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Irish Criminal Justice Agencies 2nd Annual Conference

ACJRD, in association with An Garda Síochána, The Department of Justice & Equality, The Department of Children and Youth Affairs, The Irish Prison Service and The Probation Service, is pleased to announce that the Irish Criminal Justice Agencies 2nd Annual Conference will take place in Dublin Castle on **Wednesday, 15th July, 2015**. The Conference "**Engagement with Youth**" (working title) promises to be a most interesting and informative event, with expert speakers from many areas of criminal justice. Further details will be announced shortly.

ACJRD Essay Competition

ACJRD is holding an essay competition to encourage written work on the subject of Criminal Justice. There is a prize of €200 for first place and a second prize of €50. Both winning essays will also be published on our website. The competition is open to all third level students (including post graduates), pupil or devil barristers and trainee solicitors.

The title for this year's competition is:

'An issue in need of reform in Irish criminal law or procedure'

The competition closing date is June 30th. Full details can be found on the ACJRD website: <http://www.acjrd.ie/contents/279>

ACJRD 18th Annual Conference

The 18th Annual Conference of ACJRD will be held on **Friday, 2nd October, 2015**, at The Spencer Hotel, Excise Walk, IFSC, Dublin 1.

The 2015 Conference Theme will be "**Victims' Rights**". Further details will be announced shortly.

2015 Membership Reminder

See www.acjrd.ie/membership for joining information and forms.

Become a member to support and feed into our activities.

Members are also entitled to discounts for our conference and seminars.

Annual Subscriptions are now due.

Launch of ACJRD Annual Conference Report

Dr James Reilly, TD, Minister for Children and Youth Affairs, launched the papers from the ACJRD 17th Annual Conference "Youth Justice Transformation" on the beautiful spring evening of Thursday, 16th April, 2015.

The launch, which was held in The Atrium, Department of Justice, on St. Stephen's Green, was chaired by Eugene Corcoran, ACJRD Council, and was attended by ACJRD members and friends from the Oireachtas, the judiciary, the justice agencies and non-governmental agencies as well as members of the legal profession, students and interested individuals.

The report, which can be downloaded from our website, see <http://www.acjrd.ie/conference-reports>, contains the summaries of all six Plenary Speakers as well as the summaries of the eight workshops. For those who attended the Conference the report is a wonderful way to be reminded of all that was discussed, while for those who could not attend the report makes a very interesting read indeed.

ACJRD would like to thank the staff and offenders of the Irish Prison Service and Arbour Hill prison for their assistance in the printing and design of the report. We would also like to thank the Department of Justice for allowing us to hold the launch in The Atrium.



Pictured: with Dr. James Reilly, TD, Minister for Children and Youth Affairs, at the launch of the 17th ACJRD Annual Conference Report "Youth Justice Transformation" were ACJRD Council members: L-R: Doncha O'Sullivan, Patricia Flynn, Gerry McNally, Eugene Corcoran, Dr. James Reilly TD, Michelle Shannon



Gerry McNally, ACJRD Council with Conference Presenter Ursula Fernee, Probation Service and Judge Gillian Hussey, ACJRD founding member, at the conference report launch

Retirement of Finbarr O'Leary

After eleven years' service to ACJRD Vice Chairperson Finbarr O'Leary, retired from the ACJRD Council. We were all very sad to see him leave as he has been an extremely hard-working member of the Council. Finbarr was the Chair of the Mental Health working group and was a very active and supportive member of the association.

The ACJRD Council and staff invited Finbarr out for a meal to celebrate his retirement and presented him with a certificate of our appreciation of all that he has done over the years.

We wish Finbarr a long, happy and healthy retirement.



Maura Butler, Chairperson, ACJRD, presents Finbarr O'Leary with a token of appreciation for all his hard work and dedication to the Association over the last eleven years.

Recent Publications

Department of Justice and Equality Strategy Statement 2015 - 2017

To view this strategy, choose 'Strategy Statements' on

<http://justice.ie/en/JELR/Pages/Publications>

Childhood Development Initiative Ltd - Annual Report 2014

The Annual Report 2014 from CDI is a 10 minute DVD and is now available to view at

<http://www.twcdi.ie/what-we-do/annual-report>

Children's Rights Alliance Report Card 2015

The Children's Rights Alliance has launched "**Report Card 2015**", the seventh in their annual report card series. Scrutinising Government on its key commitments to children in the Programme for Government, their independent panel awarded an overall 'C' grade.

Report Card 2015 grades Government progress in six key areas that impact on the lives of children in Ireland.

- Children's Constitutional Rights
- Right to Education
- Right to Health
- Right to an Adequate Standard of Living
- Right to Protection from Abuse and Neglect
- Right to Equality and Non-Discrimination

Read "Report Card 2015" at <http://www.childrensrights.ie/resources/report-card-2015>

Turnaround Youth: Young Adults (18-24) in the Criminal Justice System

This IPRT report presents the case for the differential treatment of young adults aged 18-24 who come in contact with the criminal justice system, and is grounded in emerging evidence, best practice, and informed by input from young people with experience of the issues. The report gathers together the significant existing body of international research which demonstrates that several factors place young adults more at risk of becoming involved in offending behaviour and make the prison system an inappropriate and counter-productive means of dealing with young adults.

Download a copy of this report from the publications page of the IPRT Service website at <http://www.iprt.ie/files/IPRT-Turnaround-web-optimised.pdf>.

Upcoming Events

Tuesday 26th May
2 pm
Dublin

ISPCC - Inaugural Lecture

Keynote address from Dr. James Reilly, TD, Minister for Children and Youth Affairs

Contact: Fiona Jennings at fjennings@ispcc.ie

Thursday, 28th May
9.30 am—2.00 pm
Dublin

Restorative Practices Strategic Forum

Eastern Regional Meeting

The purpose of this meeting is to provide updates on the work of the national Restorative Practices Strategic Forum (RPSF)

The meeting is free of charge and will take place from 10.30 to 1pm followed by lunch.

Contact: Claire Casey at claire@twcdi.ie

Monday 8th June
11.00 am—12 noon
Dublin

Addressing the Ageing Crisis in Criminal Justice Healthcare

- Using medical evidence to motivate policy change

Speaker: Dr. Brie Williams, University of California, San Francisco

Attendance is free, but registration is essential:

To register, click <http://www.eventbrite.com/e/addressing-the-ageing-crisis-in-criminal-justice-healthcare-tickets-16898737579?aff=es2>

Wed 17th June
9.30 am—1.15 pm
Dublin

Launch of the National Strategy on Children and Young People's Participation in Decision-making and workshops

To register for the seminar and select your workshop sessions, please visit <http://dcya.gov.ie/conference2015>

Sun 21st - Thurs 25th June
Edinburgh

Crossing Boundaries - Exploitation, E-Crime, Evidence & Extradition

Details: Choose "Conference Information" at www.isrcl.org

Tues 23rd June
Brussels

Improving Young People's Mental Health in Europe: Transforming Lives, Strengthening Prevention

Speaker: Nina Renshaw, Secretary General, European Public Health Alliance

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

Wed 15th July

2nd Annual Irish Criminal Justice Agencies Conference 'Engagement with young people', Dublin Castle

Fri 2nd October

18th Annual ACJRD Conference, "Victims' Rights" Spencer Hotel, Dublin