

## Introductory Note

The Aberystwyth University Student Law and Criminology Journal (AUSLCJ) is proud to present its first volume, showcasing articles written and reviewed primarily by students. Our journal provides students with the unique opportunity to participate in academic discourse and to contribute to the knowledge base in both Law and Criminology. AUSLCJ also aims to promote the use of Welsh language and embed Welsh language into the academic life of the University and beyond.

The Journal is the brainchild of Dr Ola Olusanya, a lecturer at Aberystwyth University, however it is run primarily by students. It is open to all students of Law and Criminology, allowing for the cross-fertilisation of ideas between not only undergraduate and postgraduate students but also the disciplines of both Law and Criminology. This first edition includes a wide breadth of subjects, incorporating both long and short essays, dissertations and book reviews and is a clear testament to Aberystwyth University and its students.

In putting this inaugural issue together we wanted to ensure that we published the best possible selection of articles. Common themes do emerge in a number of articles. For example, human rights issues are discussed in Ilonka Boltze's article entitled: '*The Human Right to Food as a Key Element of a Right to an Adequate standard of Living*' and in Hannaley Palmer's article entitled: '*Rights and Responsibilities towards Children*'. Whilst the two Criminology pieces entitled: '*Stalking or what may explain this 'one-sided craving for contact*' and '*A short review and Analysis of the Article: Smart, Carol (1979) "The New Female Criminal: Reality or Myth"*', written by Violeta Kunovska and Linda Thompson respectively, increase the breadth of perspectives on issues of contemporary concerns. The three book reviews widen the range of topics and approaches even further, allowing the

reader to grasp the main ideas, theories, key themes and arguments in each book with thought-provoking ease.

On behalf of the Editorial board, we would like to thank the many people who helped us from the early stages of establishing this journal to the publication of this very issue. We would like to give special thanks to Fay Hollick, Mary-Jane Horgan and Dr Ola Olusanya for their continued support, encouragement and ideas.

We sincerely hope you enjoy the inaugural issue of the Aberystwyth University Student Law and Criminology Journal (AUSLCJ) and that you are inspired to write for the forthcoming second issue.

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The Editors-in-Chief

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