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Biography

Jason Wood is a Senior Lecturer and Admissions Tutor in the Faculty of Health and Life Sciences, De Montfort University. His teaching and research interests include social, youth work and criminal justice policy with a specialist interest in active citizenship and responsabilisation. He recently edited (with Jean Hine) *Work with Young People: Theory and policy for practice* (Sage, 2009) and is currently writing a book entitled *Young People, Active Citizenship and Youth Work*. In criminal justice, he has undertaken numerous research studies and written extensively about the community management of high risk offenders, including leading a study for the Home Secretary's Child Sex Offender Review in 2006-2007. His management responsibilities include leading admissions for the undergraduate programme, and contributing to the ongoing development of professional training for youth workers. His teaching is consistently graded highly in peer observation, and he has twice been nominated by students for the *Vice Chancellor's Distinguished Teaching Award* (2005; 2007). Jason was a Fellow of the RSA from 2004-2006, and holds membership of the British Society of Criminology. He is due to defend his PhD thesis in February 2009.

Teaching interests and responsibilities

I have specialist interests and expertise in the theoretical and practical implications of new modes of social, criminal and youth policy, including the themes of risk based welfare, responsabilisation and active citizenship. I am also interested in the values and principles of youth work.

I supervise postgraduate dissertations in the following thematic areas: citizenship, community engagement and participation; risk and social policy; and public protection. I am currently second supervisor for one PhD student.

Principal Research Projects

2008-2009 £54,000	Principal Investigator	Ministry of Justice – 'Polygraph Disclosure Project'
2008-2009 £50,000	Investigator	National Children's Bureau et al – 'Evaluation of Participation Works'
2008-2009 £50,000	Investigator	Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Service – 'Evaluation of the Crash Course driver safety programme'
2007-2009 £50,000	Investigator	Cabinet Office – 'Positive Youth Engagement: review and evaluation of the Beacon Council support programme'
2007	Consultant	University of Oxford for the Youth Justice Board - 'Exploration of Youth Offending Teams Engagement with Multi-Agency Public Protection Agreements'.
2006-2007 £22,000	Principal Investigator	Home Office - 'The Operation and Experience of Multi-Agency Public Protection Arrangements (MAPPA)', for the Home Secretary's review into the community management of sex offenders
2003-2005 £57,000	Investigator	Home Office - 'Evaluating the effectiveness of Sections 67 and 68 of the Criminal Justice and Court Services Act (2000) in strengthening the Multi-agency Public Protection Arrangements (MAPPA)'
2003-2005 £10,000	Principal Investigator	Leicester City Council - 'Evaluating the effectiveness of the <i>On Trak Inclusion Service</i> in supporting young people at risk of exclusion from education'

2003-2004 £20,000	Investigator	Stop it Now! UK and Ireland – ‘National evaluation of Stop it Now! UK and Ireland’
2002-2004	Research Assistant	Department for Education and Skills – ‘Evaluation of the impact of Connexions on young people at risk’
2002-2004	Research Assistant	Department for Education and Skills – ‘National Evaluation of the Impact of Youth Work’
2002-2003	Research Assistant	National Youth Agency – ‘Partners in Innovation: work with young people in rural areas’

Main Publications

Wood, J. (forthcoming 2009) ‘Young people as activists: ethical issues in promoting and supporting active citizenship’, in S. Banks (Ed.) *Ethical Issues in Youth Work (2nd Edition)*, London: Routledge

Wood, J. and Hine, J. (Eds.) (forthcoming, March 2009) *Work with Young People: Theory and policy for practice*, London: Sage. Lead editor and: 1 solo authored chapter, 2 joint authored chapters and author of part introductions.

Kemshall, H. and Wood, J. (forthcoming 2009) ‘Effective Multi-Agency Public Protection: Learning from the research’, in K. Harrison (Ed.) *Dealing with High-Risk Sex Offenders in the Community: Risk Management, Treatment and Social Responsibilities*, Cullompton: Willan

Kemshall, H. and Wood, J. (forthcoming, May 2009) ‘MAPPAs: Learning the Lessons for Young Offenders’, in A. Sutherland and K. Baker (Eds.) *Multi-Agency Public Protection and Youth Justice*, Bristol: Policy Press

Kemshall, H. and Wood, J. (forthcoming, Jan 2009) ‘Community Strategies for Managing High Risk Offenders: The Contribution of Multi-Agency Public Protection Arrangements’, in A. Beech, L. Craig, and K. Browne (Eds.) *Assessment and Treatment of Sex Offenders: A Handbook*. Chichester: John Wiley and Sons, Ltd.

Kemshall, H. and Wood, J. (2008b) ‘Risk and Public Protection: Responding to involuntary and taboo risk’, *Social Policy and Administration*, 42 [6]: 611-629 (Special issue entitled ‘Living in Dangerous Times: Fear, Insecurity, Risk and Social Policy’ edited by David Denney and to be published as accompanying book).

