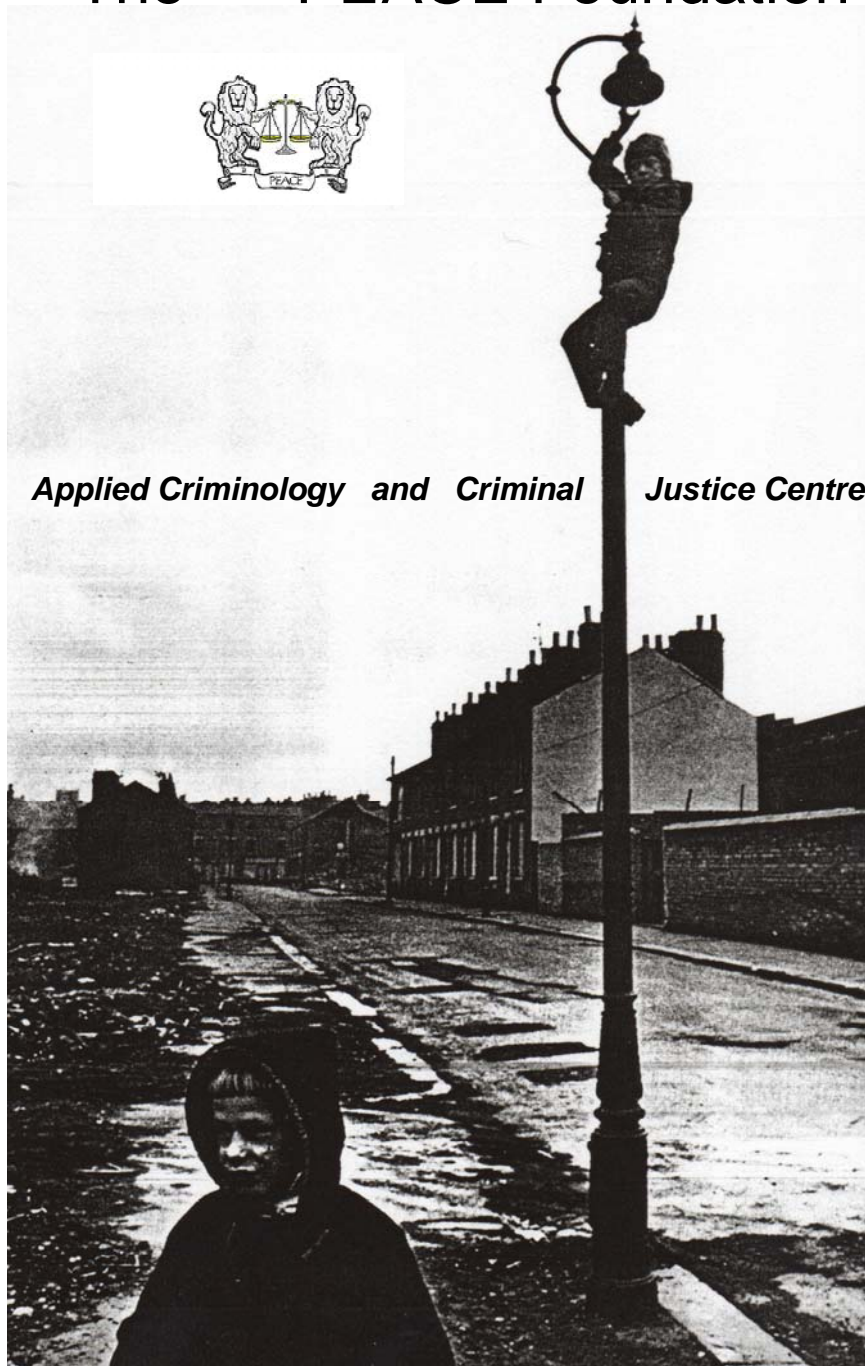


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The Foundation

The BC PEACE Foundation is made up of specialists (criminologists, psychologists, sociologists, lawyers, social workers, computer programmers/analysts, etc.) who have joined forces in relevant fields of expertise to address the growing needs of communities for crime and criminality prevention. This is done by promoting research into all aspects of criminology and criminal justice, writing and teaching professional development courses to businesses and criminal justice institutions (e.g. police officers, prison officers, court officers, etc), and constructing and implementing proactive programmes on crime and criminality prevention within communities.

