**Speaker Biographies**

**Dr Alison Bisset,** *Associate Professor in international Human Rights Law, University of Reading*

Dr Alison Bisset is Associate Professor in International Human Rights Law at the University of Reading. She specialises in transitional justice, with a particular focus on the relationship between truth commissions and prosecutorial institutions, and has published widely on this issue. Alison has provided training on various aspects of transitional justice for the British Army, the United States Africa Command, the Commonwealth Secretariat and the International Institute for Humanitarian Law. She is also the editor of Blackstone’s International Human Rights Law Documents, published by OUP.

**Ben Estep,** *Centre For Justice Innovation*

Ben is the Youth Justice Programme Manager at the Centre for Justice Innovation. Ben was a researcher with NEF’s Valuing What Matters team, contributing to NEF’s work on innovations in criminal justice policy, including early intervention and diversion of young people, and problem-solving in courts.

Prior to NEF, he was a researcher at the Vera Institute of Justice, a New York-based non-profit research and consultancy organisation that focused on helping leaders in government and civil society improve justice systems. At Vera, he worked on a variety of projects related to youth justice, child welfare, and international legal development. Previously, he worked on policy and sociological research at the Center for Economic Progress and at the Sloan Center on Parents, Children & Work, both in Chicago.

He has a BA in Sociology from the University of Chicago and an MSc in Philosophy and Public Policy from the London School of Economics. He also enjoys running, walking and baking.

**Bharti Patel,** *ECPAT UK*

Ms Bharti Patel is CEO of ECPAT UK, a leading children’s rights charity campaigning against child trafficking and transnational child exploitation. Bharti has more than fifteen years’ experience working to address human rights abuses, leading high-profile research, campaigning and advocacy organisations in the UK and India. Bharti’s passion to challenge the root causes of child exploitation and abuse underpins her leadership role with ECPAT UK, where she has overseen important changes to law and policy in the area of child protection and trafficking prevention.

In the UK, Bharti’s prior achievements include successfully lobbying for Britain’s first-ever national minimum wage legislation and helping secure basic employment rights for low-paid and part-time workers. In India, Bharti delivered sustainable development programmes to strengthen food, water and livelihood security for vulnerable communities. An accomplished speaker and writer, Bharti has featured widely in the British print and broadcast media, and is regularly quoted in articles on poverty, inequality, child trafficking and child protection.

**Marianne Moore,** *Director of Justice Studio Ltd*

Marianne Moore, Director of Justice Studio, is an international expert in youth justice. She has worked on a number of projects to improve practices towards children and young people in detention in the UK, wider Europe, Asia and Africa. She has worked extensively for UNICEF worldwide e.g. devising a diversion policy for UNICEF Afghanistan. For the International Juvenile Justice Observatory, in addition to a White Paper on improving youth justice systems during a time of economic crisis, Marianne has worked on a pan-European study on young offenders and mental health for the Observatory. Her first degree was from Oxford University, and she has an MA in Youth Justice, Community Safety & Applied Criminology from the University of Middlesex.

**Aneeta Williams,** *War Child UK*

Aneeta Williams is a former practising lawyer (member of the Middle Temple) turned humanitarian and development professional, having travelled extensively across the globe championing the rights of victims of abuse and violence. She has a Masters-in-Law on Justice for Child Witnesses who Victims for Child Witnesses under Humanitarian Law and a Masters in International Child Studies from Kings College of London. She is part of a small cohort of experts under FCO’s Preventing Sexual Violence Initiative having been deployed to support the Syrian victims of sexual violence. She is currently Head of Programme Quality at War Child UK.

**Nikhil Roy,** *Penal Reform International*

Nikhil Roy has been Programme Development Director at Penal Reform International (PRI) since June 2009. He was previously Head of Rights and Economic Justice at Save the Children UK and has also worked with a number of international organisations including Anti-Slavery International, Consortium for Street Children UK, Minority Rights Group, the International Secretariat of Amnesty International and as a consultant for UNICEF.

He has extensive experience of development and human right issues, with particular expertise in the areas of criminal justice and penal reform especially justice for children.

With PRI he has initiated and managed several justice for children projects in different parts of the world including in Africa, Asia and Europe, and has contributed to a range of publications on issues such as the minimum age of criminal responsibility, diversion and independent monitoring mechanisms. A notable achievement has been contributions to the process leading to adoption by the African Committee of Experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child in November 2013 of the General Comment Number 1 on “Children of incarcerated and imprisoned parents and primary caregivers”.