



# Penal Policy Reform: Putting Community at the Heart of the Criminal Justice System

9<sup>th</sup> Annual Irish Criminal  
Justice Agencies (ICJA) Conference

*10 October 2023, Dublin Castle*



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The Probation Service



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Department of Justice



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Disability, Integration and Youth



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INNS<sup>15</sup><sub>41</sub>

08.30 Registration

09.30 **Welcome & Outline of the Planned Conference**

*Mark Wilson, Director, The Probation Service introduced by Maura Butler, Chair, ACJRD*

09.40 **Conference Launch**

*Minister James Browne, Minister of State Department of Justice with responsibility for Law Reform and Youth Justice*

**Morning Plenary Sessions**

10.00 **Sanctioning and the Public Interest - the Role of the Prosecutor**

*Catherine Pierse, Director of Public Prosecutions*

10.20 **Community Based Sanctions: An Effective Alternative to Prison?**

*Judge Paul Kelly, President of the District Court*

10.40 Questions and Answers

*10.50 Coffee break & Networking*

11.05 **Local Community Safety Partnerships: Shared Ownership, Shared Responsibility**

*Ben Ryan, Head of Policy for Criminal Justice, Department of Justice*

11.25 Questions and Answers

11.30 **Creativity in the Criminal Justice System**

The Transformative Power of the Arts

*Tom Shortt, Arts Officer, Irish Prison Education Service*

Rehabilitation Through Education

*Pat Sheedy, Author & Winner of Listowel Writers competition*

Showcase of Bloom Garden

*Oberstown Detention Centre*

12.15 Lunch

1.00 **Thematic Sessions** Delegate breakout thematic sessions. *(Outlined overleaf)*

2.30 Coffee Break & Networking

**Afternoon Plenary Sessions**

2.45 **Have Community Sanctions and Measures Widened the Net of the European Criminal Justice Systems?**

*Fergus McNeill, Professor of Criminology and Social Work, University of Glasgow, Scotland*

3.05 **The Guardians of the Peace**

*Assistant Commissioner Paula Hilman, An Garda Síochána*

3.25 **Unmasking the 'Criminal Justice Voluntary Sector' in the Republic of Ireland: Towards a Research Agenda**

*Katharina Swirak, Deputy Head of Department of Sociology and Criminology, University College Cork*

3.45 Questions and Answers

3.55 **Conference Reflections and Discussion**

*Cross-Sectorial Panel of Speakers*

4.45 **Conference Closing**

*Chairperson ACJRD*

## THEMATIC SESSIONS

Delegate to choose one Session from the following on registration

Standard Format: 20 minutes per presentation + 30 minutes Discussion led by Chair of session

### Thematic Session One: Volunteerism in Criminal Justice

**1. CoSA Volunteers at the Heart of Risk Management**

*Michael Daly, COSA Co-Coordinator and Gerry Donohoe, COSA Volunteer*

**2. Youth Mentoring – Inspiring Hope, Believing in Change**

*Marie Vanasova, Team Leader and Donncha O'Donnchadha Volunteer mentor, Le Chéile Mentoring*

**3. Rehabilitation and Sports Programmes (Working Title)**

*Chief Officer Mark Walsh, Mountjoy Prison and Daniel Lambert, Chief Operations Officer at Bohemian Football Club*

### Thematic Session Two: Community Based Collaborations

**1. Community Safety Partnerships - Relationship Building in the Community**

*Dr Martina Moloney, Chair, Longford Community Safety Partnership and Janine Bartley, Community Safety Coordinator Longford*

**2. Implementing a National Community Safety Co-Response Model in Ireland-Enhancing Compliance with Human Rights Through Joint Agency Collaboration and Aligned Intervention**

*Community Access Support Team: Supt Andrew Lacey, Limerick City North and James Harrington, Interim Area Director of Mental Health Nursing, HSE Mid-West Community Healthcare*

**3. Engaging the Community in the Delivery of Restorative Justice Services**

*Emily Sheary, Manager, Restorative Justice in the Community*

### Thematic Session Three: International Perspectives on Justice in the Community

**1. European Legislation on Transfer of Irish Nationals Serving Sentences and Probation Judgements**

*Diarmuid O'Leary, Barrister*

**2. The Practical Implementation of the Framework Decisions and the Relevant Irish Legislation, from a CEP and European Perspective**

*Gerry McNally, Assistant Director, The Probation Service and former President of the Confederation of European Probation (CEP)*

**3. Prison and Community – an International Perspective**

*Catherine Kenny, Policy, Information & Casework Officer, Irish Council for Prisoners Overseas*