

GOALS

- To provide a second chance for young people to live a crime free future
- Reduce youth crime/reoffending
- Help youths address their issues
- Address community needs
- Improve the perception of the criminal justice system
- Volunteer opportunities

ELIGIBILITY/CRITERIA

Jonah's Project CIC Peer Hearing is available to young people who meet the following :

- Aged 11-25 years
- Have committed a low-level offence
- Admit their guilt

Participation is voluntary

MISSION STATEMENT

The peer hearing seeks to reduce low-level and quality of life offences by using a collaborative problem-solving approach to crime, working with statutory bodies, communities, grassroots companies, faith-based groups, businesses and most importantly with young people leading from the front.

the peer hearing endeavours to hold the presented young people to account, addressing the underlying factors that can lead to criminal behaviour, improve the quality of life in local communities and increase public confidence in the youth justice system

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Peer Hearing

A helping hand, becoming a better version of yourself.

**PEER HEARING IS A
COMMUNITY
RESOLUTION/OUT OF
COURT DISPOSAL.**

**THIS SIMPLY MEANS THAT
WHEN A CRIME OR NON
CRIME IS COMMITTED IT
WOULD BE DEALT WITH
OUTSIDE OF A FORMAL
COURT SETTING.**

HOW WOULD IT WORK? THE BASIC PROCESS WOULD BE



ARRESTED FOR A LOW LEVEL OFFENCE



CASE REVIEWED BY PEERS
(OUTSIDE OF FORMAL PROCESS)



FED INTO A LOCAL INTERVENTION



SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION = NO RECORDED CONVICTION

REFERRAL

The referral process would be initiated from the police station based on meeting the eligible criteria.

Once a referral has been received a member of the Peer Hearing team will make contact with the presented young person (and parent/ appropriate adult) to explain the hearing process and make sure that they are happy to continue.

PEER REVIEWERS

Each hearing will have a panel of peer reviewers who will hear the case. The reviewers will be:

- of similar age to the presented young person
- will receive continuous training and support
- will have the support and guidance of Peer Hearing Staff



VOLUNTEERS/PEER REVIEWERS

We are looking for volunteers to help us deliver Peer Hearings if you are aged 14 and above (under 16 will need consent) and interested in joining us please get in touch to get more information

INTERVENTIONS

All interventions are vetted to ensure young people are safeguarded.

- The interventions will provide:
- Local provision
 - A mechanism for change
 - A long-lasting diversion

Interventions are based on the individual needs of the presented young person, to make sure they have the best chance to succeed.

BENEFIT

Young people who complete the intervention will have their charge dismissed