Exercise 1

Key Question: What is the criminal justice system, and what is justice?

Individually or in small groups, students should come up with brief definitions of “justice” and of the criminal justice system.

Some prompts may help: What is included within this system (e.g. police, courts)? What brings all of these things together – what do they have in common? What does it mean for something to be “just”?

These definitions should be shared and points of commonality and difference in the definitions should be considered.