Similarly, its advisory committee comes from a cross-section of the community, including business persons, lawyers, educators, police and prison personnel and other appropriate persons. This combination of backgrounds in the decision-making process is important because it ensures that the community's crime and criminality concerns are fully addressed in the Foundation's work. Equally important is the Foundation's central location at the boundary crossing of Burnaby and Vancouver. This unique location allows the opportunity for the Foundation to draw on other specialist groups from relevant institutions of higher education in the pursuit of its mandate.

Crime and Criminality Prevention

The word criminality is used frequently in this literature. It makes sense to explain how and why such a usage has come about. This explanation can be sought in prevention strategies because often confusion arises from the use of "criminality" and "crime". Observers of juvenile delinquent behaviour have tended to use both terms interchangeably and, where there is confusion between them, crime almost always takes precedent over criminality. In point of fact, there is a notable difference to be observed in using these terminologies with respect to prevention strategies. For example, crime prevention refers to strategies specifically designed to reduce crime opportunities for established offenders. Criminality prevention, on the other hand, addresses the change of people, typically those at high risk of offending before they become involved in crime.

Thus conceived, criminality prevention for this purpose is concerned with the early prevention of criminal behaviour among youths before they embark upon a criminal career, rather than the prevention of crime by established offenders. The reason for making this distinction at the outset is three-fold. First, research into programmes on youth misbehaviours almost always focus exclusively (although often unintended) on ways to prevent crimes of established offenders, due to a relative dearth of strategies on criminality prevention. Second, a fortuitous outcome of this neglect is a progression in youth misconducts which in the extreme of the circumstance leads to actual criminal acts. Third, how and when the terms are used can have policy implications for the particular prevention strategy.

Operationally, the Foundation is *Applied Criminology and Criminal Justice Centre* and has two functional divisions: a) Research and Consultancy Division and b) Community Programme Division. In the duality of this existence, functions inevitably criss-cross, but not at the expense of a clear direction in the pursuit of individual objectives. This is shown below.

Research and Consultancy Division

In the research and consultancy division, the Foundation's overarching aim is crime prevention through consultancy work and growth in the research enterprise. This is done in a wide range of environments and to various ends, including policy focused research, academic research, practice based research and evaluation, and many more. The boundaries between these research contexts are very fluid, and movements between them are a common feature of the Foundation's research agenda. Although these different research environments have more or less distinctive research cultures, the Foundation places an increasing emphasis on all of them in the production of high quality research by its professionally trained researchers.

Research and Consultancy Activities

The activities of the Foundation are reflected in its very full seminar programmes and in the production of working papers. To add to these activities, every research associate member is engaged in funded project work as well as a wide range of scholarly published output. The Foundation's research work is, therefore, defined by its commitment to active production of knowledge through:

1. Undertaking a wide variety of academic and funded research in criminology, criminal justice, police and socio-legal studies
2. Offering expert advice and consultations as well as a range of courses, on the practical problems of crime and prevention strategies and on personnel skill development, to criminal justice staff and business persons. These courses are also offered both on-line and on-site, and the contents can be tailored upon request, to individual clients' needs (see List of courses on p. 6).
3. Building consensus among key players in the crime prevention enterprise through hosting talks by external speakers and staging seminars and conferences for practitioners, community-based crime prevention agencies, academics and students of criminology, criminal justice and law.
4. Promoting efficiency and cost effectiveness in crime prevention strategies.
5. Providing forums for the discussion of working papers in socio-legal studies, criminology, criminal justice and law.

6. Offering workshops and seminars on computer crime awareness and prevention, and general computer consultancy and training (e.g. software training, office automation and project management) to private and public sectors.
7. Assisting the criminal justice system in providing corrective or rehabilitative services deemed necessary by courts for the disposition of offenders and/or for the protection of society. This includes offering offender disposition programmes on road rage, anger management and the preparation of pre-sentence reports.

