

## ACJRD 18th Annual Conference

### 'Victims in Focus: European & Domestic Perspectives'

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**The ACJRD Annual Conference 2015** "*Victims in Focus: European & Domestic Perspectives*" will look at the impact of the European Directive 2012/29/EU. This conference will appeal to policy makers, those working in government agencies, professionals, practitioners, academics and those involved in community and civil society groups from a wide range of disciplines within the Criminal Justice System. Non-members of ACJRD Ltd. are welcome to attend.

**Venue:** The Spencer Hotel, Excise Walk, IFSC, Dublin 1.

**Time:** 9am - 4.10pm, Friday 2nd October, 2015

#### Conference speakers include:

- Katrien Lauwaert, Senior Researcher at the European Forum for Restorative Justice and Leuven Institute of Criminology, Belgium
- Claire Loftus, Director of Prosecutions
- Maria McDonald, BL
- Lorraine Stack, Inspector acting Superintendent, Garda Victim Liaison Office, Garda Community Relations Bureau

#### Workshop presenters include:

- Dr Marsha Scott, Chief Executive, Scottish Women's Aid
- Dr Eimear Spain, School of Law, University of Limerick
- Cheryl Lamont, Probation Service Northern Ireland
- Stephen Doyle, Founder & Director, Care After Prison
- Dr Gillian Harold, Postdoctoral Researcher, UCC
- Tom O'Malley, Senior Lecture, School of Law, NUI Galway
- Tara Brown, Volunteer Manager, Ruhama
- Naomi Feely, Senior Policy Officer, Age Action Ireland

**Cost:** Members, €99, Non members, €120, Students, €45

**Booking will open shortly.** All those on our mailing list will be notified automatically. Once booking is opened, details will also be posted on our website [www.acjrd.ie](http://www.acjrd.ie).

#### What people said about last year's Conference

- *Range of excellent Plenary Speakers with high quality Workshop Presenters*
- *I thought the format was excellent, and I congratulate ACJRD's effective time-keeping.*
- *The topics and speakers were excellent*
- *The lectures and workshops were relevant and interesting.*
- *Excellent contributors*

#### ACJRD AGM 2015

The ACJRD AGM 2015 will follow shortly after the annual conference.

**16.10pm—17.30pm, Friday 2nd October, 2015**

## “Engagement with Young People” Conference

The 2nd Annual Irish Criminal Justice Agencies Conference took place on **Wednesday, 15th July, 2015**, at the Dublin Castle Conference Centre. The 2015 theme was **“Engagement with Young People”**. This Conference was a collaboration of the Department of Justice and Equality, the Department of Children and Youth Affairs (DCYA), An Garda Síochána, The Probation Service, the Irish Prison Service and the Association for Criminal Justice Research and Development (ACJRD).

A Conference Report is being compiled from the plenary papers and workshop summaries. On completion, this report will be available to view on [www.acjrd.ie](http://www.acjrd.ie).



Pictured (L-R)

Nóirín O'Sullivan, Garda Commissioner,

Frances Fitzgerald T.D, Minister for Justice and Equality,

Maura Butler, ACJRD Chairperson

Chief Superintendent Eugene Corcoran, ACJRD Council



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Maura Butler, ACJRD Chairperson

Dr James Reilly T.D, Minister for Children & Youth Affairs

Chief Supt Eugene Corcoran, ACJRD Council

## Intellectual Disability and the Criminal Justice System

The Seminar 'Intellectual Disability and the Criminal Justice System - Recent Research and Casework Experience' took place in the Education Centre at the Law Society of Ireland, Blackhall Place, Dublin 7, on Tuesday 28th July, 2015.

This event was a collaboration between the ACJRD and its Juvenile Justice and Education Working Groups, and the Irish Criminal Justice and Disability Network. The Irish Criminal Justice and Disability Network is a newly established organisation which aims to provide a national platform where disability organisations and criminal justice agencies can be facilitated to improve the experience of those with a learning/intellectual disability who engage with the criminal justice system. [www.icjdn.ie](http://www.icjdn.ie).

### Seminar speakers included

- Professor Shane Kilcommins, Head of the School of Law, University of Limerick
- Dr. Helen Goode, Senior Clinical Psychologist, The Dublin Adult and Child Therapy Centre
- Karen O'Driscoll, Speech & Language Therapist, The Dublin Adult and Child Therapy Centre



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To download a copy of the speakers' presentations, please go to <http://www.acjrd.ie/contents/286>

## Membership

Membership of ACJRD for 2015 is still open. Have you ever considered becoming a member?

### Advantages of membership:

- Reduced fees for our Annual Conference and seminars
- Opportunity to join one of our Working Groups
- Supporting our activities and helping us towards fulfilling our Vision "Innovation in Justice" and our Mission Statement "To Inform the Development of Policy and Practice in Justice".

### Annual Membership fees are:

Student	€25
Individual	€35
Organisation	€155

Become a member to support and feed into our activities. See [www.acjrd.ie/membership](http://www.acjrd.ie/membership) for joining information and forms.

