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## CONFERENCE REPORT LAUNCH



**The Hon. Mrs. Justice  
Catherine McGuinness**

We are delighted to announce that The Hon. Mrs. Justice Catherine McGuinness, President of the Law Reform Commission, will launch the report from our 13th Annual Conference, ***Women in the Criminal Justice System*** on **Wednesday 16th February, 5.30pm.**

The city centre venue for this event will be confirmed shortly and everyone is welcome to attend. Please RSVP to the ACJRD Office, enquiries@acjrd.ie or 6174864.

A full review of the Conference can be found on page 3 of this Newsletter.

## ACJRD Working Groups Report on Activities 2010

The ACJRD working groups are the vehicle through which ACJRD members can input into the activities of the association.

The groups utilize members knowledge and expertise in respect of each topic and promote discussion and debate within each working group and the interesting seminars / lectures and workshops they organise. The ACJRD working groups currently established include: Education, Mental Health, White Collar Crime, Reintegration, Restorative Justice and Addiction.

Each of the groups was active during 2010 and seminars were held on each theme with a good attendance and interesting discussion at each event.

In November the focus was on the Issues of Mental Health in the Irish Criminal Justice System. **Siobhan Young**, Head of Mental Health, Irish Youth Justice Service, **Fergal Black**, Director Healthcare, Irish Prison Service, **Michael Brennan**, Researcher, Trinity College Dublin & **Dr. Damien Brennan**, Sociology Dept. Trinity

College Dublin all shared their expertise.

Education on the inside - a view of the educational process in Irish Detention Schools and Prisons was the theme during October. **Anne Marie Byrne**, and **Jane Carrigan** Ph.D candidates at St Patrick's College, Drumcondra made presentations on Education for young offenders in detention schools and education for adult prisoners, from a life-history point of view respectively.



**Anne Marie Byrne & Jane Carrigan**

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## Report on Working Group Activities continued

In September, Fiona Ryan of Alcohol Action presented a seminar on Addiction.

In August, representatives from the ACJRD and the Mental Health working group met with Minister Moloney, Department of Health and Children to discuss the policy document entitled *A Vision for Change*. There was particular focus on the intersection between Mental Health and the Criminal Justice process.

Reintegration of Prisoners was discussed in July. Agnieszka Martynowicz, spoke about the Irish Penal Reform Trust report, ***"It's like stepping on a landmine..." - Reintegration of Prisoners in Ireland.***

In April the Final Report of the National Com-

mission on Restorative Justice was presented by Brian Fitzpatrick, former director of the National Commission on Restorative Justice.

Also in April, a seminar was held on White Collar Crime and the Garda Bureau of Fraud Investigation led by Eugene Corcoran, then the Chief Superintendent, Garda Bureau of Fraud Investigation and currently serving on the ACJRD Council.

During 2011 we hope to develop areas in which to initiate research projects from within each of the working groups.

If you are interested in finding out more about our working groups please visit [www.acjrd.ie/workinggroups](http://www.acjrd.ie/workinggroups) or contact the ACJRD office.

We value your ideas and expertise and would appreciate any contribution you can lend to the groups.

Please note the Restorative Justice and Re-integration groups are currently at capacity.



Kieran O'Dwyer, Brian Fitzpatrick & Maura Butler

## UPDATE ON THE WHITE PAPER ON CRIME PROCESS

The last decade has been marked by wide-ranging legislative and organisational changes in the Irish criminal justice system, accompanied by unprecedented resource allocation in measures to combat and prevent crime. Huge progress has been made across the board and the depth of the response to this complex issue has grown significantly. Many individual issues in the field have also been the subject of detailed study during this time and this work will inform the development of the White Paper.

Notwithstanding the progress made, crime remains a real and persistent problem and a subject of legitimate concern to many individuals and communities.

Against this background and in the context of ongoing social and cultural change in Irish society, it is timely and necessary to assess

the systems and measures in place to prevent and combat crime and to plan for future policy development.

Members of the public, together with the relevant public agencies and other interested bodies are being given a full opportunity to contribute to the policy's formulation through the consultation process.

The first discussion document focused on Crime Prevention & Community Safety, the second on Criminal Sanctions and submissions are currently being accepted in relation to the third discussion document, Organised and White Collar Crime.

The ACJRD made (a) written submission(s) in respect of Criminal Sanctions and this can be accessed on our website at <http://www.acjrd.ie/> development.

## WOMEN IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM

Our 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference was held on 15th October 2010 at the Camden Court Hotel, Dublin 2.

The event was a great success and was well attended by delegates from across the sector including government agencies, professionals, practitioners, academics and community workers providing the opportunity for an interesting and informative exchange of views from the multi-disciplinary participants.

