

YOUNG AND ACCOUNTABLE?

The age of criminal responsibility is questioned

UNICEF NZ YOUTH WEEK FORUM

Wednesday 28 May 2008

National Library Auditorium 2- 4.30pm

Should children face criminal responsibility at 12 years old?

Some politicians think so.

Both major party leaders signalled youth crime as an issue in their State of the Nation addresses early this year.

Is there really a youth crime explosion? What are the facts? What should be done?

This discussion forum will explore the principles, political and practical issues concerned with reducing the age of criminal responsibility.

The forum will be addressed by:

John Hancock – Senior Solicitor for Youth Law, Auckland

Dr Gabrielle Maxwell – Senior Associate at the Institute of Policy Studies, Victoria University of Wellington

Kim Workman – National Director, Prison Fellowship New Zealand

...others to be confirmed

Chair - **Jehan Casinader**: Youth Affairs Reporter, TVNZ's Breakfast programme.

The forum will be of value to policy makers and planners, researchers, legal practitioners, social workers, youth workers, counsellors, justice advocates, students and change agents.

Admission is free but please register attendance to:

2helpkids@unicef.org.nz

Subject Line – Youth Week Forum.....by May 23

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