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# The Role of Enforcement Officers in Delivering Effective Community Justice

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# Community Justice

- New concept & initiative to dealing with offenders
- Bringing international best practice and experience to Bahrain
- Focus on effective re-integration and rehabilitation of offenders into the community
- Focus on *what works* principles
- Focus on developing a nuanced approach to community justice in Bahrain
- Underpinned by the principles of human rights and social justice



# Introduction to Community Justice in Bahrain

- Sheffield Hallam University, UK - fully validated certificate course
- 3 modules over 6 months (October 2021 – May 2022)
- Focus on learner engagement, learning and reflection
- Applied learning: fusion of academic rigour & research with international best practice from the field
- Professional practice



# Creating the Certificate

- Collaborative / co-creation approach
- Active Bahraini input
- What does community justice in Bahrain mean?
- Understanding the scope of alternative sanctions in Bahrain
- Implementation of the law
- Developing a nuanced understanding of the foundational principles



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Module 1

- Introduction to Alternative Sanctions Department (ASID) Bahrain

Module 2

- Exploring the roles and responsibilities of ASID Bahrain

Module 3

- Introduction to rehabilitation and reintegration



# Scope & Impact

- Applied education rather than training
- Mix of live in-country workshops as well as virtual sessions
- Use of Blackboard
- Assessment – *applied knowledge*
- All 22 learners achieved successful completion
- Quality and excellence



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## Feedback from Participants

- Very positive about the course content
- Helped EO frame their thinking about their role and Alternative Sanctions in Bahrain
- Opportunity to learn about international good practice
- Found range of topics covered to being important to understanding offender thinking, motivations & patterns of behaviour
- Greater understanding of their role and the impact they can have on offenders





## Next steps

- Continuing to work with SEAS on developing other courses e.g. developing specialist training
- Ensure capacity building meets emerging needs and growth areas of Directorate
- Assist with collection of data and evidence to measure impact of alternative sanctions
- Support sustainability of learning and development

المؤتمر الدولي: "قانون العقوبات والتدابير البديلة:  
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Law: Qualitative Experience in Criminal Legislation."

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