The Hon. Mrs. Justice Catherine McGuinness, President of the Law Reform Commission, launched the conference and this was followed by the morning plenary sessions where Chief Inspector Kathleen O'Toole of the Garda Síochána Inspectorate gave an interesting and inspiring presentation on "Leadership in Criminal Justice, a Practitioners' Perspective" and Prof. Loraine Gelsthorpe from the Institute of Criminology, University of Cambridge brought attendees up to date with recent developments in England & Wales in relation to "Women Offenders and Community Penalties".

Delegates then attended their choice of 4 workshops which were expertly led by the various presenters and covered the topics of Media Profiling in the Criminal Justice System, North & South; Prostitution in Ireland Today – A Changed Reality; Gender & Policing; Community Based Interventions for Women Offenders in Northern Ireland.

tions for Women Offenders in Northern Ireland.

During the afternoon session, Eimear Fisher, executive director of Cosc presented an insightful whirlwind review of the National Strategy on Domestic Sexual & Gender Based Violence and Dr. Azrini Wahidin concluded the plenary sessions with an informative outline of the issues and challenges facing older women in prison.

The workshops once again had the benefit of expert facilitators and focused on Women as Victims of Intimate Partner Homicide– Links with Domestic Violence; Mental Health Issues for Women in the CJS - Legal & Welfare Perspectives; Education for Young Women in Detention; Experience of Prison for Women and Homelessness.



Eimear Fisher presenting "Working Together Against Domestic & Sexual Violence"

## NEW SKILLS FOR NEW OPPORTUNITIES

On 16th December 2010, the ACJRD, in conjunction with the Law Society Skillnet, delivered a masterclass, *How to Win Research and Development Contracts*.

Law Society Skillnet, representing the legal profession, chose ACJRD Ltd. as the provider for the design and delivery of this training programme to up-skill practicing and unemployed solicitors. Provision of this type of service was a new and unusual departure for the ACJRD prompted by the need to raise funds and increase the ACJRD profile.

The half day course was well attended and was very successful and worthwhile with the programme containing a mixture of plenary and workshop sessions, facilitating group interaction.

The masterclass guided participants through the process of planning a successful research proposal

for submission to an NGO or Government agency. The differing criteria of each sub-set of funders was also highlighted. The diverse range of talented presenters shared essential tips, tools and best practice about how to make research proposal preparation easier and ensure a greater chance of success.

Each of the trainers is familiar with the completion and approval of research proposals and has had relevant experience in their own right and/or through work completed for ACJRD. The ACJRD wishes to acknowledge, with thanks, their commitment, time and expertise in contributing to the delivery of the programme.

**Dr Christina Quinlan** is a social scientist. She has taught research methods to both undergraduate and postgraduate students at Dublin



City University for several years.

**Candy Murphy** is a Social and Economic consultant. She established her own consultancy company, CMAAdvice Ltd in 2005 and has carried out a number of consultancy assignments for public, private and community-based organisations in Ireland as well as for the EU.

**Nicola Carr** is a lecturer in the School of Sociology, Social Policy and Social Work at Queen's University where she teaches on aspects of crime and the criminal justice system.

**Claire Hickey** works with Barnardos as Senior Research Manager where she is responsible for implementing and managing Barnardos research and evaluation programme.

**Michael Cox** established MCX Training & Development in 2007. As an application doctor, he provides a unique service to public organisations and private businesses across Ireland who wish to develop winning tenders for contracts, grant aid or funding.

The topics covered during the course were as follows:

- Choosing the most appropriate research methodology
- Identifying requirements for research completion – what do you need from the funders?
- Qualitative v Quantitative research methods – an overview
- Costing a research project

- Writing the research proposal
- Interactive examination of case studies and drafting a proposal;
- Computer programmes to aid data analysis
- Research outputs - what specific types of funders require
- Understanding ethics in relation to research and data access implications.
- Confidentiality – data collection, storage and use
- Providing realistic timeframes for projects completion
- Guide to eTenders



Attracta O'Regan & Maura Butler

## UPCOMING EVENTS

The following are possible dates for your diary regarding events in which you might be interested.

**16 FEBRUARY, 5.30PM**

**ACJRD CONFERENCE REPORT LAUNCH  
VENUE T.B.C. AT A CITY CENTRE LOCATION**

**2 FEBRUARY, 6.15PM**

**"CHILD TRAFFICKING—WHOSE PROBLEM IS IT TO SOLVE?"**  
Hosted by Children's Rights Alliance & Comhlámh  
Bewleys Café Theatre, Grafton Street  
[www.childrensrights.ie](http://www.childrensrights.ie)

**3 MARCH, ALL DAY**

**ZERO TOLERANCE TOWARDS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE:**  
Towards a Comprehensive EU-Wide Strategy  
Silken Berlymont Hotel, Brussels  
<http://publicpolicyexchange.co.uk/events>

## BOOK LAUNCH

The launch of Christina Quinlan's book, **INSIDE—Ireland's Women's Prisons, Past & Present**, occurred on 27th January. Copies can be ordered from [www.iap.ie](http://www.iap.ie)