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## 22nd ACJRD Annual Conference

### “Behind Closed Doors: Crimes of Violence, Coercive Control and Abuse in Family and Intimate Relationships”



The 22nd ACJRD Annual Conference, “*Behind Closed Doors: Crimes of Violence, Coercive Control and Abuse in Family and Intimate Relationships*” will take place on **Friday, 11th October, 2019**, in The Richmond Education and Event Centre, Smithfield, Dublin 7 (pictured left).

A programme of plenary speakers and workshop presenters will include national and international representatives from the criminal justice sector.

Confirmed speakers include:

- **Charlie Flanagan** TD, Minister for Justice and Equality
- **Professor Marianne Hester**, University of Bristol
- **Rachel Eapen Paul**, GREVIO
- **Dr. Ian Marder**, Maynooth University
- **Callie Zinsmeyer**, Restorative Justice Services
- **Siobán O’Brien Green**, Trinity College Dublin
- **Sarah Benson**, Women’s Aid
- **Patricia Rickard-Clarke**, Sage Advocacy
- **Dr. Fergus Ryan**, Maynooth University
- **Safe Ireland** speaker
- **Sarah Jane O’Dwyer**, AnyMan
- **Collette Eaton-Harris**, Senior Practice Advisor, SafeLives

This full day conference will appeal to policy makers, those working in government agencies, professionals, practitioners, academics and those involved in community and civil society groups from a wide range of disciplines within the Criminal Justice System. Non-members of ACJRD are welcome to attend this event.

Opportunities will be provided throughout the day for delegates to share information, exchange views and network with colleagues who engage in similar or complementary areas of expertise.

All those on our mailing list will be notified when bookings open. In addition, information will be available on [www.acjrd.ie](http://www.acjrd.ie) in due course.

### Conference fees:

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| • ACJRD Member         | €99  |
| • ACJRD Student member | €30  |
| • Non-Member           | €120 |
| • Student non-member   | €45  |

## Neurodiversity and the Criminal Justice System: Current Perspectives



**Chair:** Judge John O'Connor

**Keynote Speakers:**  
 Prof. Susan Young  
 Prof. Dame Sue Bailey  
 Dr. Lena Lundholm

**Date:** Friday, 1st November, 2019

**Venue:** The Law Society of Ireland, Blackhall Place, Dublin 7.

ADHD-Care, a joint initiative of UCD, Maynooth University and HADD-ADHD Ireland is delighted to be collaborating with the Association for Criminal Justice Research and Development (ACJRD) to host this full-day conference which will be chaired by **Judge John O'Connor** and which will take place in **The Law Society of Ireland, Blackhall Place, Dublin 7 on Friday, 1st November, 2019.**

### Conference Overview:

The aim of the conference is to draw together a range of speakers from different professional backgrounds who work with people who are neurodiverse including Autistic Spectrum Disorder, ADHD and Intellectual Disability. The goal is to provide attendees with an up to date understanding of the impact of neurodevelopmental conditions on offending behaviours and to highlight practical strategies that have been shown to be effective in working with individuals who are neurodiverse within the criminal justice system.

### Keynote Speakers:

**Professor Susan Young:** has extensive experience in the assessment and treatment of offenders with mental illness and/or mental disorder, specializing in forensic neuropsychology & ADHD.

**Professor Dame Sue Bailey OBE DBE:** is a Consultant Child and Adolescent Forensic Psychiatrist and Professor of Child and Adolescent Mental Health. Her clinical and research work is in the field of young offenders who commit serious crimes. Professor Bailey has been an expert witness at numerous trials of young offenders. She is also the author of a number of books on young offenders' mental health. Professor Bailey has worked extensively on mental health and social care policy and legislation.

**Dr. Lena Lundholm:** is a clinical psychologist whose key research focus is ADHD, substance abuse and the relationship with crime. She has also worked in management in the Swedish Prison and Probation Service.

Bookings have not yet opened. Further details will follow in due course and will be posted on our website [www.acjrd.ie](http://www.acjrd.ie).

## “Bail Supervision Scheme” Seminar & Launch of ACJRD 21st Annual Conference Report

The Bail Supervision Scheme (BSS) offers courts an alternative option to detaining a young person who comes before them by offering them the possibility of granting bail with intensive supervision.

