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## ACJRD SEMINAR: "EFFECTS OF ALCOHOL & ILLICIT DRUGS ON MENTAL HEALTH"

The ACJRD will hold a Seminar entitled "***Effects of Alcohol and Illicit Drugs on Mental Health***" at 5.30p.m. on Thursday 10th April 2014 in the offices of the Probation Service, Haymarket, Dublin 7. The seminar will feature presentations from: **Dr Des Corrigan**, Consultant to the European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Addiction (EMCDDA), former lecturer in Pharmacology, Trinity College and former Chair of the National Advisory Committee on Drugs; and **Dr Bobby Smyth**, Consultant Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist, Senior Clinical Lecturer, Trinity College Dublin and a member of the National Advisory Committee on Drugs and Alcohol.

Fees of €5.00 for ACJRD members, students and the unwaged, and €10 for non-members apply. Please see our website for full details including registration information: <http://www.acjrd.ie/contents/242>

### 2014 Membership Reminder

See [www.acjrd.ie/membership](http://www.acjrd.ie/membership) for renewal/joining information

## 7th ANNUAL MARTIN TANSEY MEMORIAL LECTURE

Professor Paul Senior, Director of the Hallam Centre for Criminal Justice at the Sheffield Hallam University will deliver the lecture: **Integrated Offender Management: pooling resources and expertise and creating effective working partnerships**

The 7th Annual Martin Tansey Memorial Lecture will take place **29th April, 2014 at 5.30 p.m.** in the Juror's Area, Criminal Courts of Justice, Parkgate Street, Dublin 8.

Integrated Offender Management (IOM) evolved from a series of related practice experiments in England and Wales which brought together key partners - police, prison, probation, community safety partnerships and the voluntary sector - to find a more focused way to tackle persistent and prolific adult offenders. IOM has survived a change of government and has continued to prosper though the jury is still out about how effective the model is at reducing re-offending. This talk will look briefly at the history of this initiative, drawing out and interrogating key elements in the operational and strategic structures, the extent of community involvement, consider issues of cost-effectiveness and the setting of a researchable agenda and set this in the context of the co-operation of service in both adult criminal justice service users and young people in transition into adulthood.

**Please contact the ACJRD office: [enquiries@acjrd.ie](mailto:enquiries@acjrd.ie) to reserve your place.**

## JUVENILE JUSTICE SEMINAR

The ACJRD held a seminar on Juvenile Justice on 10th December last. Chaired by Her Hon Ms Justice Mary Ellen Ring, Speakers included: Ursula Fernee, Young Persons Probation who spoke on Drug and alcohol misuse among young offenders on probation supervision in Ireland; David Ruddy BL and School Principal who discussed School attendance and the law and implications/outcomes for young people and their parents; and Aoife McNickle BL who presented on Juvenile Justice in Practice. A copy of the presentations are available at <http://www.acjrd.ie/contents/232>

## “PREVENTABLE HARM” CONFERENCE REPORT LAUNCH



Nora Owen, former Minister for Justice launched the report of our 16th Annual Conference entitled “Preventable Harm: Criminal Justice, Communities and Civil Society” in the Department of Justice, St Stephen’s Green on Wednesday, 26th February, 2014. A copy of the conference report is available on our website : [www.acjrd.ie](http://www.acjrd.ie)

**Pictured (L-R)** Conference Contributors: Sergeant Dave McInerney, Maria McDonald BL, Prof Catherine Comiskey, Maura Butler, Nora Owen, Shirley Cummins, Sergeant Aidan Curtin

## ACJRD COMMUNITY COURTS SUBMISSION PAPER



On the 10th January, 2014 the ACJRD made a submission to the Joint Committee on Justice, Defence and Equality on Community Courts. Subsequently the ACJRD was invited to attend at a public session of the Joint Committee for a discussion on a Community Courts system in Ireland on 29th January, 2014. A copy of the ACJRD Submission and a link to the meeting transcript is available at: [www.acjrd.ie/development](http://www.acjrd.ie/development).

**Pictured:** Maura Butler, ACJRD Chairperson, with members of the Joint Committee and other meeting contributors.

## RECENT PUBLICATIONS

### Irish Youth Justice Service Action Plan

The Irish Youth Justice Service published its Action Plan ***Tackling Youth Crime - Youth Justice Action Plan 2014-2018*** on 3rd February 2014. The plan which will form part of the *National Anti-Crime Strategy* is being developed as part of the White Paper on Crime process, with its focus on crime reduction and safer communities. It will also form part of the *Children and Young People's Policy Framework (CYPPF)* being developed in the Department of Children and Youth Affairs, with its focus on better outcomes for children and families. See: [www.iyjs.ie](http://www.iyjs.ie)

### New Irish Council for Civil Liberties (ICCL) Study

A report entitled ***"International Review of Legal Provisions and Supports for People with Disabilities as Victims of Crime"*** was launched on 30th January 2014. Commissioned by the ICCL, the study was undertaken by Professor Shane Kilcommins (Law School, UL), Dr Claire Edwards and Ms Tina O'Sullivan from UCC, and highlights protection gaps for people with disabilities who become victims of crime.

