



## JUVENILE DELINQUENCY: THE JOB OF A CASE WORKER

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Looking after young delinquents is a skill one needs to learn. For 2 years, Yoann, Seb and Alice will be studying to become 'educateurs' - case workers for the Youth Justice Department, enforcing rulings made by the court.

They discover that looking after troubled teenagers often means facing violence and suffering on a daily basis. It also demands questioning their own positions, learning how to maintain the right distance and perspective although they are only a few years older than the young people in their care. The results are often hard to assess but are none the less very real. At a time, when society demands harsher penalties and more imprisonment, when different kinds of juvenile prisons are being opened across the country, the three 'educateurs' have chosen to believe that the answer is education rather, than punishment.

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