



Association for Criminal Justice Research and Development (ACJRD)

Submission to:

The Oireachtas Committee on Justice and Equality

Online harassment, harmful communications and related offences

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The ACJRD

- [1.1] ACJRD is a non-governmental organisation which encourages innovation in criminal justice and seeks to facilitate interdisciplinary dialogue between agencies and practitioners in the sphere of criminal law.
- [1.2] ACJRD's members have expertise in the criminal justice system
- [1.3] Its approach and expertise is informed by the hands-on experience.
- [1.4] The views expressed in *this* submission are those of ACJRD in its *independent capacity* and are not those of the ACJRD members' organisations or their employers.

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The Association for Criminal Justice Research and Development 19th Annual Conference entitled 'Cybercrime' took place in Dublin on 7 October 2016. Papers from the subsequent Conference Report reference the topics listed in the 'issues noted for address', as detailed below. A soft copy of the report is available at <https://www.acjrd.ie/contents/334>.

Definition of communication in legislation

- Recommended Legislative Reforms on Child Protection (*page 33*)
Professor Dr. Geoffrey Shannon, Special Rapporteur on Child Protection

Harassment, stalking and other forms of online abuse

- More than a Breach of Privacy: Image-based Sexual Abuse and the Irish Law Reform Commission on Harmful Communications (*page 21*)
Professor Clare McGlynn, Durham Law School, Durham University
- Cyberbullying in Young People: Behaviour, Experiences, Resolutions (*page 49*)
Rebecca Dennehy, SPHeRE PhD Scholar, University College Cork
- Online Abuse, Harassment and Dating Abuse (*page 55*)
Margaret Martin, Director, Women's Aid
- Cybercrime and Civil Liberties (*page 52*)
Dr. T.J. McIntyre, Chair, Digital Rights Ireland, UCD Sutherland School of Law

Harmful online behavior and young people

- On-line Child Sexual Exploitation: Grooming, Sexting and Cyberbullying (*page 27*)
Professor Anne-Marie McAlinden, School of Law, Queen's University Belfast
- Recommended Legislative Reforms on Child Protection (*page 33*)
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- Online Abuse, Harassment and Dating Abuse (*page 55*)
Margaret Martin, Director, Women's Aid
- Towards Preventing Cyberbullying: Can Irish Parents' Online Facility and Perceptions Help Inform Practice? A Quantitative Study (*page 58*)
Dr. James O'Higgins Norman, Director, ABC - National Anti-Bullying Research and Resource Centre, and Senior Lecturer and Researcher, Dublin City University

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