

Rehabilitation and Reintegration

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Rehabilitation: A bit of a **fankle**?



- ‘the action of restoring something to a previous (proper) condition or status’ (OED)

1. An **action**

2. That **restores**

3. To a **desirable** state

- Implies...

4. [judgement against some **normalising** standard]

5. [third party **intervention**]

Confusion

- Is rehabilitation **an end or a means** or both?
- Does the **nature of the means** matter?
- What's are the relationships between **rehabilitation and punishment**?
 - Is it an alternative to punishment?
 - Is it part of punishment?
 - Does it come after (an antidote)?

- **Correctional rehabilitation**
 - Changing the ‘offender’ (but how exactly?)
- **Rehabilitation and reform**
 - Personality vs character
 - Science vs religion
- **Resettlement and reintegration**
 - The destination?
 - The antidote to punishment?
- **Rehabilitation and the law**
 - Beccaria’s requalification of juridical subjects
 - ‘Retablir dans ses droits’

- **Rotman (1990)**
 - Penitentiary
 - Medical ('medical-somatic')
 - Social learning ('social psychological')
 - Rights-based
- **Authoritarian vs anthropocentric rehabilitation**

Criticisms of rehabilitation (Bottoms, 1980)

- Aetiological assumptions
 - Reductionist and individualistic
 - Selective criminalisation (and rehabilitation)
- Discriminatory application
- Disproportionate effects
- Coercive 'expertise' and state power
- Empirically un-supported
 - Or so we thought in 1980 at least...
- **[The problem of redress]**

- The ‘new rehabilitationists’
 - Rehabilitation as a duty of the state to the punished citizen
 - Rehabilitation within proportional limits
 - Rehabilitation as a voluntary project
 - Prison as a last resort
 - **The problem of redress?**

The pains of rehabilitation

- Crewe (2009) on 'soft power'
- Lacombe (2008) on sex offender programs
- Cox (2012) 'Doing program or doing me?'
- Risk and 'performative rehabilitation'?

'Natural' Rehabilitation?

