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Celebrating 20 years of Innovation in Justice



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2016 is a big year for the ACJRD. We are celebrating our 20th anniversary! Over the last 20 years, our seminars and our Conferences have been the vehicles by which we have endeavoured to achieve our Mission Statement of "informing the development of policy and practice in justice." In addition, our Vision to bring "Innovation in Justice" continues to be a driving force in our work.

ACJRD Ltd, formerly the Irish Association for the Study of Delinquency Ltd, was established in 1996 by the late Martin Tansey, The Hon. Mr. Justice Michael Moriarty, Judge Gillian Hussey, Seán Redmond, Kieran O'Dwyer, Bernard Owens, Her Hon. Ms. Justice Mary-Ellen Ring, Chief Superintendent Seán Feely, Seán Aylward, Robert Eager, John Lonergan and Tom O'Reilly. The Association was inspired by the Scottish model (Scottish Association for the Study of Delinquency).

In 2006 the name of the Association was changed to The Association for Criminal Justice Research and Development - ACJRD Ltd.

The current Council comprises Maura Butler (Chairperson), Jane Farrell (Secretary), Eugene Corcoran (Treasurer) and Council members, Gerry McNally, Jim Mitchell, Michelle Shannon, Yvonne Daly, Doncha O'Sullivan, Shane Kilcommins, John McCormack, Robert Olson and Patricia Flynn. The Hon. Mr Justice Michael Moriarty is our patron.

Over the last 20 years, ACJRD has hosted eighteen Annual Conferences and numerous seminars, commissioned research, sponsored prizes in 3rd level institutions, and made submissions to the Joint Committee on Justice, Defence and Equality. Since 2014, ACJRD has helped to organise the annual Irish Criminal Justice Agencies Conferences. Recent initiatives include an Essay competition for third level students.

Our members are of paramount importance to us. We have student, individual and organisational members from all sections of the criminal justice system.

The Association employs a Manager and an Administrator, both on a part-time basis.

The Criminal Justice System in Ireland is constantly evolving and we are proud to say that we intend to continue to be a part of this evolution.

“Life After Care” Seminar

The Juvenile Justice and Reintegration Working Groups of ACJRD are pleased to announce that a seminar on “Life After Care” will take place on Monday, 14th March, 2016. This seminar will be presented by Don Bosco Care.

The issues facing young people leaving state care include: Lack of familial support and relationships; Lack of community support and relationships; Homelessness; Criminal behaviour; Mental health; The rental market; Physical well being; Literacy; Pregnancy; Parenting; Life skills; Emotional well-being and support; Mild disabilities.

This seminar will look at the supports in place for young people leaving state care at 18 years of age, where it started and how it has transitioned.

Speakers: Brian Hogan, CEO, Don Bosco Care
Rachel Valentine, Social Care Manager, Don Bosco Care
Ciarán Kenny, Outreach Aftercare Worker, Don Bosco Care

Venue: James O’Sullivan Room, Education Centre, Law Society of Ireland, Blackhall Place, Dublin 7.

Date: Monday, 14th March, 2016

Time: Registration at 5.30 pm. Seminar commences at 6.00 pm

To register for this seminar, please [click here](#).

Subject to availability there will be free parking in the grounds of the Law Society.

Cybercrime Talk and Christmas Networking Event

Inspector Michael Gubbins, Head of the Garda Computer Crime Investigations Unit, gave an extremely interesting talk at the ACJRD Christmas Networking Event, in the Blue Room of the Law Society of Ireland, Blackhall Place, Dublin 7 on Thursday, 10th December, 2015.

The evening afforded an opportunity for all present to learn about the dangers of Cybercrime, which is a growing area of criminality. It can affect all areas of society through hacking, theft, identity theft, malicious software, child soliciting and abuse, sale of drugs, terrorism recruitment, radicalisation etc.



The talk was followed by an informal networking event where members chatted with each other, renewed acquaintances and shared ideas while enjoying mulled wine and mince pies. Feedback from this event was extremely positive. To access the slideshow from Inspector Gubbins’ talk please [click here](#).

Pictured:

Maura Butler, Chairperson, ACJRD, and
Inspector Michael Gubbins, Computer
Crime Investigation Unit, Garda Bureau of
Fraud Investigation.

