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## Annual Christmas Working Groups Networking Event



Pictured: Dr. Lisa Cuthbert, CEO, PACE.

The ACJRD Working Groups Christmas Networking Event took place in the Blue Room of the Law Society of Ireland on Monday, 2nd December, 2019. This event featured a Reintegration Working Group Seminar and was followed by a seasonal networking reception.

Dr. Lisa Cuthbert, CEO, PACE, spoke on “*PACE Working with People with Convictions for Harmful Sexual Behaviour*”.

To view a copy of Dr. Cuthbert's presentation, please [click here](#).

PACE (Prisoner Aid through Community Effort) works to provide that every individual leaving prison will have a plan to meet their training, employment and housing needs. PACE works in partnership with The Probation Service, Solas, CDVEC and Dublin City Council to help secure a safer Ireland.

To learn more about PACE please [click here](#).

## Neurodiversity and the Criminal Justice System: Current Perspectives

ADHD-Care, a joint initiative of UCD, Maynooth University and HADD-ADHD Ireland collaborated with the Association for Criminal Justice Research and Development to host this full-day conference which was held on Friday, 1st November, 2019, in The Law Society of Ireland, Blackhall Place, Dublin 7. The Conference was chaired by His Honour Judge John O'Connor and speakers/presenters included Prof. Susan Young, Dame Prof. Sue Bailey, Clare Hughes, Ann Norman, Máire Ní Fhlatharta, and Fiona Murphy.

The aim of the conference was to draw together a range of speakers from different professional backgrounds who work with people who are neurodiverse including Autistic Spectrum Disorder, ADHD and Intellectual Disability. Attendees were provided with an up to date understanding of the impact of neurodevelopmental conditions on offending behaviours.

For more information on ADHD please see [www.adhdireland.ie](http://www.adhdireland.ie)

## ACJRD 22nd Annual Conference

### “Behind Closed Doors: Crimes of Violence, Coercive Control and Abuse in Family and Intimate Relationships”



*Pictured left (L-R):* **Maura Butler**, Chairperson, ACJRD, **Charlie Flanagan TD**, Minister for Justice and Equality, **Dr Ian Marder**, Department of Law, Maynooth University and **Callie Zinsmeyer**, Mediator, Case Worker at Restorative Justice Services

The 22nd ACJRD Annual Conference, “*Behind Closed Doors: Crimes of Violence, Coercive Control and Abuse in Family and Intimate Relationships*” took place on Friday, 11th October, 2019, in The Richmond Education and Event Centre, Brunswick St. North, Smithfield, Dublin 7.

A programme of plenary speakers and workshop presenters included national and international representatives from the criminal justice sector. Some plenary presentations and conference workshops are available to view on the ACJRD website [www.acjrd.ie](http://www.acjrd.ie).

A report containing plenary papers and workshop summaries is currently being prepared and will be launched in 2020. All those on the ACJRD mailing list will be notified as soon as the details for the launch are confirmed.



*Pictured above (L-R):* **Carmela Apostol**, Violence against Women Division – Council of Europe Secretariat of the Istanbul Convention monitoring mechanism, **Prof. Marianne Hester, OBE**, FAcSS, School for Policy Studies, University of Bristol, **His Honour Judge Colin Daly**, President of the District Court, **Joan Smith**, Author and Journalist, and **Maura Butler**, Chairperson, ACJRD.

*Pictured right (L-R):* **Siobán O’Brien Green**, Trinity Research in Childhood Centre, Trinity College Dublin with **Maura Butler**, Chairperson, ACJRD.



## ACJRD 21st Annual Conference Report

The ACJRD 21st Annual Conference Report **'Unlocking the Power of Data for Criminal Justice Research, Policy-Making and Practice'** was launched on Tuesday 10th September, 2019.

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

*Pictured (L-R):*

ACJRD Council members, **Pauline Shields**, **Tony O'Donovan** and **Maura Butler**



## "Bail Supervision Scheme" Seminar



*Pictured (L-R):*

**Maura Butler**, ACJRD Chairperson, **Fiona Murphy**, Extern, **Tony O'Donovan**, IYJS, **Dr. Catherine Naughton**, UL, and **Stephen Coughlan**, Extern.

The ACJRD seminar **'Bail Supervision Scheme'** was held on Tuesday, 10th September, 2019, at the offices of the Irish Youth Justice Service at Miesian Plaza, 50-58 Baggot Street Lower, Dublin 2.

This seminar was presented by Tony O'Donovan, IYJS, Fiona Murphy, Extern, Stephen Coughlan, Extern and Dr. Catherine Naughton, University of Limerick.

The Bail Supervision Scheme (BSS) offers courts an alternative option to detaining a young person who comes before them by offering them the possibility of granting bail with intensive supervision.

By reducing the need for remand places, this also provides an opportunity to focus on developing successful community resources designed to prevent young people being detained in a youth justice facility and preventing them from entering further down the path of criminality.

To view the IYJS and Extern presentations please click [here](#)

## ACJRD Academic Sponsorship in Maynooth University

Jana Khalil was the winner of this year's Best Criminal Law Essay 2018/2019 in Maynooth University. Jana subsequently volunteered as a rapporteur at this year's ACJRD Annual Conference on 11th October, 2019.

The theme of this year's essay was : *"Discuss critically (with reference to relevant case-law and academic commentary) whether the legal principles relating to a break in the chain of causation are satisfactory"*.