Kemshall, H. and Wood, J. (2008a) ‘Public protection in practice: Multi-Agency Public Protection Arrangements (MAPPAs)’, in C. Clark, and J. McGhee (Eds.) *Private and Confidential: Handling personal information in social and health services*, London: The Policy Press

Wood, J. and Kemshall, H. (2008) ‘Risk, Accountability and Partnerships in Criminal Justice: the case of Multi-Agency Public Protection Arrangements (MAPPAs)’ in B. Stout, J. Yates and B. Williams (Eds.) *Applied Criminology*, London: Sage

Wood, J. and Kemshall, H. (2007b) *The Operation and Experience of MAPPAs: Findings*, London: Home Office Research Findings, 285

Wood, J. and Kemshall, H. (2007a) *The Operation and Experience of Multi-Agency Public Protection Arrangements (MAPPAs)*, London: Home Office

Kemshall, H. and Wood, J. (2007b) ‘Beyond Public Protection: An examination of the community protection and public health approaches to public protection’ in *Criminology and Criminal Justice*, 7 [3]: 203-322

Kemshall, H. and Wood, J. (2007a) 'High Risk Offenders and Public Protection' in L. Gelsthorpe and R. Morgan (Eds.) *Handbook of Probation*, Cullompton: Willan

Kemshall, H., Mackenzie, G., Wood, J., Bailey, R. and Yates, J. (2005) *Strengthening the Multi-Agency Public Protection Arrangements*, London: Home Office

Fabes, R., Payne, B. and Wood, J. (2003) *Who Says Nothing Ever Happens Around Here?*, Leicester: National Youth Agency

Research Reports (Unpublished)

Wood, J. (2008) *Young People and Active Citizenship: An Investigation*, PhD thesis submitted to De Montfort University

Wood, J., Tyler, M., Semenchuk, M. & Payne, M. (2006) *Evaluating the effectiveness of the On Trak Inclusion Service (OTIS) in supporting students at risk of exclusion from school*, Leicester: Leicester City Council

Kemshall, H., Mackenzie, G., Wood, J., Bailey, R. & Yates, J. (2005) *Evaluating the Effectiveness of the Criminal Justice and Court Services Act (2000) in Strengthening Multi-Agency Public Protection Arrangements*, Leicester: De Montfort University

Kemshall, H., Mackenzie, G. & Wood, J. (2004) *Stop it Now! UK and Ireland: An Evaluation*, London: Stop it Now!

Fabes, R., & Wood, J. (2004) *Natural High: An Evaluation*, Leicester: Ray Fabes Consultancy

Hoggarth, L. & Smith, D.I. (2004) *Understanding the Impact of Connexions on Young People at Risk*, DfES Research Report 607, London: DfES (*credited researcher*)

Merton, B. et al (2004) *An Evaluation of the Impact of Youth Work in England*, DfES Research Report 606, London: DfES (*credited researcher*)

Fabes, R. & Wood, J.J. (2003) *Leicestershire Rural Youth Work Initiative: Evaluation of the Rural Grants Programme*, Leicestershire: Leicestershire County Council

Simpkin, B. (Ed.) (2003) 'Good Practice and Pitfalls in Rural Based Connexions Partnerships', Leicester: Rural Youth Network (*credited contributor*)

Selected conference presentations and papers

Paper: Wood, J. (December 2008) 'Risk and Public Protection: Responding to involuntary and 'taboo' risk', Community and Criminal Justice seminar series, De Montfort University

Keynote speaker: Wood, J. (November 2008) 'Kids today: trouble, early intervention and the detached youth work response', Federation for Detached Youth Work annual conference

Paper: Wood, J. (November 2008) 'Being true to self, or true to others? The issue of authenticity in citizenship education', Philosophy of Education Society of Great Britain regional seminar series, Leicester

Keynote speaker: Wood, J. (September 2008) 'Promoting Inclusion through Rural Youth Work', Rural Youth Network: Annual Conference

Invited plenary: Wood, J. (September 2008) 'High Risk Offenders, Public Protection and MAPPA: Lessons from the research' at Managing High-Risk Offenders in the Community, University of the West of England Law conference

Invited paper: Wood, J. (June 2008) 'Critical Reflections on Young People, Active Citizenship and Participation', Informal Education Discussion Group, Leicester

Guest Lecture: Wood, J. (May 2008) 'Active Citizenship and Individualisation in Advanced Liberal Democracies', University College of Antwerp, Belgium

Paper: Kemshall, H. & **Wood, J.** (April 2008) 'Making sex offenders visible: a comparison of USA and UK approaches to the surveillance and regulation of sex offenders in the community', Third Annual Surveillance and Society Conference, Sheffield University

Invited paper: Kemshall, H. & **Wood, J.** (December 2007) 'MAPPA: Lessons for work with young offenders', Oxford University Criminal Justice Symposium Series

Paper: **Wood, J.** (November 2007) 'Young People and Active Citizenship: Challenging the demonisation of the 'Other'?', EU and Its Emerging Migrants international conference, Leicester

Convener (inaugural international conference): 'Work with Young People: Advancing Theory, Policy and Practice' (2007), Leicester: De Montfort University

Paper: **Wood, J.** & Yates, J. (June 2007) 'The Community Responsibilisation Project: how are young people regulated in contemporary communities?' at Work with Young People: Advancing theory, policy and practice, Leicester

Invited Paper: Kemshall, H. & **Wood, J.** (May 2007) 'Risk, Partnerships and Information Sharing' at ESRC Information Sharing, Assessment and E-Technology, York

Keynote Speaker: **Wood, J.** (April 2007) 'The Contribution of Youth Work to Rural Communities', Somerset Rural Youth Project 10th Anniversary Conference, Somerset.