The recent global trend in organizational restructuring for both financial efficiency and accountability has witnessed the expansion of the Foundation's consultancy work into market-testing of statutory agencies, contracting-out (privatization) initiatives in the criminal justice system and into alternative approaches to severe fiscal restraints. This very remit as undertaken by the Executive Committee has, in practice, included the encouragement of corporate research partnerships and the undertaking of internationally funded project work and consultancy. The Foundation consults to a variety of criminal justice institutions world-wide on a comprehensive business-based management system. This system focuses on strategy, operations, structure, human resource management, leadership and the managerial role itself. It also has two broadly related frameworks. The first includes the framework for initiating and managing change. The second deals with the framework for managing such organizational complexities as culture, politics and resistance to change.

One example of this type of international consultancy work may focus on specific capital projects and institution building for nation states. Another example of international consultancy work may involve collaboration with the United Nations on all aspects of criminal justice project work in the countries of its jurisdictions, particularly in the emerging democracies of Africa, South America, Asia, etc. This includes and is not limited to the provision of expert advice and consultations on correctional policy reform, police re-organization and policy reform, the provision of training and professional development related to the delivery of community-based crime prevention programmes, national crime prevention strategies, and on criminal justice policy, practice and institutions. At present, the Foundation has a limited number of research partnership opportunities for individuals, academic institutes and corporations, and welcomes inquiries into funded projects on crime and criminality prevention from prospective research associates. All individual and academic institute research partners are normally involved in the pursuit of a programme of funded research and in the teaching of professional development courses to business groups and criminal justice institutions. A partial list of research topics available for corporate sponsorships is shown on page 8. This list is only suggestive, and the Foundation will be happy to consider other topics of research interest to corporate sponsors.

The Foundation has links with a number of overseas institutions which are also involved in the research of crime and criminality, including *The Centre for Criminal Justice Studies*, Faculty of Law, University of Leeds, United Kingdom. The Centre has been established since 1987. Its object, as set out in its constitution, is the pursuit of research and study into all aspects of criminal justice. This has included the encouragement of post graduate students and research projects. The Centre's members comprise both lawyers and non-lawyers, and its work is generously assisted by an advisory committee, which consists of academics and practitioners in relevant fields of experience.

Community Programme Division

This division is concerned with the design and implementation of proactive community-based criminality prevention programmes. A key emphasis is on delivering these programmes to communities where they serve the purpose of reducing incentives for a criminal career among troubled youths as well as assisting the vulnerable by decreasing the likelihood of individual victimization. It is not on the treatment of already established offenders. Thus, among community-based criminality prevention agencies in Canada, the Foundation is unique in that it has a diverse in-house research facility in addition to benefiting from the cross-cultural advantage created by its link with a number of overseas academic institutions committed to research and study into all aspects of criminal justice. Such diversity allows the opportunity for the Foundation to promote proactive programmes on crime and criminality prevention strategies in two ways. First, by identifying and addressing delinquent behaviours among youths at the very early stage of development, through public seminars in the community as well as through talks and workshops in schools. Second, by running a computer club, or a computer café if you wish, for youths and the vulnerable/elderly.

The reason for including the elderly in the club is that research suggest they are most vulnerable to victimization and in particular to youth criminality behaviour. Not surprisingly, they are afraid of kids in general. The computer club serves as a useful forum for decontextualizing both the youth criminality behaviour and the elderly fear of victimization. It does this by bringing the two groups together in a helping relationship (i.e. working together to surf the net). For youths, aside from intrinsic benefits arising from being in a helping relationship with the elderly, the club is one way of keeping them off the street, complementing their school work. It also prepares them for future employment in the IT field.

Criminality Prevention Activities

The Foundation's work as an intermediary agency includes:

1. To give a range of talks and workshops in schools on preventing criminality behaviour, focusing on such diverse topics as youth gangs, violence, harassment, intimidation, peer pressure, etc. without inciting a paralyzing fear of crime.

