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ACJRD 19th Annual Conference

"Cybercrime"

Cybercrime is crime committed by means of computers or the internet. It has become a huge risk to our community due to the number of connected people and devices.

Cybercrime includes

- Child pornography
- Grooming
- Radicalisation / Terrorism
- Hacking
- Theft
- Identity theft
- Fraud
- Cyber stalking
- Malicious software
- Bullying

The Association for Criminal Justice Research and Development is pleased to announce that, in our 20th Anniversary year, our Annual Conference will be held on "**Cybercrime**". 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 are also welcome to attend.

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

Time: 9 am - 4.20 pm

Date: Friday, 7th October, 2016.

Confirmed plenary speakers and workshop presenters include:

- Robert Hayes, Senior Director, Microsoft
- Professor Anne-Marie McAlinden, Queen's University Belfast
- Pauline Walley, SC
- Dr. Orla Lynch, University College Cork
- Det. Sgt. Michael Moran, Interpol

Cost: Members €99; Student members €50; Non-members €120

Booking will open in September. 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.

Association for Criminal Justice Research and Development

“Evidence-Informed Decision Making: Putting Research into Practice in Criminal Justice” ICJA Conference 2016

The 3rd Annual Irish Criminal Justice Agencies Conference took place on Tuesday, 28th June, 2016 at the Dublin Castle Conference Centre. The theme for this year's Conference was *“Evidence-Informed Decision Making: Putting Research into Practice in Criminal Justice”*. The Conference



was a collaboration of The Probation Service, the Department of Justice and Equality, The Department of Children and Youth Affairs (DCYA), An Garda Síochána, the Irish Prison Service and the Association for Criminal Justice Research and Development (ACJRD). The lead collaborator for this year's Conference was The Probation Service.

Plenary speakers included

- Frances Fitzgerald, T.D., Tánaiste and Minister for Justice and Equality
- James Martin, Asst. Secretary, Department of Justice and Equality
- Professor Fergus McNeill, University of Glasgow
- Professor Ioan Durnescu, University of Bucharest
- Dr. Niamh M. Hourigan, University College Cork

Seven workshops were presented by

- Aisling Sheehan, Project Specialist, and Mary Rafferty, Senior Manager, Centre for Effective Services
- Kate Mulkerrins, Head of Prosecution Policy & Research Unit, Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions
- Dr Nicola Carr, Queen's University Belfast
- Hugh Hennessy, Department of Justice and Equality
- Pat Bergin, Campus Director, Oberstown Children Detention Campus
- Det. Superintendent Declan Daly, Garda National Protective Services Bureau
- Sam Scriven, Central Statistics Office

Two round table sessions were also held for researchers and commissioners of research to discuss the problems encountered in seeking and commissioning research.

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. To view the Conference Reports of the first two Irish Criminal Justice Agencies Conferences, please click on the titles below:

[ICJA Conference Report 2014 - Penal Policy Reform](#)

[ICJA Conference Report 2015 - Engagement with Young People](#)

“Life After Care” Seminar

The Juvenile Justice and Reintegration Working Groups of ACJRD held a seminar on “Life After Care” on Monday, 14th March, 2016. This seminar was presented by Don Bosco Care.

Don Bosco Care speakers at this event were Brian Hogan CEO, Rachel Valentine and Ciaran Kenny.

The seminar was extremely interesting and very well received by all those present. It looked at the supports in place for young people leaving state care at 18 years of age, where it started and how it has transitioned. This encompassed the following issues:

Lack of familial support and relationships; Lack of community support and relationships; Homelessness; The rental market; Criminal behaviour; Life skills; Mental health; Physical wellbeing; Literacy; Pregnancy; Parenting; Emotional well-being & support; Mild disabilities.

To learn more about Don Bosco Care Services, please go to their website <http://www.donboscocare.ie/>



Pictured (L-R): **Maura Butler**, Chairperson ACJRD, with Don Bosco Care speakers **Ciarán Kenny**, **Rachel Valentine** and **Brian Hogan**.

