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*Mentoring, Partnership and the  
Rise of the 'Third Sector':  
the changing landscape of work with offenders*

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An enhanced role for voluntary organisations is integral to current government agendas such as citizen engagement and the 'modernisation' of public services, and correctional services is one of five 'key policy areas' singled out by the Cabinet Office as sites of opportunity for the third sector to inject 'innovation' and have a 'transformative effect' on public service delivery.

The sector's role is increasingly shifting from loose forms of 'partnership' with statutory agencies to contracted delivery of interventions ordered by the courts. This raises a variety of theoretical and empirical questions – as yet under-explored by criminologists - around, for example, changing patterns of penal governance, conflicts of aims and values, degrees of compulsion in offender participation, possible stifling of critical voices, and the relative 'effectiveness' of voluntary and statutory agencies in terms of processes and outcomes. The seminar will explore some of these issues, drawing on research particularly around prisoner resettlement and the use of mentors.

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This seminar is part of the IoC Public Seminar Series, and is open to all interested in attending. If you wish to be added to the seminar mailing list, please contact: Joanne Garner, on:

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