Martin Tansey Memorial Lecture



9th Annual Martin Tansey Memorial Lecture

Speaker: Dr. Anne-Marie McAlinden
Topic: The Reintegration of Sexual Offenders
Date: Thursday, 7th April, 2016
Time: 5.30 pm
Venue: Courts of Criminal Justice

ACJRD is pleased to announce that **Dr. Anne-Marie McAlinden** of Queen's University Belfast will deliver this year's Martin Tansey Memorial Lecture. Dr. McAlinden will speak on "***The Reintegration of Sexual Offenders***". Dr. McAlinden is a Reader, and Director of Research in the School of Law at Queen's University Belfast. Her main research interests lie in the areas of the management of violent and sexual offenders, institutional child abuse, and restorative justice where she has published extensively. Dr. McAlinden is currently working on a third book on '*Child Sexual Abuse and Exploitation by Children and Young People*'. Her first book '*The Shaming of Sexual Offenders: Risk, Retribution and Reintegration*' (Oxford, Hart Publishing, 2007) was awarded the British Society of Criminology Book Prize 2008 for the best first sole-authored book published in the discipline in the previous year. Her second sole-authored monograph, "*Grooming and the Sexual Abuse of Children: Institutional, Internet, and Familial Dimensions*" was published by Oxford University Press in 2012 as part of the prestigious Clarendon Studies in Criminology Series.

This year's lecture will be held in the Jurors' Area at the Courts of Criminal Justice, Parkgate Street, Dublin 8, (*pictured above*) at 5.30 pm on **Thursday, 7th April, 2016**.

Martin Tansey was a founder member and Chairperson of the ACJRD. Each Spring, the ACJRD marks the contribution which Martin made to Criminal Justice in Ireland and to this association with a Memorial Lecture. To access further information and papers from the lectures which have taken place since the inaugural event in 2008, please [click here](#).

There is no charge to attend this lecture but booking is essential. If you would like to attend, please email Katherine at admin@acjrd.ie.

Please note that the Chatham House Rule will apply to this lecture. The Chatham House Rule reads as follows: "*When a meeting, or part thereof, is held under the Chatham House Rule, participants are free to use the information received, but neither the identity nor the affiliation of the speaker(s), nor that of any other participant, may be revealed*". The world-famous Chatham House Rule may be invoked at meetings to encourage openness and the sharing of information.

See: <http://www.chathamhouse.org/about/chatham-house-rule>

3rd Annual Irish Criminal Justice Agencies Conference



The 3rd Annual Irish Criminal Justice Agencies (ICJA) Conference will take place on **Tuesday, 28th June, 2016**, at the Dublin Castle Conference Centre. The theme for this year's Conference is **"Evidence-Informed Decision Making: Putting Research into Practice in Criminal Justice"**.

This Conference is a collaboration of the Department of Justice and Equality, the Department of Children and Youth Affairs (DCYA), The Probation Service, An Garda Síochána, the Irish Prison Service and the Association for Criminal Justice Research and Development (ACJRD). The Probation Service is the lead agency for the 2016 ICJA Conference.

This is a FREE event but booking will be essential. Bookings for this Conference will open in May and it is anticipated that, as happened last year, the Conference will be booked out quickly. Bookings will firstly open for Conference partners (including ACJRD members). If any places remain after the priority bookings period ends, all those on our mailing list will be notified.

Inaugural Lecture—Prof. Shane Kilcommins



Congratulations to ACJRD Council member, Professor Shane Kilcommins (School of Law, University of Limerick) who gave his Inaugural Lecture on 11th February, entitled *'The Victim in the Irish Criminal Process'*.

Pictured (L-R): Prof. Tom Lodge (Dean of the Faculty of Arts, Humanities Social Sciences), **Prof. Shane Kilcommins** and **Prof. Don Barry** (President, University of Limerick).

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. All membership fees go towards administration costs.

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

Upcoming Events

Monday, 14th March
Education Centre,
Law Society of Ireland
5.30 pm - 7.30 pm

ACJRD “Life After Care” Seminar

Presented by Don Bosco Care

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/life-after-care-tickets-22647421046>

Thursday, 7th April
Courts of Criminal Justice
5.30 pm - 7.30 pm

Martin Tansey Memorial Lecture 2016

“The Reintegration of Sexual Offenders”

by Dr. Anne Marie McAlinden

Email Katherine at admin@acjrd.ie

26th April
Brussels

Young People’s Mental Health in Europe:

Promoting Prevention and Early Intervention Through Multi-Sector Cooperation

<http://www.publicpolicyexchange.co.uk/events/GD26-PPE2?ss=em&tg=1a>

Wed, 25th May -
Thurs, 26th May
Dundalk

Conference organised by Restorative Practices Ireland in collaboration with the Northern Ireland Restorative Justice Forum

Tuesday, 28th June
Dublin Castle

Irish Criminal Justice Agencies Conference 2016

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

Bookings will open in May

Friday, 7th October
Spencer Hotel,
Dublin 1.

ACJRD 19th Annual Conference

Bookings will open in August/September