

# Children's Rights Alliance for England

## Opportunity for young people to take part in focus group research

The Children's Rights Alliance for England (CRAE) is involved in two European Commission projects focussing on children and young people who have been in conflict with the law.

- The Speak Up! project provides an opportunity for small groups of 12 to 15-year-olds who have been involved in the youth justice system to talk about their understanding of children's rights, which of these rights are most important to them, and how they might overcome any obstacles they may have faced when exercising these rights.
- The Ending Violence against Children in Custody project provides an opportunity for children and young people up to and including age 18 who have been in custody, or are in custody, to take part in research about their experiences of violence in custody, their understanding of what counts as violence, and their solutions for ending it. Up to 10 young people can volunteer to become members of the Young Investigation Team who will, with full training and adult support from CRAE, undertake small focus group interviews.

CRAE is organising the focus group sessions to take place across England between 16<sup>th</sup> January and 18<sup>th</sup> February 2012.

If –

- Any of the young people with whom you work would like to become a member of the Young Investigation Team of peer researchers,
- Any of the young people with whom you work would like to be involved in the focus groups, or
- You would like us to run a focus group session in your area

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All expenses will be covered throughout the life of the project, and all materials provided by CRAE. We will do our best to adapt to the children and young people's availability and individual circumstances, and ensure that project activities operate under CRAE's robust confidentiality policy.