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## Spring Events postponed due to Covid-19 restrictions

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic please note the following:

- ACJRD Seminar '**Building Community Resilience**' which was due to take place in the 'Atrium' at the Department of Justice and Equality on Thursday, 19th March, 2020, has been postponed. **Dr. Johnny Connolly**, from the Centre for Crime, Justice and Victim Studies, in the University of Limerick will present on his recent research and connected strategy '**Building Community Resilience**' at a later date. For further information on Dr. Connolly's recent study, please [click here](#).
- The **13th Annual Martin Tansley Memorial Lecture** which was to be delivered by [Professor Ian O'Donnell](#), Professor of Criminology, University College Dublin Sutherland School of Law, on Thursday, 30th April, 2020, in the Criminal Courts of Justice, has also been postponed. This lecture will be rescheduled to a date later this year. To learn about Martin Tansley and previous memorial lectures please [click here](#).

## ACJRD 23rd Annual Conference

**Theme:** Privacy and Personal Space (*working title*)  
**Date:** Friday, 16th October, 2020  
**Venue:** Richmond Education and Event Centre

The ACJRD 23rd Annual Conference will take place in the Richmond Education and Event Centre. This full day conference will have a theme of "Privacy and Personal Space" and will feature speakers and workshop presenters from a number of different disciplines.

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.

A Conference Report will be prepared for publication following the event. To view previous ACJRD Conference Reports, please [click here](#).

## ACJRD Membership 2020

ACJRD annual membership fees are now due.

Student €25 Individual €35 Organisation €155

To become a member or to renew your membership, please [click here](#). New members are always welcome.

## 7th Irish Criminal Justice Agencies Conference

**Time:** 8.45 am - 4.45 pm  
**Date:** Tuesday, 28th July, 2020  
**Venue:** Conference Centre, Dublin Castle  
**Working Title:** *“Protecting the Human Rights of Vulnerable Suspects and Offenders: Defining, Identifying and Responding to Vulnerabilities”*

The 7th Annual Irish Criminal Justice Agencies (ICJA) Conference will take place from 8.45 am to 4.45 pm on Tuesday, 28th July, 2020, in the Conference Centre at Dublin Castle. The theme for this year’s conference is **“Protecting the Human Rights of Vulnerable Suspects and Offenders: Defining, Identifying and Responding to Vulnerabilities”** (working title).

This one-day conference is a collaboration of the Department of Justice and Equality, the Policing Authority, the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions, the Irish Prison Service, the Irish Youth Justice Service (IYJS), An Garda Síochána, The Probation Service, the Courts Service, the Garda Síochána Inspectorate, the Office of the Revenue Commissioners and the Association for Criminal Justice Research and Development (ACJRD). The lead partner for 2020 is the Policing Authority.

Further details will be available on our website [www.acjrd.ie](http://www.acjrd.ie) in due course.

## Remembering Norah Gibbons



Norah Gibbons, who died on 8th April, 2020, was a former Council member and Treasurer of ACJRD. Norah served on the ACJRD Council for six years from 2006 to 2012.

Having trained as a Social Worker, Norah advocated children's rights throughout her career. She joined Barnardo's in the 1990s where she served as Director of Advocacy from 2005 to 2012. She was the founding chair of Tusla from 2014 until 2018.

Norah was a member of the Commission to Inquire into Child Abuse and she also chaired the Roscommon Child Abuse Inquiry and co-chaired the Independent Child Death Review.

Norah was the independent chairwoman for the Northern Ireland Executive's working group on child abuse and was Director and Chair of Alcohol Action Ireland.

In 2019, she was appointed by the Minister for Justice and Equality to lead the independent study on familicide and domestic homicide.

To her husband, Seán, son Miles and daughter Mairéas, ACJRD extends its deepest sympathy. RIP.

## 20th Anniversary of The Wheel

The Wheel is Ireland's national association of community and voluntary organisations, charities and social enterprises. It is a registered charity in Ireland and is unique in its role as a 'one-stop-shop' for anything related to the charity and non-profit sector. Its simple but ambitious mission is to strengthen the capacity and capability of community and voluntary organisations, charities and social enterprises to play their part in changing Ireland for the better. ACJRD is proud to be a member of The Wheel.

Founded by the late Dr. Mary Redmond, The Wheel celebrated its 20th Anniversary in 2019. On 21st February, 2020, President Michael D. Higgins and Sabina Higgins celebrated The Wheel's 20th anniversary with a reception event at Áras an Uachtaráin. The President spoke of the vital role being played by charities, community and voluntary organisations, and social enterprises, all across Ireland. Read the President's speech [here](#).

For further information on The Wheel, please [click here](#).



*Pictured (L-R) at the celebration of The Wheel's 20th anniversary in Áras an Uachtaráin :*

- **Deirdre Garvey**, CEO of The Wheel;
- **Sabina Higgins**
- **President Michael D. Higgins**
- **Paul O'Sullivan**, Chair of The Wheel's Board

## Irish Prison Service offers Video Calls for Families

Family visits to prisons have been suspended as a direct result of the COVID 19 restrictions in the community. The Irish Prison Service has now installed Video phones for the purpose of family video calls. These phones are in all locations across the prison estate and are now operational.