By reducing the need for remand places, this also provides an opportunity to focus on developing successful community resources designed to prevent young people being detained in a youth justice facility and preventing them from entering further down the path of criminality.

The ACJRD seminar ‘**Bail Supervision Scheme**’ will be held on Tuesday, 10th September, 2019, at the offices of the Irish Youth Justice Service at Miesian Plaza, 50-58 Baggot Street Lower, Dublin 2. Speakers include **Tony O’Donovan**, Principal Officer, Child Welfare, Policy & Practice, Irish Youth Justice Service, **Dr. Catherine Naughton**, University of Limerick and a speaker from **Extern**.

Registration will open at 5.30 pm and the seminar will get underway at 6.00 pm.

This seminar is open to ACJRD Members (€5 fee) and Non-Members (€10 fee). To book a place, please [click here](#).

Entry is free for members of the Irish Youth Justice Service, who should email [enquiries@acjrd.ie](mailto:enquiries@acjrd.ie) to complete their booking.

The ACJRD 21st Annual Conference Report ‘**Unlocking the Power of Data for Criminal Justice Research, Policy-Making and Practice**’ will be launched immediately prior to the seminar.

## 6th Annual Irish Criminal Justice Agencies Conference

The 6th Annual Irish Criminal Justice Agencies Conference took place on **Tuesday, 4th June, 2019**, in the Conference Centre, Upper Yard, Dublin Castle. The theme for this year’s conference was “**Sexual Offences: The Challenge of Balancing Rights in the Criminal Justice System**”.

This one day conference was a collaboration of the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions, the Department of Justice and Equality, the Irish Prison Service, the Irish Youth Justice Service (IYJS), An Garda Síochána, The Probation Service and the Association for Criminal Justice Research and Development (ACJRD). The lead partner for 2019 was the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions.

To view a copy of the Conference Programme please [click here](#).

Plenary speakers at the conference were:

- **Charlie Flanagan**, TD, Minister for Justice and Equality
- **Tom O’Malley**, BL
- **Vivian Geiran**, Director, The Probation Service
- **Assoc. Prof. Liz Heffernan**, Trinity College Dublin
- **Noeline Blackwell**, CEO, Dublin Rape Crisis Centre
- **Peter McCormick**, Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions

A report with the plenary speeches and summaries of the workshops is currently being prepared. To view previous ICJA Conference reports, please [click here](#).

## New Cross European Venture - Restorative Justice: Strategies For Change

In collaboration with nine other European countries, Ireland is participating in a new cross European venture entitled Restorative Justice: Strategies for Change. The purpose of the project is twofold -

- to contribute towards refocusing European criminal justice systems, agencies, policies and practices around restorative principles and processes; and
- to determine how the Council of Europe Recommendation CM/Rec (2018) concerning restorative justice in criminal matters could be used to support this work.

The purpose of the strategy is to help embed restorative justice and restorative practices within the Irish criminal justice system, building on existing practices and stimulating new work to fill gaps in policy and practice. Please [click here](#) for the first output from the four year project.

If you would like to join the stakeholder group for the project, please contact Dr. Ian Marder at [ian.marder@mu.ie](mailto:ian.marder@mu.ie).

## Prisoner Support Website

The Prisoner Support Network (PSN) is a voluntary organisation that consists of a number of service providers that may be accessed by individuals who currently or have previously experienced imprisonment and members of the wider community also. The service providers vary from addiction, homeless, health, welfare and education services including The Pathways Centre, Peter McVerry Trust, Pace, Jobcare, Ana Liffey Drug Project and Care after Prison.

A new website has been established which aims to meet the needs of individuals pre and post release in Ireland. To view, please [click here](#).

## Probation Service Research Project

Dr. Louise Kennefick, Maynooth University, and Dr. Deirdre Healy, University College Dublin, are currently undertaking a research project about the Irish Probation Service from the 1960s to the present day. The project is the first of its kind to examine the history of the service in Ireland from the unique perspective of its core stakeholders, particularly former and current probation clients.