The report provides an international comparative overview of the legal provisions and supports for crime victims with disabilities, highlighting barriers to accessing justice throughout the pre-trial, trial and post-trial periods of criminal proceedings. The study – the first of its kind – includes a list of practical recommendations on international best practice in this area, including in relation to interpretation, the relaxation of formal procedures, video testimony, and provisions for unsworn testimony. See: [www.iccl.ie](http://www.iccl.ie)

### Probation Service /Irish Prison Service present Annual Reports and Joint Strategy

The Probation Service and the Irish Prison Service recently presented their 2013 Annual Reports to the Minister for Justice and Equality, Alan Shatter. They also presented and published the joint Probation Service/Irish Prison Service Strategy (2014-2016) entitled ***An Effective Response to Women Who Offend***. See: [www.probation.ie/www.irishprisons.ie](http://www.probation.ie/www.irishprisons.ie)

### Penal Reform International (PRI) / Interagency Panel on Juvenile Justice (IPJJ)

PRI and IPJJ have published a new resource addressing the needs of girls in criminal justice systems on 27th February, 2014. The briefing paper ***Neglected needs: Girls in the criminal justice system*** has been produced to examine the specific challenges faced by girls in contact with the criminal justice system and makes recommendations for strengthening the protection of their rights. See: [www.penalreform.org](http://www.penalreform.org).

### The Fixed Charge Processing System - A 21st Century Strategy

The Garda Inspectorate's latest report ***The Fixed Charge Processing System - A 21st Century Strategy*** is the result of a detailed examination of the Garda Síochána Fixed Charge Processing System (FCPS) including the practice of cancellation of fixed charge notices (FCNs). The report includes a total of thirty-seven recommendations consisting of short, medium and long term improvements and changes to the system. See: [www.gsinsp.ie](http://www.gsinsp.ie)

## QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY BELFAST MSc/PG DIPLOMA IN YOUTH JUSTICE

This masters has been designed for those who want to advance their understanding of youth issues, youth offending and social and criminal justice responses to young people. It is focused on developing critical analytical skills and enhancing the ability to assess policy and practice against international standards and benchmarks. Targeted at practitioners, policy-makers and those interested in further academic study, it provides the opportunity to apply academic knowledge and critical analytical skills to practice. It aims to enhance understanding of young people's lives, the criminal justice system and the discourse of children's rights. Contact: Dr Siobhán McAlister at [s.mcalister@qub.ac.uk](mailto:s.mcalister@qub.ac.uk) or Dr Nicola Carr at [n.carr@qub.ac.uk](mailto:n.carr@qub.ac.uk).

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- 10th April, 2014**      **Realising Roma children's Rights (9.30-4.30pm)**  
Pavee Point Traveller and Roma Centre  
**Venue:** Westin Hotel, Westmoreland Street, Dublin  
**Details:** [michelle.mallon@pavee.ie](mailto:michelle.mallon@pavee.ie); [www.paveepoint.ie](http://www.paveepoint.ie)
- 10th April 2014 (5.30pm)**      **"Effects of Alcohol & Illicit Drugs on Mental Health" Seminar ACJRD**  
**Venue:** Offices of the Probation Service, Haymarket, Dublin 7  
**Details:** [www.acjrd.ie](http://www.acjrd.ie)
- 15th April 2014**      **Quality Services Better Outcomes Workshop**  
Childhood Development Initiative (CDI)  
**Venue:** St Marks House, Cookstown Lane, Fettercairn, D.24  
**Details:** [Laura@twcdi.ie](mailto:Laura@twcdi.ie); [www.twcdi.ie](http://www.twcdi.ie)
- 16th April, 2014**      **Making the Economic and Moral Case for Prevention & Early Intervention**  
The Prevention and Early Intervention Network  
**Venue:** The Oak Room, Mansion House, Dawson Street, Dublin 2  
**Details:** Winnie Donoghue Tel: (01) 4160525 [winnie@pein.ie](mailto:winnie@pein.ie)
- 29th April, 2014**      **7th Annual Martin Tansey Memorial Lecture ACJRD**  
**Venue:** Criminal Courts of Justice, Parkgate Street, Dublin 8  
**Details:** [www.acjrd.ie](http://www.acjrd.ie)
- 2nd May, 2014**      **Twenty-First Century Justice? A Contemporary & Brehon Perspective**  
Burren Law School  
**Venue:** Burren College of Art, Ballyvaughan Co Clare  
**Details:** [www.burrenlawschool.org](http://www.burrenlawschool.org)
- 9th May 2014**      **NOTA Ireland Conference**  
**Venue:** Swift Theatre, Arts Building, Trinity College, D.1  
**Details:** [Bernie.maher@cuh.ie](mailto:Bernie.maher@cuh.ie)
- 11-14 June, 2014**      **Beyond Crime: Pathways to desistance, social justice and Peacebuilding**  
8th International Conference of the European Forum for Restorative Justice  
**Venue:** Queens University Belfast  
**Details:** <http://www.euforumrj.org/belfast>
- 17th October, 2014**      **ACJRD 17th Annual Conference**  
**Details to be circulated shortly**