Martin Tansey Memorial Lecture



Pictured (L– R): **Maura Butler**, ACJRD Chairperson, and **Professor Anne-Marie McAlinden**

The 9th Annual Martin Tansey Memorial Lecture was held in the Criminal Courts of Justice, Parkgate Street, Dublin 8, on Thursday, 7th April, 2016. Professor Anne-Marie McAlinden, School of Law, Queen's University Belfast, delivered this year's lecture on "The Reintegration of Sexual Offenders". To download a copy of Prof. McAlinden's presentation, please click on the following link - [The Reintegration of Sexual Offenders - Martin Tansey Memorial Lecture 2016](#). Prof. McAlinden's paper will be published on the ACJRD website www.acjrd.ie in due course.

"Pathways Through Treatment" Seminar



Pictured (L-R): **Maura Butler**, Chairperson ACJRD, with Coolmine Therapeutic Community speakers, **Anita Harris**, **Peter Moylan** and **Treacy Cagney**.

A seminar on *"Pathways Through Treatment" - Responding to Findings* took place on Monday, 30th May, 2016. This seminar was presented by Coolmine Therapeutic Community.

Coolmine Therapeutic Community and Trinity College Dublin co-authored the recently published longitudinal study "Pathways Through Treatment". This seminar discussed the findings of the report and the response to those findings.

Speakers from Coolmine Therapeutic Community (www.coolmine.ie) were

- Anita Harris, Researcher/Project Worker and Co-Author of the CTC/TCD longitudinal study "Pathways Through Treatment"
- Peter Moylan, Outreach Worker and Co-Facilitator of the 'Choice and Challenge' (offending behaviour) programme in Coolmine Lodge.
- Treacy Cagney, Outreach and Clinical Nurse Manager

To read the full longitudinal study, please [click here](#).

ACJRD Academic Sponsorship in Dublin Institute of Technology

ACJRD sponsors a prize for outstanding academic performance on a Youth Justice related thesis on the MA in Criminology at the Dublin Institute of Technology. This year's winner is Francisca O'Kelly who, in the opinion of the programme board for the MA in Criminology, produced an outstanding thesis entitled 'Equine Assisted Learning and Young Offenders'.

Pádraig Mawe, ACJRD Council, presented a cheque for €100 to Francisca at a prize giving ceremony on 26th May, 2016.



Membership Reminder

The ACJRD membership year runs from January to December. ACJRD membership fees for 2016 are now due.

Membership rates for 2016 remain unchanged and are as follows:

- Student membership - €25 per annum
- Individual membership - €35 per annum
- Organisational membership - €155 per annum

Members receive discounts for our Annual Conference and our seminars. A discount of €21 for members and of €70 for student members will apply at this year's Annual Conference "Cybercrime" on 7th October, 2016. All membership fees go towards administration costs.

Your support is extremely important to us. To renew your membership, please [click here](#).

Recent Publications

The State we are in 2016

SAFE Ireland warned that homeless figures and needs are being greatly under-estimated because over 4,000 women and children being accommodated on a yearly basis in emergency refuge accommodation are not being counted and recognised as being homeless.

At the recent launch of a new SAFE Ireland report *The State We Are In*, CEO Sharon O'Halloran stressed that women and children forced to leave violent homes are being caught in the cross-fire of the national housing crisis. She said that 37 services that participated in new housing research as part of *The State We Are In* are reporting that they have never seen things so bad for women and children.

To download a copy of the report, please [click here](#).

Annual Review 2015—Uniting Voices for Children

To download a copy of the Annual Review 2015 of the Children's Rights Alliance, please [click here](#).

Upcoming Events

**Thursday, 15th Sept
& Friday, 16th Sept
Cork**

"Narrowing the Disconnect - the Ethics of Supporting Desistance from Crime"

Keynote Address: President of Ireland Michael D. Higgins
Other speakers include Allan Weaver, Dr. Deirdre Healy, Prof. Shadd Maruna, Prof. Joanna Shapland, Vivian Geiran and Michael Donnellan. For further information and to book a place, please [click here](#).

**Friday, 7th October
Spencer Hotel,
Dublin 1.**

ACJRD 19th Annual Conference - "Cybercrime"

Speakers include Robert Hayes, Prof. Anne-Marie McAlinden, Pauline Walley SC, Dr. Orla Healy and Det. Sgt. Michael Moran. Bookings will open in September.