summary CV should be submitted to co-editors Ian Mahoney and Rahmanara Chowdhury by Friday 26th November 2021

Successful papers are expected to be between 6,000-8,000 words including references.