ACJRD 17TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE
“YOUTH JUSTICE TRANSFORMATION”

We are pleased to announce that the ACJRD 17th Annual Conference “Youth Justice Transformation” (working title) will take place on Friday 17th October in the Camden Court Hotel, Dublin 2.

Programme details and booking information will be available on the ACJRD website www.acjrd.ie shortly.

The 7th Annual Martin Tansey Memorial Lecture took place on April 29th in the Criminal Courts of Justice, Dublin 8. This year’s lecture entitled Integrated Offender Management: pooling resources and expertise and creating effective working partnerships was delivered by Professor Paul Senior, Director of the Hallem Centre for Criminal Justice at the Sheffield Hallam University.

Pictured L-R Judge Mary-Ellen Ring, Judge Rosemary Horgan, President of the District Court, Maura Butler, ACJRD Chairperson, Prof Paul Senior and Vivian Geiran, Director of the Probation Service.

For further information and a copy of Professor Paul Senior’s presentation please see http://www.acjrd.ie/contents/239
“EFFECTS OF ALCOHOL & ILLICIT DRUGS ON MENTAL HEALTH”

The ACJRD held a seminar on the “Effects of Alcohol and Illicit Drugs on Mental Health” Thursday 10th April 2014 in the offices of the Probation Service. The seminar featured 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; 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 and Ms Miriam Finnegan Addiction Counsellor, Assessment, Consultation and Therapy Service (ACTS), Child & Family Agency (TUSLA).

Pictured (L-R) Seminar Contributors: Finbarr O’Leary, ACJRD Vice-Chair, Dr Des Corrigan, Dr Bobby Smyth and Ms Miriam Finnegan

ACJRD SUBMISSION ON GARDA OVERSIGHT

The ACJRD made a submission in response to the recent call from the Joint Committee on Justice, Defence and Equality on Garda Oversight. Subsequently the ACJRD was invited to attend at a public session of the Joint Committee for a discussion on Garda Oversight on 14th May, 2014. A copy of the ACJRD Submission and a link to the meeting transcript is available at: www.acjrd.ie/development.
RECENT PUBLICATIONS

Re-Imagining Imprisonment in Europe: Effects, Failures and the Future
The Jesuit Centre for Faith and Justice (JCFJ) held a launch of their most recent publication “Re-Imagining Imprisonment in Europe: Effects, Failures and the Future” on Thursday 5th of June in City Hall, Dublin. The Publication edited by Eoin Carroll and Kevin Warner was launched by Fr Greg Boyle SJ who is Executive Director of Homeboy Industries, a non profit organisation based in Los Angelus which serves high-risk formerly gang-involved men and women with a continuum of free services and programs. Introductory remarks were delivered by Professor lan O’Donnell from the UCD School of Law.

Travellers in the Irish Prison System: A Qualitative Study
The Irish Penal Reform Trust published a report entitled “Travellers in the Irish Prison System: A Qualitative Study” in the Chester Beatty Library, Dublin Castle. Speakers were Deirdre Malone, Executive Director of IPRT; Martin Collins, Co-Director of Pavee Point Traveller and Roma Centre and Liza Costello, author of the report. The report is available for download.

See: http://www.iprt.ie/contents/2625

Prison Visiting Committee Reports 2013
The Reports for 2013 of the Arbour Hill, Cloverhill, Cork, Dóchás Centre, Loughan House, Portlaoise, St Patrick’s Institution and Shelton Abbey Visiting Committees were published on April 30th by the then Minister for Justice, Alan Shatter, TD. The function of Visiting Committees is to visit the prison to which they are appointed and hear any complaints which may be made to them by any prisoner. The Committees play a vital role in ensuring the quality of accommodation and catering, medical, educational and welfare services and recreational facilities.

See: http://www.justice.ie/en/JELR/Pages/PR14000108

Publication of CSO Recorded Crime Statistics 2013
On 31st March, 2014 the Central Statistics Office published the Recorded Crime Statistics for 2013. Speaking at the event the former Minister for Justice, Alan Shatter, TD welcomed the fact that crime is continuing to fall across most crime categories. The CSO figures show reductions in 11 out of the 14 categories for which figures are given.


Drugs in a changing European Market - EMCDDA Analysis 2014
The European Drug Report 2014 was launched by the European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction (EMCDDA) on 27th May, 2014.

UPCOMING EVENTS

17th June, 2014  Conversations for Change
9.00 - 4.30pm
Campus Engage Network for the Promotion of Civic Engagement in Irish Higher Education
Venue: Printworks, Dublin Castle, Dublin 2
Details: info@campusengage.ie

23th-27th June 2014  “Addressing Sexual Violence and Gendered Harm in Conflict and Post-Conflict Settings: Addressing Enforcement, Essentialism and Masculinities”
Summer School, University of Ulster Transitional Justice Institute
Venue: Jordanstown Campus,
Details: e.mccoubrey@ulster.ac.uk

26th June, 2014  “Overcoming Adversity and Looking to the Future”
09.30 -14.00
SPIRASI
Venue: St Mary’s College, Rathmines
Details: www.spirasi.ie

2nd July, 2014  The Local Area Pathways Approach
12.00-14.00
TUSLA/CDI
Venue: Maldron Hotel, Tallaght, Dublin 24
Details: holly@twcdi.ie

4th September, 2014  Judges, Politics and the Irish Constitution
The School of Law and Government, Dublin City University
Details:

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