2. To reach out to target groups (i.e. adults, the elderly, young persons at high risk of offending and their families, including First Nation members) by staging criminality prevention seminars in the community, focusing on detecting and understanding the warning signs of criminality problems with a view to reducing both the incentives and opportunities for criminality behaviour among future generations.
3. To promote efficiency and cost effectiveness in criminality prevention as well as in reducing the fear of victimization of the vulnerable.
4. To nip offending behaviour in the bud by conducting research related to, as well as the development of, resources and materials required for early intervention in the lives of young persons at high risk of offending.
5. To run a computer club for troubled youths and the vulnerable/elderly in order to reduce youth criminality behaviour and the fear of criminality.
6. To encourage citizen participation, increase public awareness and education in criminality prevention efforts.
7. To promote partnerships with various service providers, the community, police, local governments and the judiciary in criminality prevention.

These objectives are further informed by the Foundation's mission statement, vision and purpose.

MISSION:

To raise public consciousness about crime and criminality prevention strategies through developing, co-ordinating and pursuing research and study into, and the dissemination of knowledge about, all aspects of criminology and criminal justice systems, and through offering social development programmes and consultancy to at risk groups without inducing a paralyzing extreme case of pessimism about crime.

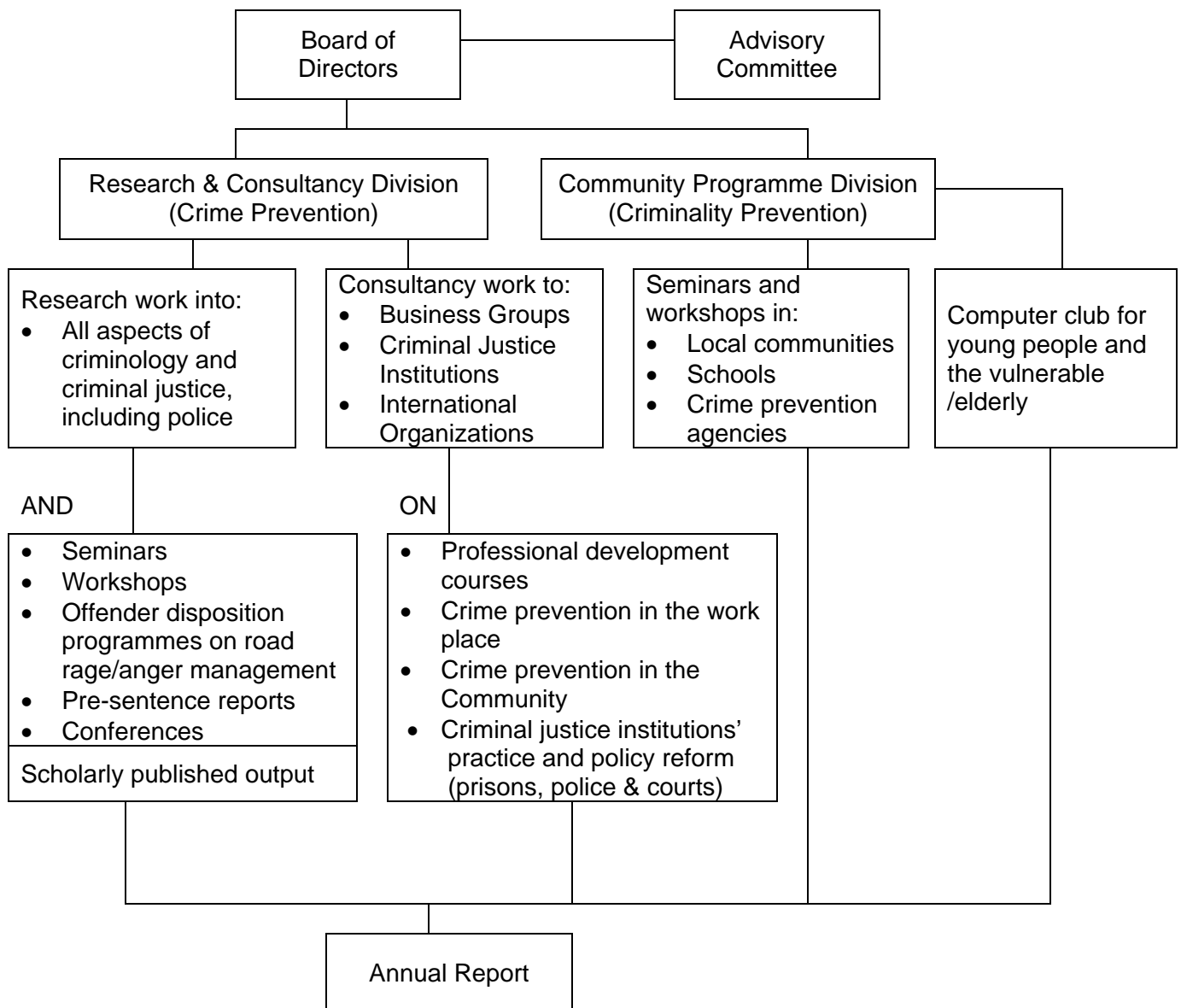
VISION:

Better Communities through Criminality Prevention Education for Adults, Children and the Elderly; hence the acronym B[©] PEACE.

PURPOSE:

To promote one of the greatest prevention possibilities of changing the hearts and minds of potential and established offenders through citizen participation, recognizing that the philosophy of effective crime and criminality prevention is respectively rooted in early intervention and the implementation of adequate proactive programmes.

The Structure of the Foundation's Activities



A List of Professional Development Courses

1. Organizational Leadership and Supervisory Skills - Level I
2. Advanced Leadership and Supervisory Training
3. Training Trainers

4. Anger Management and Road Rage Control
5. Issues on Domestic Violence
6. Perspectives on Victims of Violence
7. Preventing Child Abuse
8. Understanding Runaway Kids and Teenage Prostitution
9. Understanding Adolescent Substance Abuse
10. Reducing Inventory Shrinkage in the Workplace
11. Managing and Dealing with Stress
12. Teen and Adult Sexual Harassment
13. Computer Crime/Crime on the Internet
14. Criminal Profiling
15. Youth Gang Violence
16. The Elderly Victimization
17. Stalking and Cyberstalking
18. Screening Potential Abusers
19. Conflict Resolution in the Criminal Justice System
20. Positive Relationships
21. Suicide Prevention in Secure Custody
22. Security Dynamics in the Criminal Justice System
23. Dealing with Shoplifting
24. Helpers Interviewing Techniques
25. Enhanced Interviewing and Interrogation for Police Personnel
26. Offender Risk Classification and Escort in Secure Custody
27. Terrorism
28. Understanding and Dealing with Organized Crime: Loan Sharks, Murders, Drug Trafficking, Money Laundering, etc.
29. Understanding and Avoiding Discrimination in the Workplace
30. Understanding and Preventing Racial Discrimination
31. Coping with Trauma and Fear for Public Safety Personnel

And much more!

A List of Research Topics for Corporate Sponsorship

1. Evaluation of Neighbourhood Watch Programmes. This research will focus on any neighbourhood of interest to the sponsor.
2. Dimensions of Employee Theft and Inventory Shrinkage.
3. Technology and Crime.
4. Fraudulent Claims: Insurance and Social Benefits.
5. The Hidden Impact of Road Rage on Victims and Business Communities.
6. Reflections on Recent Trends Towards Home Invasion.
7. Dynamics of Policing in a Changing Society.
8. The Implications of Computer Crime for Corporate Security.
9. Policing the Hi-tec Crime: Facts or Fictions?
10. The Effects of CCTV Camera on Crime Reduction.
11. Shoplifting.
12. Situating the Fear of Crime.
13. The Growth of the Culture of Crime in Schools: Fashion or Future?
14. Perspectives on Victimization of the Elderly.
15. Current Trends in Home Invasion.

And much more!



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