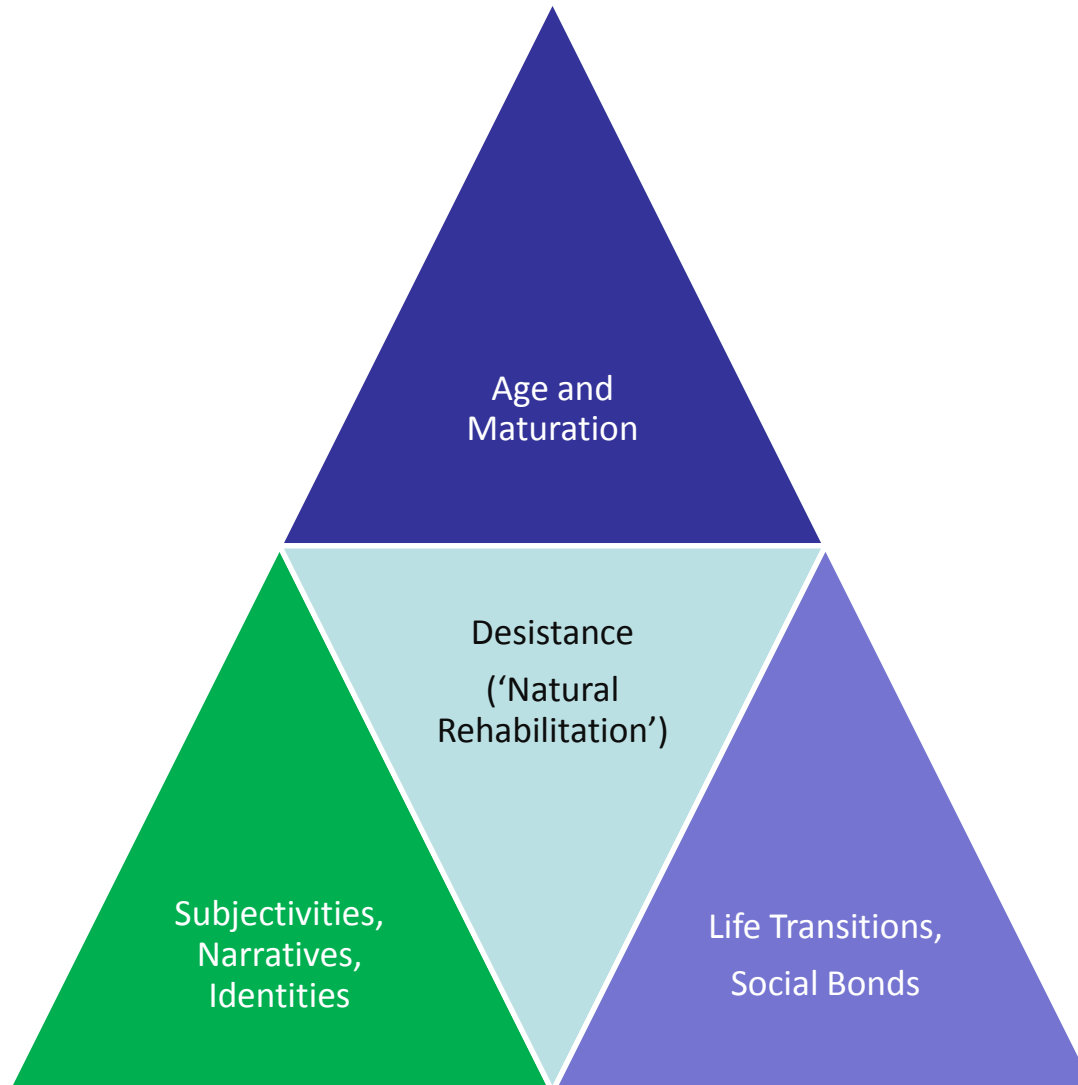
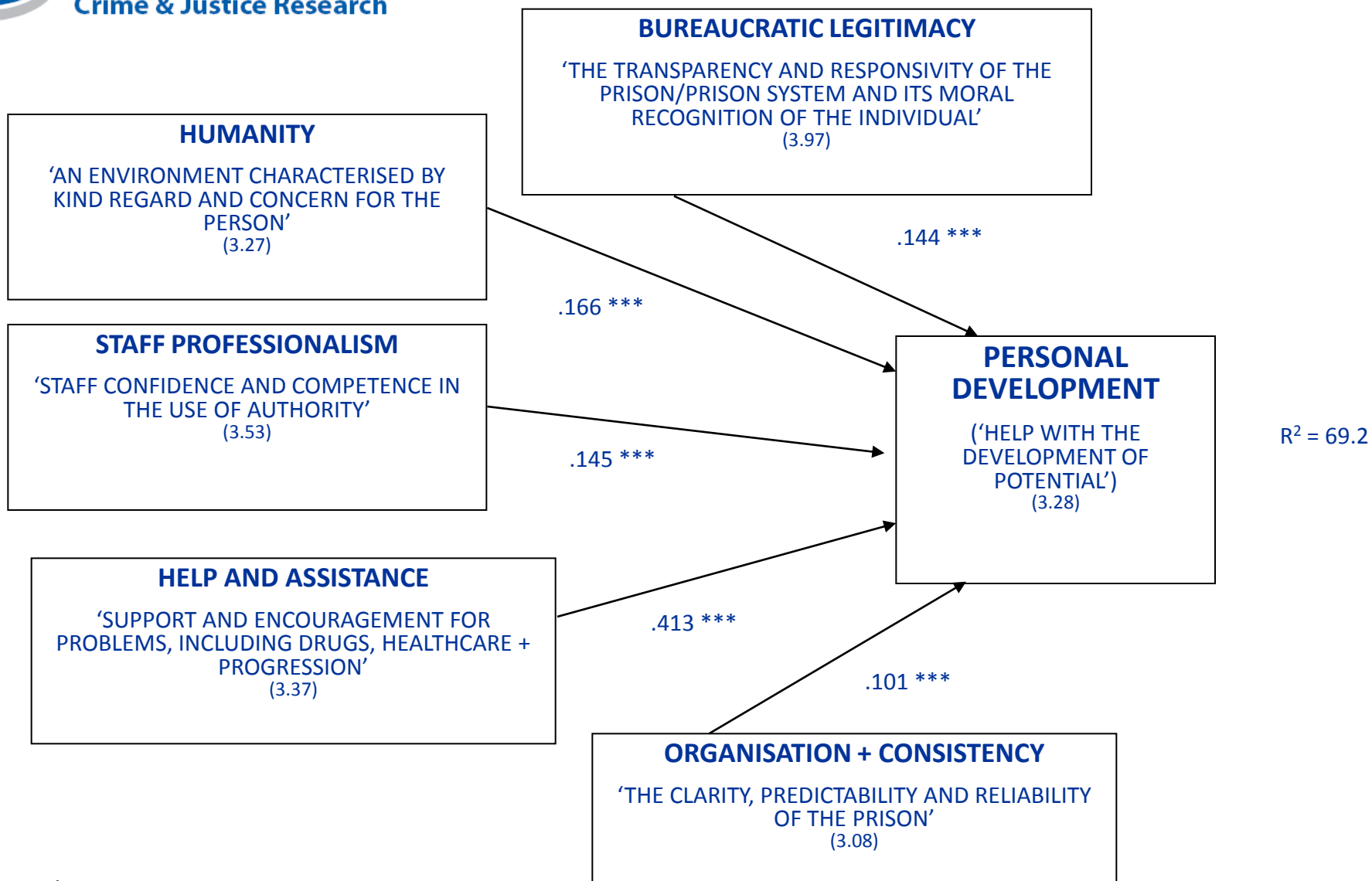


Figure 4. Personal Development: An in-prison model ¹



¹ Controlling for function, + public/private ownership/management

From Liebling (2011)

Personal Rehabilitation

- The re-development of the self
- Capacity building
- [But not correctional?]

Social Rehabilitation

- The re-development of social identity
- Informal de-labeling

Natural Rehabilitation (Desistance)

Judicial Rehabilitation

- Formal de-labeling
- Re-qualification

Moral Rehabilitation

- Provision of redress/reparation
- The restoration of good character

Some challenges?

- Can sanctions compel change? Should they even try to?
 - What can we demand?
- How can sanctions best elicit and encourage change?
 - What should we offer?
- Can we imagine institutions, sanctions, practices that invite and reward progress towards good citizenship, and thus towards social integration?
 - How should we support?
- Are we prepared to work with communities to make integration possible?
 - Who should we engage?

Reintegration as a Celtic knot



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