The new video call system will allow family members to keep in contact with their loved ones in prison. There is limited daily capacity and these new visits will not replace the capacity that was available with normal face to face visits. Normal physical visits to prisons will resume as soon as the restrictions are lifted and the Public Health team advises that it is safe to do so.

For further information, please [click here](#).

## COVID-19 Delphi study

The International Criminal Justice Delphi Network is conducting a study of the impacts and consequences of the Covid-19 pandemic for the Criminal Justice System. This study is looking for experts in crime, criminology and criminal justice to participate to help them understand the impacts on international and local aspects of this pandemic.

To learn more about this two round rapid assessment Delphi study which is open to expert scholars, policy makers and practitioners please [click here](#).

## IASIO changes its name

IASIO, formerly known as the Irish Association for the Social Integration of Offenders, has changed its name to the **Irish Association for Social Inclusion Opportunities**. Its services are funded by The Probation Service, the Irish Prison Service and the HSE. IASIO assists people in accessing training, education, employment and sustainable resettlement in the community.

The organisation's mission is to provide a wide range of social inclusion supports to marginalised groups. Since 2000 it has successfully assisted over 31,000 offenders.

IASIO offers both community based services (Linkage Service) and prison based services (Gate Service and Resettlement Service). To learn more about IASIO please [click here](#).

ACJRD is proud to have IASIO as one of our organisational members.

## Call for Papers

The Journal of Prisoners on Prisons (JPP) is a prisoner written, academically oriented and peer reviewed, non-profit journal, based on the tradition of the penal press. It brings the knowledge produced by prison writers together with academic arguments to enlighten public discourse about the current state of carceral institutions.

Submissions are invited for a special issue on the theme of "*Desistance, Social Justice, and Lived Experience*". Desistance (from crime) has become a ubiquitous concept among scholars of criminology and criminal justice. For this issue, the Special Issue Editors are **Katharina Maier**, PhD, Assistant Professor, Criminal Justice, University of Winnipeg, **Rosemary Ricciardelli**, PhD, Full Professor, Sociology, Memorial University of Newfoundland and **Shadd Maruna**, PhD, Professor, Social Work, Queen's University Belfast.

For further information, please [click here](#).

## 20th Anniversary of UCD School of Criminal Justice

The UCD Institute of Criminology is an Academic Centre within University College Dublin. It is located within the School of Law, Roebuck Castle, Belfield, Dublin 4. 2020 marks the 20th anniversary of the establishment of this Institute.

To mark the 20th Anniversary the following events have been planned. Please note that due to Covid 19 restrictions, these events may be postponed or cancelled.

27th May	Documentary: " <i>The Meeting</i> " followed by Q&A with Marie Keenan and Ailbhe Griffith
15th - 16th June	North South Criminology Conference at the University of Limerick
9th October	Distinguished Guest Lecture: Lesley McAra, President of European Society of Criminology
15th - 22nd Nov	Restorative Justice Week

For further information, please contact [criminology@ucd.ie](mailto:criminology@ucd.ie).

## Recent Publications

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

To view this review, which was conducted by Prof. Claire Hamilton and Dr. Lynsey Black of Maynooth University on behalf of the Department of Justice and Equality, please [click here](#).

### **Public Order Policing**

To view this report from the Garda Síochána Inspectorate, please [click here](#).

### **Making Rights Real for People with Disabilities in Detention**

This new research explores the rights and experiences of prisoners with disabilities in Ireland through interviews with prisoners, prison staff and other stakeholders. To view this report by the Irish Penal Reform Trust, please [click here](#).

### **Probation Reoffending Statistics**

To view the CSO Probation Reoffending Statistics - Statistics Under Reservation, please [click here](#).

### **Working with Families who are experiencing Homelessness, Poverty, Marginalisation and the Seductiveness of Substance Use**

This article by Denis Murray was originally published in "Feedback", the Journal of the Family Therapy association of Ireland, and is available on HSE Lenus Library. To view, please [click here](#).

### **Base 2: Working to Support Individuals under Threat**

An independent inspection by Criminal Justice Inspection Northern Ireland (CJI) has found a project managed by a charity which verifies threats made against individuals and families by paramilitary and community sources, is operating with integrity to deliver clear humanitarian outcomes. To view, please [click here](#).

### **Scoping Exercise Inchicore - Kilmainham: Building a Sustainable Community**

This Report was commissioned by the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government on behalf of Minister of State Damien English T.D. to identify the needs of the Inchicore-Kilmainham area from a strategic social and community perspective. To view, please [click here](#).

### **Statement of Principles relating to the Treatment of Persons Deprived of their Liberty in the context of the Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Pandemic**

To view the Council of Europe's statement, please [click here](#).

### **A Report on a Pilot Project - Opening the Door between Corporates and Community**

To view this Early Learning Initiative report on this pilot programme regarding collaboration between Arthur Cox and Belvedere Youth Club, please [click here](#).

### **Routledge Companion to Rehabilitative Work in Criminal Justice**

The Routledge Companion to Rehabilitative Work in Criminal Justice edited by Pamela Ugwidike, Hannah Graham, Fergus McNeill, Peter Raynor, Faye S. Taxman and Chris Trotter is available to buy [here](#).