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## **ACJRD 16th Annual Conference “Preventable Harm: Criminal Justice, Communities and Civil Society”**

Nora Owen, TV3 presenter and former Minister for Justice, launched this one day conference in Dublin on October 4th, where international and national experts addressed the conference theme and sub-themes in a number of plenary and workshop sessions.

Huge thanks to all our speakers and everyone in attendance for making the day such a success!

We will be releasing a conference report in early 2014, full details will be available on the ACJRD website [www.acjrd.ie](http://www.acjrd.ie).



### **Pictured:**

Maura Butler, ACJRD Chairperson, with Nora Owen who launched the conference, and Professor and Senator John Crown, who delivered one of our plenary



## **“Parole in Ireland—The Way Forward”**

**‘Parole in Ireland – The Way Forward: Experiences from other Jurisdictions’**  
This conference, organised by the [Parole Board](http://www.paroleboard.ie), with the assistance of the ACJRD, took place in the Law Society of Ireland on **Friday 25th October**.



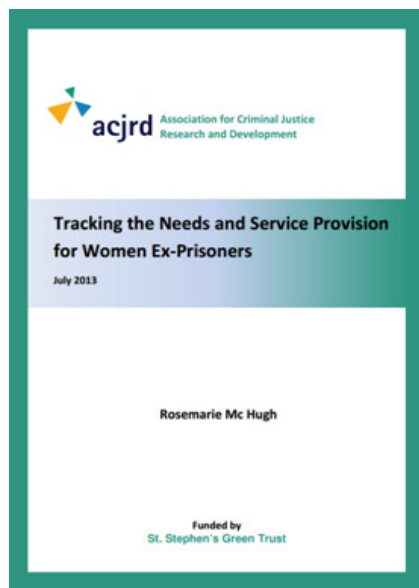
Speakers pictured from left to right: John Watt, Chairperson, Parole Board for Scotland; John Costello, Chairperson, Irish Parole Board; Michael Lynn BL; Alan Shatter TD, Minister for Justice and Defence; Christine Glenn, Chief Commissioner, Parole Commissioners for Northern Ireland; The Hon. Mr Justice Garrett Sheehan, Conference Chairperson; Tapio Lappi-Seppala, Director, National Research Institute for Legal Policy, Helsinki, Finland; and Ralph Serin, Associate Professor, Department of Psychology, Carleton University, Canada.

**Copies of all speakers’ presentations are available on the ACJRD website:**

<http://www.acjrd.ie/contents/218>

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## ACJRD Research launch: Tracking the needs and service provision for women ex-prisoners



Her Hon. Ms. Mary Ellen Ring launched the ACJRD research report: *Tracking the needs and service provision for women ex-prisoners* on Monday 29th July in the Blue Room at the Law Society of Ireland.

This study focused on women serving short-sentences who were interviewed as research participants during their time in the Dóchas Centre. The women outlined their life stories, needs and expectations giving details of health challenges, both emotional and physical. They also reflected on their histories of trauma and victimisation, homelessness and addiction and shared their stories of motherhood, social support networks, service provision and challenges in returning to mainstream society. The ACJRD are extremely grateful to the St Stephens Green Trust who funded this research.

Copies of this report are available on the ACJRD website: <http://www.acjrd.ie/research-3>

## Recent Publications

### Growing up in Ireland

The latest *Growing Up in Ireland* Report - *Parenting and Infant Development* was launched on Monday 4th November:

<http://www.growingup.ie/index.php?id=83>

### Pathways to, conditions and consequences of incarceration of women

The UN Special Rapporteur on Violence against Women, its causes and consequences, Rashida Manjoo, presented a new report to the UN General Assembly on October 23rd.

<http://daccess-dds-ny.un.org/doc/UNDOC/GEN/N13/436/43/PDF/N1343643.pdf?OpenElement>

### Drug and Alcohol Misuse among Young Offenders on Probation Supervision in Ireland

The Probation Service has launched a report based on research carried out in December 2012, which assessed the level of alcohol and drug misuse among 721 young offenders (under twenty one years of age) under Probation supervision and the link between substance misuse and offending.

