



## Speaker biographies

**Madhurima Dhanuka** is the Programme Coordinator, Access to Justice (Prison Reforms), Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative, New Delhi. She holds an LL.M. in Criminal Justice from the University of Nottingham, UK. She has been actively engaged in advocacy on issues relating to prison reforms in India for the last nine years. Preventing unnecessary detention, improving prison oversight, ensuring access to legal aid for persons in custody and facilitating repatriation of foreign national prisoners are her primary focus areas.

**Lady Edwina Grosvenor** is a prison philanthropist, and since graduating in 2005 she has developed a career in prison reform. Her work has taken her all over the UK and around the world visiting different models of criminal justice and examples of best practice, and she has a particular interest in female imprisonment. She was a contributor to the Corston Report on Female offenders in 2007 and sits on the Women's Advisory Board for Female Offenders under The Secretary of State for Justice, to advise the Government and oversee the reforms to the female prison estate. She established One Small Thing to champion trauma-informed practice with criminalised women. It is run by the Centre for Crime and Justice Studies. One Small Thing works with staff in women's prisons and in the community, developing approaches, and encouraging a better understanding of trauma within the prison system and how to deal most effectively with those who have experienced it.

**Juliet Lyon CBE** is a visiting professor in the School of Law at Birkbeck, University of London. Previously, Juliet was the director of the Prison Reform Trust and Secretary General of Penal Reform International. She currently chairs the Independent Advisory Panel on Deaths in Custody and is a vice president of the British Association of Counselling and Psychotherapy. Juliet has expertise on all aspects of prison reform and, specifically, on women in custody and on the vulnerabilities of young prisoners and those with mental health and learning disabilities. In 2016 Juliet received the prestigious lifetime achievement award from the Longford Trust for her work in penal reform and 'most notably, female and young offenders'.

**Teresa Njoroge** is the Co-Founder & CEO of Clean Start Solutions, a social enterprise that seeks to restore hope, dignity, self-confidence and self-respect to women and girls as they leave prison, enabling them to break the cycle of poverty and prison in Kenya by transitioning them into education, vocational training or (self) employment by providing skills and employment training. In turn the women & girls support each other through peer mentoring "overcomers" groups that Clean Start holds regularly. Teresa has been at the forefront through her advocacy work, with focus on how imprisonment disproportionately affects individuals and families living in poverty and against social injustices in Africa. She is an active Discharge Board member of various Women Prisons in Kenya, through the Ministry of Interior & Coordination - Correctional Services Department, working closely with the Kenya Prisons Service and Probation & Aftercare services.

**Marie Nougier** has been Head of Research and Communications at the International Drug Policy Consortium (IDPC) since 2008. Marie also engages in networking, civil society capacity building activities, and policy advocacy engagement, in particular at the UN level. Marie supports IDPC's activities in Latin America, where she helps coordinate a project to reduce the incarceration rate of women imprisoned for drug offences. She is also a member of the Core Group of the EU Civil Society Forum on Drugs. She has previously worked on compulsory drug detention in South East Asia (at the World Health Organisation), and on immigration, racism and police brutality in Western Europe (at Amnesty International).

**Jo Peden** started her career in public health completing an MSc in Public Health Nutrition at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. After working in public health nutrition for a couple of years she went back to LSHTM to manage a research project on health informatics and at the same time to complete a Doctorate in Public Health. In 2008 Jo moved to live in Malaysia and had the fantastic opportunity of working in Malaysia for the UNHCR and the Malaysian Ministry of Health on gaining access to immunisation for refugee groups. Jo is currently working as a Consultant in Public Health for the Public Health England National Health and Justice team which helps to advise NHSE and Her Majesty's Prison and Probation Service on the healthcare commissioned in prisons. This is a fascinating area of work which covers all three domains of public health and the whole pathway approach to preventing offending and reoffending.

**Olivia Rope** is Policy and Programme Manager at Penal Reform International's Head Office in London, where she leads on policy development and international advocacy. A focus of Olivia's work over the past five years at PRI has involved the promotion and implementation of the UN Bangkok Rules on women offenders, including the development of guidance, delivering training, undertaking research and advocating at an international and national level for gender-specific criminal justice systems. Previously, Olivia worked at Amnesty International in their European Union office in Brussels and in their New Zealand branch.

**Roy Walmsley** is Director of the World Prison Brief, a comprehensive online database of information on the prison systems of the world, which is available free of charge at [www.prisonstudies.org](http://www.prisonstudies.org). He also researches and compiles the World Prison Population List (eleventh edition, 2016) and the World Pre-trial/Remand Imprisonment List (third edition, 2017). The World Prison Brief is hosted by the Institute for Criminal Policy Research at Birkbeck, University of London, which also publishes the world imprisonment lists.

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