

John Howard

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Appointment

February 25, 2011

The Board of Directors is very pleased to announce that Catherine Latimer has been appointed as the Executive Director of the John Howard Society of Canada effective April 25, 2011.

Catherine has a B.A (Waterloo, Psychology and Sociology) L.L.B (Law, Queens) and M. Phil (Cambridge, Criminology). For the five years prior to accepting this position she was the Director General, Youth Justice and Strategic Initiatives and Law Reform with the Department of Justice, Canada. In that position she had a very broad scope of responsibility including youth justice, and departmental responsibilities for the National Drug Strategy.



Catherine Latimer

Catherine was responsible for the development and implementation of the Youth Criminal Justice Act – progressive legislation that was responsible for a 40% decline in the rate of incarceration of young people in Canada.

Catherine has developed a deep understanding of correctional and justice issues having been central to many of the most important developments in the responsible government departments over the last twenty years. These areas include: legal aid, corrections, drug policy, sentencing, victims issues, firearms, anti-hate measures, anti-terrorism, research and evaluation, grant and contribution management, and many others.

Catherine has been a key advisor to the most senior members of the civil service, Ministers and the Cabinet on many issues and legislative matters. She has significant experience with the political and governmental structures and processes while her extensive roles in intergovernmental and external relations have given her experience consulting within government, subject experts and the non-governmental sectors across Canada.

She has taught courses on criminal law, juvenile justice, and domestic violence for Carleton University in the Department of Law within the Faculty of Social Sciences.

We welcome Catherine to this position of leadership within the Society and look forward to working with her towards our ongoing quest for *effective, just, and humane responses to crime and the causes of crime.*

Catherine Gogan, President,
The John Howard Society of Canada

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