**Remember, individual members save €21 on our Annual Conference fee!!!!**

## Recent Publications

### Joint Irish Prison Service & Probation Service Strategic Plan 2015-2017

On 18th May, Ms Frances Fitzgerald, TD, Minister for Justice & Equality launched the following reports.

- Joint Irish Prison Service & Probation Service Strategic Plan 2015-2017
- Irish Prison Service Annual Report 2014
- Probation Service Annual Report 2014

To download copies of these reports please go to <http://www.irishprisons.ie/> and <http://www.probation.ie>

### Picture Your Rights

On 10th June, the Children's Rights Alliance and UNICEF Ireland launched "*Picture Your Rights – the Children and Young People's Report to the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child*". The Report was presented by the young people who wrote the Report with a response given by the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs, Dr James Reilly, TD.

"*Picture Your Rights*" provides a snapshot of what it's like to be a young person in Ireland today, exploring critical themes that affect their lives. A wide-range of Issues are covered under four areas: Being Valued, Mind and Body, Living Together and Our Future. The report consulted with thousands of young people in all, capturing the views of children from 0-18: over 2,000 children were surveyed online, 500 students took part in discussions, there were over 250 submissions and 10 youth focus groups reports.

The Report was written by a project team of 31 young people from all over Ireland and from a variety of backgrounds, nominated by members of the Children's Rights Alliance and community youth groups. To view this report, click on the link below -

<http://childrensrights.ie/resources/picture-your-rights-report-un-committee>

## On the Margins

The Jesuit Centre for Faith and Justice has developed a new resource for young people (aged 13-16 years) called 'On the Margins'. The module which includes twenty-seven lessons explores issues of social justice and focuses in particular on how society responds to crime and the use of imprisonment. Designed to be a resource for teachers and educators the module can be used in the classroom (CSPE) or youth group setting.

The module has been created to develop students' capacity for ethical reasoning, critical thinking and skilful analysis of social justice issues and to foster empathy for people living on the margins of society. To achieve these goals, the module encourages active and reflective learning.

'On the Margins' is still being piloted and not yet freely available on the web, if you would like a copy please contact Eoin Carroll, [ecarroll@jcfj.ie](mailto:ecarroll@jcfj.ie); 01-8556814.



**ON THE MARGINS**

Teacher resource materials for the junior cycle of post-primary education



## Upcoming Events

Monday, 7th September  
2pm - 4pm  
Dublin

Better Outcomes, Brighter Futures, The National Policy Framework for Children and Young People 2014-2020

Information session and consultation

Contact Julie Ahern at [members@childrensrights.ie](mailto:members@childrensrights.ie).

Thurs, 10th September -  
Fri, 11th September

Managing Complex Restorative Practice Cases: Skills Training

Register at: [www.eventbrite.co.uk](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk) or call +44 (0)1229 777799.

Wed, 16th September -  
Fri, 18th September

NOTA 25th Annual International Conference 2015

[www.nota.co.uk/conference](http://www.nota.co.uk/conference)

Thurs, 17th September  
6 pm - 7.30 pm  
Dublin

Understanding sexual abuse: Causes, consequences and prevention This is a free event but registration is necessary

[https://uwe.formstack.com/forms/understanding\\_sexual\\_violence\\_dublin15](https://uwe.formstack.com/forms/understanding_sexual_violence_dublin15)

Wed, 23rd September -  
Fri, 25th September  
Prague

Conference on "Restorative Justice and Probation"

Restorative justice in probation practice: strategic steps, making the footprint

<http://cep-probation.org>

Thurs, 24th September  
10 am Dublin

Launch of IASIO Biennial Report (2013 & 2014)

Ph. 01 8662706 [www.iasio.ie](http://www.iasio.ie)

Thurs, 1st October  
10.30 am - 4.30 pm  
Dundalk

Empowering Effective Engagement with Young People

Seminar will include testimonials and case studies from Restorative Justice practitioners & people who have experienced Restorative Justice first-hand

To book - [www.eventbrite.ie](http://www.eventbrite.ie)

Friday, 2nd October  
9 am - 5.30 pm  
Spencer Hotel, Dublin

**ACJRD 18th Annual Conference \* \* \* SAVE THE DATE \* \* \***

**"Victims in Focus - European & Domestic Perspectives"**

**Bookings will open in early September.**

**Keep an eye on [www.acjrd.ie](http://www.acjrd.ie)**

Wed, 28th October  
10 am - 4.30 pm  
Brussels

Addressing Europe's Drug Problem: *Combating Drug Trafficking and Substance Misuse*

Key speaker - Fay Watson, Secretary General, EURAD

<http://www.publicpolicyexchange.co.uk/events/eu>

November 2015 -  
February 2016  
Dublin

Issues of Sexual Violence: the Counselling Process

12 day programme in six two day modules

Contact Leonie O'Dowd, RCC, at 01 6614911 or email [leonie@rcc.ie](mailto:leonie@rcc.ie)