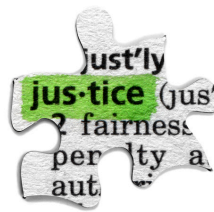


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This year's conference explores the evolving landscape of youth justice through the lens of movement and progress. From early prevention efforts that tackle the root causes of offending, to effective interventions that support young people in crisis, and finally to recognising their contributions as active agents of change — we'll examine how the system can better respond to, and grow with, the needs of young people. Join us for thought-provoking discussions, innovative ideas, and practical solutions that keep youth justice moving forward.

The conference **plenaries** will address **Youth Justice in Motion** and **25 Years of The Children Act – Taking Stock**. Speakers include (further speakers to be confirmed):

- **Koulla Yiasouma**, Chairperson, Oberstown Children Detention Centre
- **Damien Hernon**, Director, Oberstown Children Detention Centre
- **Derek Byrne**, CEO, Way2Work
- **The Hon. Mr. Justice Paul Kelly**, President of the District Court
- **Dr. Niall Muldoon**, Ombudsman for Children
- Discussion facilitator: **Gerry Curran**, Courts Service Media Advisor and NUJ Co-President

Parallel thematic sessions (further speakers to be confirmed) will focus on :

1. **The Continuum of Young Lives** with **Ronan McLoughlin**, Assistant Principal, Young Person's Probation, Probation Service; **Chief Superintendent Paul Franey**, An Garda Síochána.
2. **Girls, Gender & Justice** with **Dr. Gilly Sharpe**, Senior Lecturer in Criminology, University of Sheffield.
3. **Digital Justice & Online Harm** with **Niamh Hodnett**, Online Safety Commissioner, Coimisiún na Meán; **Aaron Swift**, Principal Specialist Psychologist, National Inter-Agency Prevention Programme.

FRIDAY 10 OCT 2025 (FULL DAY):
IMMA, KILMAINHAM, DUBLIN 8

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The Parole Board



Seirbhís Phriósúin na hÉireann
Irish Prison Service



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