

*Opportunities and  
Challenges of  
Technological  
Innovation in the  
Criminal Justice  
System*

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> June**  
9.30am-5pm  
(registration 8.45)

Camden Court Hotel  
Dublin 2

ACJRD's 28th Annual Conference on the theme of '**Opportunities and Challenges of Technological Innovation in the Criminal Justice System**' will take place on **Thursday, 12th June 2025**.

This conference will explore the future of the criminal justice system as it navigates the opportunities and challenges presented by the development of new technologies. As advances in artificial intelligence, digital surveillance, forensic science, and data analytics rapidly reshape the criminal justice landscape, the need for thoughtful, informed dialogue has never been greater.

From artificial intelligence and digital evidence to algorithmic bias and data privacy, we'll dive deep into the innovations changing how justice is delivered - and who it serves. Confirmed Speakers:

- **Senator Fiona O'Loughlin** – Council of Europe Framework Convention on Artificial Intelligence
- **Chief Inspector Jacqui Durkin**, Criminal Justice Inspection NI - Transforming the criminal justice system in Northern Ireland
- **Judge Nuala Jackson**, The High Court - How can AI assist legal practice and how can it hinder?
- **Prof Jens Erik Paulsen**, Norwegian Police Uni. College – Moral responsibility in digital policing
- **Chief Superintendent Derek Smart**, An Garda Síochána – Improving the digital evidence journey using body worn cameras

**Thematic Sessions:**

**1: Applications of Technology in the Criminal Justice System**

- **Donna Creaven**, Irish Prison Service – Modernising rehabilitation: the role of technology in the Irish prison system
- **Dr Ciara Bracken-Roche**, Maynooth Uni. – The use of surveillance technologies for policing: cases from Canada and Ireland
- **Heather O'Shea & Margaret Joyce**, Barnardos – Video technology in family communications

**2: Human Rights and Ethical Issues in the Use of Technology in the Criminal Justice System**

- **Saoirse Brady**, Irish Penal Reform Trust – Tech innovations in prison reform: Challenges and opportunities
- **Tricia Keilthy**, Ombudsman for Children's Office – Children's rights in the digital age

**3: Use of Artificial Intelligence in the Criminal Justice System**

- **Dr Brian Barry**, Trinity College Dublin – Judicial perspectives on courtroom technology
- **Donna O'Leary**, DOL Consultancy – Implications of the EU AI Act for the legal profession
- **Chris Greene**, Trinity College Dublin – What makes AI-assisted legal decisions trustworthy?

.....more to follow

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