



Standing Committee for Youth Justice

Dear

Thank you for your interest in the Standing Committee for Youth Justice

The Standing Committee on Youth Justice (SCYJ) is a membership body which:

- 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's focus is on lobbying and campaigning to influence politicians, civil servants, practitioners and the public. We produce briefings and information, meet with key politicians and civil servants 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; representatives from the organisation can attend meetings, stand as officers of SCYJ and have voting rights. The current membership fee is £30.00 per annum and this funding supports our website and publications.
- Associate members – individuals not employed by a relevant or member organisation can apply for membership but cannot stand as officers and do not have voting rights. There is no membership fee for associate members

Committee Meetings

Committee meetings are held bi-monthly, normally in a central London venue between 2pm and 4pm.

I enclose copies of the SCYJ Statement of Principles, protocols for publications and an application form which should be returned together with your subscription (cheques payable to 'Standing Committee for Youth Justice' please). Please contact me: Pam Hibbert, Secretary, SCYJ at pamhib@aol.com for the relevant postal address.

If you need any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Pam Hibbert,
Secretary