Keynote Speaker: Kemshall, H. & **Wood, J.** (November 2006) 'Public Protection: Differing approaches to community engagement' at NOTA Wales Conference

Invited Seminar: Cadman, S., **Wood, J.** & Yates, J. (September 2006) 'The Challenges and Complexities of Risk Management' at the National Association of Youth Justice Annual Conference

Public workshop: Kemshall, H. & **Wood, J.** (September 2006) 'Management of Sex Offenders: Working in Partnership with the Community', British Festival of Science (with press conference).

Invited Paper: Kemshall, H. & **Wood, J.** (April 2006) 'MAPPA, Public Protection and Surveillance', at the Crime, Justice and Surveillance Conference, Sheffield University

Workshop: **Wood, J.** (December 2005) 'Anti-Social Behaviour: the Detached Youth Work response', at the Federation of Detached Youth Workers Annual Conference

Paper: **Wood, J.** (November 2005) 'Young people, active citizenship and community safety' at the Joint Criminal Justice Seminar Series, De Montfort University/Leicester University

Convener (August 2005): 'The RSA Coffeehouse Challenge 2005: Young People and Anti-Social Behaviour', Leicester: De Montfort University/RSA

Paper: **Wood, J.** (June 2005) 'Young People and Active Citizenship: An Example of Creeping Conditionality?' at the International Human Rights Education Conference, Roehampton University

Invited Keynote: **Wood, J.** (June 2005) 'Active Citizenship in Detached Youth Work', South West Regional Detached Youth Work Conference

Invited Plenary: **Wood, J.** (April 2005) 'Multi-Agency Public Protection: Partnerships, Effectiveness and Accountability', Leicester University, Forensic Course Conference

Paper: Kemshall, H & **Wood, J.** (April 2005) 'Beyond Public Protection: Its Everybody's Responsibility Now', European Group for the Study of Deviance and Control, University of Central Lancashire

Paper: **Wood, J.** (March 2005) 'Young People and Active Citizenship: attending to the fragmentation of youth', British Sociological Association summer conference

Invited Paper: Kemshall, H & **Wood, J.** (February 2005) 'Beyond Public Protection: Its Everybody's Responsibility Now' at the Scarman Centre Lecture Series, Leicester University

Paper: **Wood, J.**, Kemshall, H. & Mackenzie, G. (January 2005) 'Beyond Public Protection: Its Everybody's Responsibility Now' at the ESRC Social Contexts and Responses to Risk Network Launch, University of Kent

Paper: **Wood, J.** (January 2005) 'Active Citizenship and Young People: Emerging Themes', PhD seminar series, De Montfort University, Leicester

Invited Keynote: Kemshall, H. & **Wood, J.** (December 2004) 'Risk, Partnerships and Public Protection' at the ESRC International Transdisciplinary Seminars on Law, Probability and Risk, Edinburgh University

Invited Keynote: Kemshall, H., Mackenzie, G. & **Wood, J.** (September 2004) 'MAPPA Research: The Key Issues' at the National Police and Probation Conference, Stoke-on-Trent.

Invited Keynote: Kemshall, H., Mackenzie, G. & **Wood, J.** (August 2004) 'MAPPA Research Update: Emerging Themes', London: Home Office

Management and administration responsibilities

2006-current	Admissions Tutor	Key responsibilities: Marketing, recruitment and selection of candidates for BA (Hons) programme. Led admissions review in 2007-2008 resulting in more effective processes, increased course intake and exceeded entry targets since taking up post. Student retention from year 1 to 2 also increased.
2007-2008	BA (Hons) revalidation	Key responsibilities: lead role in revalidation of BA (Hons), including co-ordination of module design, co-writing submission to professional body. Course was awarded five commendations at validation.
2008-2009	YCD Periodic Review	Key responsibilities: co-leading periodic review, including responsibilities for student consultation, research strategy and teaching/learning development.

Qualifications

2002-2008	De Montfort University	PhD in Social Policy, submitted and awaiting Viva (Feb 2009)
1999-2002	De Montfort University	BA (Hons) Youth and Community Development, 1st Class JNC Professional Qualification in Youth Work

Selected training

2008	De Montfort University	Certificate in Research Supervision
2002-2008	De Montfort University	Research training in project management; research methods; SPSS and a postgraduate module in social research methods (graded 74%)

Current external roles

External Examiner, NEWI (2006-2009)

Peer reviewer for Sage Publications (Books), and the *British Journal of Social Work*.

Media experience

Extensive experience of communicating research issues to local and national media through news print, radio and television interviews.