*Pictured: Professor Michael Doherty (Head of the Department of Law) with Jana Khalil*

## Best wishes to Vivian Geiran on his retirement



The Council, Staff and Membership of ACJRD want to send every good wish to Vivian Geiran as his impending retirement as Director of The Probation Service draws near.

We particularly wish to thank Vivian for his sterling support of our Association and its work during his tenure.

## Man Up West

Safe Ireland has launched "Man Up West", a new inspiring and brave campaign to harness the voices, concerns and activism of men and boys across the West of Ireland to play their role in helping to change the face of domestic abuse and coercive control in Connacht. This is Safe Ireland's latest "Man Up" campaign, which has been inspiring men to stand against domestic violence, to challenge abuse and support women and children since 2012.

Men are being asked to do three simple but powerful things to support the campaign:

- Get beyond the daft myths that sexism, domestic abuse and coercive control are out of character, or that "lads will be lads".
- Speak out and tell friends, family and colleagues that disrespect, sexism or stereotyping of girls and women isn't cool.
- Organise one event or day to highlight that West of Ireland men are taking the lead in calling out disrespect and abuse.

For more information or to get involved with the campaign please [click here](#).

## Recent Publications

### **Irish Probation Service Journal 2019**

To view this journal, which includes the 12th Annual Martin Tansey Memorial Lecture, "*Criminal Justice Culture(s) in Ireland: Quo Vadis?*" which was delivered by Professor Claire Hamilton, Maynooth University, in March 2019, please [click here](#).

### **Exploring Victims' Interactions with the Criminal Justice System - A Literature Review**

This review by Dr. Deirdre Healy for the Research and Data Analytics unit in the Department of Justice and Equality brings together academic studies from numerous jurisdictions including research which studied victims' and professionals' experiences with Independent Sexual Violence Advisors (ISVAs) in England and Wales. To view this report, please [click here](#).

### **Report on Reform of the Family Law System**

This report by the Joint Committee on Justice and Equality contains a number of recommendations, with particular regard to the family court structure, specialisation, transparency, resources, the voice of the child and the imbalances within the court system. To view, please [click here](#).

### **Evidence Review of Confidence in Criminal Justice Systems**

This report by Prof. Claire Hamilton and Dr. Lynsey Black seeks to address a range of questions relating to how public confidence in the criminal justice system is measured in different countries, what drives that confidence, and what measures have been deployed to improve it. To view this report, please [click here](#).

### **Progress in the Penal System: 2019 (PIPS)**

To view the third report by the IPRT of Progress in the Penal System, please [click here](#).

### **Adolescent Addiction Service Report 2019**

To view the report by the Adolescent Addiction Service of the HSE, please [click here](#).

### **Unheard and Uncounted**

To view this Executive Summary by Women's Aid and Monica Mazzone on Women, Domestic Abuse and the Irish Criminal Justice System, please [click here](#).

### **Building Community Resilience**

To view this research study by Dr. Johnny Connolly, UL, on responding to criminal and anti-social networks across Dublin South Central, please [click here](#).

### **Criminal Justice Inspection Northern Ireland reports:**

- **The Safety of Prisoners**  
To view this report on the safety of prisoners held by the Northern Ireland Prison Service, please [click here](#).
- **Pre Release Testing Arrangements**  
To view this report on the pre-release testing arrangements within the Northern Ireland Prison Service, please [click here](#).

### **Childhood Development Initiative reports**

- **Prisoners Returning Home**  
This report explores the family reintegration process, and seeks to identify potential solutions to problems experienced by prisoners and their families. To view, please [click here](#).
- **The In-Betweeners**  
To view this report which identifies and quantifies the unmet mental health needs of children and adolescents in Tallaght, please [click here](#).

## Recent Publications ctd.

### ACEs: Holding the child's hand in prevention and early intervention for children & families

To view this policy paper by the Prevention and Early Intervention Network, please [click here](#).

### Other Publications of Interest:

*"A Guide to Mooting in Ireland"* - Dr. Edana Richardson (Clarus Press, 2019)

*"Law and Gender in Modern Ireland: Critique and Reform"* - Dr. Lynsey Black and Dr. Peter Dunne (Eds.), (Hart Publishing, 2019)

*"The Special Criminal Court: Practice and Procedure"* - Alice Harrison (Bloomsbury Professional, 2019)

*"Contagion, Counter-Terrorism and Criminology: Justice in the Shadow of Terror"* - Prof. Claire Hamilton (Palgrave, 2019)

## Upcoming Events

**Wed, 15th Jan, 2020**

Dublin

11 am - 1 pm

### Launch of "Making Rights Real for People with Disabilities in Detention" Report

To attend this launch, please email [info@iprt.ie](mailto:info@iprt.ie)

**Fri, 21st Feb, 2020**

Maynooth University

1 pm - 3 pm

### Developing restorative justice legislation from the bottom up: the Dutch experience

To attend this talk by Gert Jan Slump, founder of Restorative Justice Nederland and a coordinator of RJS4C, please email [ian.marder@mu.ie](mailto:ian.marder@mu.ie)

## Season's Greetings



The ACJRD would like to thank you for all your support in 2019.

The success of all our events comes in no small part from the participation of all of you in attendance, so we thank you for your contributions this year.

We are looking forward to another fruitful year in 2020 starting with our 22nd Annual Conference Report Launch. We hope that you will be able to join us for this event. Further details will be available in the New Year.



**Happy Christmas  
and  
Best Wishes for 2020**