

News

- **Keir Starmer QC speaks to The Howard League for Penal Reform**
Guest speaker Keir Starmer QC spoke on how the modern prosecutor deals with youth offending at our annual Parmoor lecture. He raised interesting issues about inconsistencies when dealing with young people in the criminal justice system. Look on our [website](#) for more information, to read a copy of the speech and to see pictures of the event.
- **Recommendation to the ministerial board on deaths in custody**
Frances Crook this month issued a submission recommending that the ministerial board on deaths in custody considers in its remit the deaths of anyone on supervised or early release from prison. You can read the submission [here](#).
- **Frances Crook speaks to Napo**
Frances Crook gave a speech to the AGM of the probation officers' union, Napo with the minister, Maria Eagle and Mark Serwotka from the [PCS union](#). Harry Fletcher, the assistant general secretary of Napo told the conference that there were 6,500 staff at the [NOMS](#) headquarters and more than 600 people employed in the regions by the newly established directors of offender managers – that is almost equal to the number of front line probation officers expected to deliver a real service to the public by working with hundreds of thousands of individuals.
- **Student groups**
Following a highly successful series of Freshers' Fairs, the beginning of this academic term has seen more Howard League student events than ever before, including the setting up of new groups at Manchester, Middlesex and Birmingham City Universities, among others. Find out more about Howard League students by joining the [Facebook group](#) or looking at our [website](#).
- **Are you a member of the Howard League?**
The best way you can support us is by becoming a member. Members receive a welcome pack, a copy of our newspaper the Howard, priority information and booking on our seminars, lectures and social events and the Howard Journal of Criminal Justice. Members also have access to the members' section on our website where you can find membership action ideas, news and downloadable publications. For information on how to join please visit www.howardleague.org/joinusindex/ or email sophie.lumsden@howardleague.org

Howard League in the media

- [Young offenders subject to a postcode lottery of justice, says Keir Starmer, The Telegraph](#)
- [Frances Crook asks how many jails are transferring prisoners before inspections, BBC](#)

Forthcoming events and publications

- **November 2009**

The Howard League for Penal Reform will hold its annual general meeting on Tuesday 24 November 2009 at the Abbey Community Centre, 34 Great George Street, London SW1P 3BU. The guest speaker this year will be Dominic Grieve QC MP, Shadow Secretary of State for Justice. For further information and to book your place visit <http://www.howardleague.org/agm2009/>

- **November 2009**

[The Day of Action](#) is under a month away and we're happy announce the launch of our evening event. If you don't want to organise something yourself, why not come to our special Lost Daughters evening in conjunction with Clean Break theatre company?

The Howard League is pleased to announce a special evening performance of the award winning This Wide Night. Tickets are only £8 if you quote 'Howard League' when booking, plus you get 10% of all drinks at the bar beforehand.

Book at www.sohotheatre.com/wide

Latest appeal: women in prison

In the last five years, 43 women have taken their own lives in prisons and already this year two more have been added to the toll. The deaths of women in prison are still a national scandal. We have issued an appeal to support our national campaign to keep the issue of women in prison in the forefront of the public mind.

[Read the appeal letter](#)

[Donate to the campaign](#)

[Sign up to the campaign](#)

[Information on women in prison](#)

The Howard League needs your support! Become a member or make a donation

If you have queries about any of the above or anything else, or would like to have someone added, please contact Sophie Willett, Press Officer:

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