<http://www.probation.ie>

### Parole Board Annual Report 2012

The Parole Board have recently published their Annual Report for 2012:

<http://www.justice.ie/en/JELR/Pages/PB13000363>

### Making Progress?

The Jesuit Centre for Faith and Justice has published a new report *Making Progress? Examining the first year of the Irish Prison Service's Three Year Strategic Plan 2012-2015*.

[http://www.jcfj.ie/images/stories/pdf/Making\\_Progress.pdf](http://www.jcfj.ie/images/stories/pdf/Making_Progress.pdf)

### IASIO 2012 Interactive Report

The Irish Association for the Social Integration of Offenders launched their 2012 Annual report in the late summer:

<http://www.iasio.ie/wp-content/uploads/doc/INTERACTIVE-IASIO-2012-Annual-Report.pdf>

## “Roses from the Heart” Exhibition Kilmainham Gaol

The “Roses from the Heart” exhibition by Australian artist Christine Henri (<http://christinahenri.com.au/>) features bonnets made with empathy for convict women transported to Australia in the 1700 and 1800's . This exhibition is still showing at Kilmainham Gaol during November 2013. **Pictured:** Michael Donnellan, Director General, IPS speaking the launch event on September 19th.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

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|-------------------------|--|
| 12th November 2013      | DSBA, Mental Health & Capacity Committee seminar “Acting for Vulnerable Clients and Children—Updates for Practitioners. Consent to Treatment and additional solicitors’ duties when acting for vulnerable clients”. Shelbourne Hotel Dublin, see: <a href="http://www.DSBA.ie">www.DSBA.ie</a> for more information.   |
| 13th November 2013      | 4th Annual Mental Health Conference, Newbridge Primary Care Centre: see: <a href="http://www.mentalhealthcare.ie">www.mentalhealthcare.ie</a> for more information   |
| 13th November 2013      | Professor Azrini Wahidin of Nottingham Trent University will give a lecture on her forthcoming book: <i>The Unofficial Story: The Experiences of Former Female Politically Motivated Republican Prisoners</i> . 1pm in room 2-046, DIT Aungier Street. No booking required.  |
| 15th November 2013      | Launch of the Victim’s Rights Alliance, Mansion House, Dublin, see: <a href="http://victimsrightsalliance.com/">http://victimsrightsalliance.com/</a> for more information.  |
| 19th November 2013      | Le Chéile 3rd Annual Restorative Justice Conference. Youth Space Factory, Limerick, for more information see: <a href="http://www.lecheile.ie/news/latest-news/">http://www.lecheile.ie/news/latest-news/</a>  |
| 20th-21st November 2013 | “Restorative Connections—Developing a roadmap across Ireland” Crown Plaza Hotel, Dundalk. For more information please contact Margaret Hastings at Quaker Service by email <a href="mailto:info@quakerservice.com">info@quakerservice.com</a> or 0044 (0)28 890 201444   |
| 10th December 2013      | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Children’s Research Network for Ireland & Northern Ireland Conference, Dublin, 10 <sup>th</sup> December 2013, for more information see: <a href="http://www.childrensresearchnetwork.org">www.childrensresearchnetwork.org</a> .  |
| 2014                    | Penal Policy Reform Conference, an IPS, Department of Justice, Probation Service and ACJRD collaboration, to take place in Wheatfield Prison. Details to follow in the New Year.   |
| 26th June 2014          | “Crime and Punishment—Back to the future for sentencing and correction reforms” Vancouver, Canada. <b>Call for Papers</b> see: <a href="http://www.cvent.com/events/crime-and-punishment-back-to-the-future-for-sentencing-and-corrections-reform/event-summary-14647931c06e424da72ecb1451845520.aspx">http://www.cvent.com/events/crime-and-punishment-back-to-the-future-for-sentencing-and-corrections-reform/event-summary-14647931c06e424da72ecb1451845520.aspx</a> |