



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

9th Annual Irish Criminal Justice Agencies (ICJA) Conference

10 October 2023, Dublin Castle



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

Brian Hogan, Deputy Director Operations, 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

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