



Dear colleague,

Over the last 18 months NAYJ has been engaged in a programme of review and renewal and I would like to tell about some of the changes and our plans for the future.

First, we are delighted to tell you that NAYJ has been granted charitable status; the trustees believe this will help us greatly in taking the organisation forward.

Second, and most importantly we have launched an ongoing campaign for a more child-focused youth justice system. For details of the campaign - and to read our first campaign briefing, on '*Payments by Results*' - please go to our new web site at [www.thenayj.org.uk](http://www.thenayj.org.uk) ; and please send us your comments.

Thirdly, the trustees have also been working on seeking more sustainable funding for NAYJ and we hope to be able to report progress on this in 2012.

There have also been important changes to our membership arrangements and we believe that we now offer exceptional value for money.

NAYJ membership subscription was £40 per annum; a price which included a hard copy of 'Youth Justice, the international journal published by SAGE. Following negotiations with SAGE, we are now able to offer more economical subscriptions to the Journal and, at the same time, reduce our own membership subscriptions.

Now we are able to offer full membership for a minimum donation of £18 per person per annum. Full members will have electronic access to each issue of

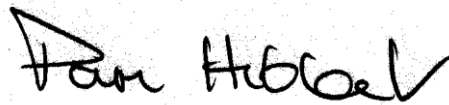
**“Youth Justice” and, as e-subscribers, will also have access to the entire back catalogue. Full members will, of course, have voting rights at the AGM, enabling them to vote or stand in Trustee elections. Full members will also qualify for discounted rates at NAYJ conferences and events.**

**From next January, we shall also be offering free Associate Memberships to those (e.g. students) who support our aims and values but do not wish to have access to the journal. Associate members will not have voting rights; nor can they be Trustees, but they will receive all NAYJ communications and may qualify for discounted rates at NAYJ conferences and events.**

**To date, membership subscriptions have only been payable by cheque. We are now pleased to offer an additional way of paying by electronic bank transfer, and we are working towards on-line payment.**

**Better still, if you are a UK taxpayer all your subscription donations can be Gift Aided. We hope you will agree to this when you renew your membership.**

**I do hope you will consider joining us as we seek to take the Association forward and to create a better, more child-friendly youth justice system.**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pam Hibbert". The signature is written in a cursive style with a checkmark at the end.

**Yours sincerely,**

**Pam Hibbert OBE, Chair of Trustees**