The study involves making contact with people who were involved in any way with probation services and interviewing them about their experiences. The study would particularly benefit from hearing from anyone who under probation supervision (eg on a probation order, community service order or supervision after release from prison) at any stage over the last 50 years.

If you can help with this research please email [Louise.Kennefick@mu.ie](mailto:Louise.Kennefick@mu.ie) or write to Dr. Louise Kennefick, New House, South Campus, Maynooth University, Maynooth, Co Kildare.

## Request for Tender (RFT) for the provision of research on victims' experiences with the Garda Síochána

The Policing Authority is inviting tenders for the provision of research which would provide the Authority with detailed insight into the experiences of victims of crime in respect of their interactions with the Garda Síochána.

Deadline: **3 pm on Friday, 27th September, 2019.**

Please [click here](#) to view the etenders website and to see further information. All queries in relation to this tender should be made via the etenders website.

## Doodle Den and Doodle Families

Congratulations to ACJRD Member, Childhood Development Initiative (CDI), on the success of their literacy intervention programme, Doodle Den, which has been highly rated internationally – and is now listed in the Early Intervention Foundation (EIF) guidebook. UK based EIF rates the strength of evidence and costs of early intervention programmes internationally against rigorous criteria. Doodle Den has been accredited as a 'level 3' programme on a scale of 0-4. This child literacy programme becomes only the second Irish intervention to achieve EIF accreditation, the other being Parents Plus.

Doodle Den began in 2008 as an after-school literacy programme targeted at 5-6 year olds in Senior Infant classes in Tallaght. It has child, parent, and family components, with a strong emphasis on parental engagement. Since then it has been delivered in Limerick, Carlow and in other sites across Dublin. It currently enrolls 300 pupils in over a dozen schools per annum.

An evaluation by Queen's University Belfast in 2012 confirmed that it improved children's literacy, school attendance and social skills, as well as family library use and reading.

A further programme called Doodle Families, also developed by CDI, provides a follow-on second year of literacy support, with an increased focus on parents.

For more information on Doodle Den and Doodle Families, including an Implementation Guide and Case Study on replication, please see the CDI website (<https://www.cdi.ie/>)

## Recruitment Opportunity

The Prevention and Early Intervention Network (PEIN) in conjunction with Northside Partnership is currently recruiting for a Network Coordinator.

This is an exciting and challenging opportunity for someone interested in leading policy development at a national level, engaging with a wide and diverse range of stakeholders from across sectors and settings, and planning and delivering activities which enhance the capacity of the child and family sector to deliver effective prevention and early intervention approaches.

For further details please [click here](#). Closing Date: **5 pm on Wednesday 11th September, 2019**

## Recent Publications

### **Irish Prison Service Annual Report 2018**

To view this report, please [click here](#).

### **Probation Service Annual Report 2018**

To view this report, please [click here](#).

### **Policing Authority Annual Report 2018**

To view this report, please [click here](#).

### **Dublin Rape Crisis Centre Annual Report and Statistics 2018**

To view this report, please [click here](#).

### **Fifth Programme of Law Reform**

To view this Law Reform Commission report, please [click here](#).

### **Privilege for reports of court proceedings under the Defamation Act 2009**

To view this Law Reform Commission report, please [click here](#).

### **CSO Probation Service Recidivism Reports for 2011 and 2012**

To view these reports, please [click here](#).

### **Safe Ireland: Review 2017 - 2018**

To view this report, please [click here](#).

### **Criminal Justice Inspection Northern Ireland reports:**

- **Working Together for Safer Communities**  
To view this report on the review of policing and community safety partnerships in Northern Ireland, please [click here](#).
- **Equal Partners**  
To view this report on an inspection of the voluntary community and social enterprise sector's engagement with the criminal justice system in Northern Ireland, [click here](#).
- **No Excuse Public Protection Inspection II**  
To view this report on a thematic inspection of the handling of domestic violence and abuse cases by the criminal justice system in Northern Ireland, please [click here](#).

### **SPACE II - 2018: Persons under the supervision of Probation Agencies**

To view this report, written by Marcelo F. Aebi and Yuji Z. Hashimoto on behalf of the Council for Penological Cooperation (PC-CP) of the Council of Europe, please [click here](#).

### **Towards A Health-Informed Approach To Penal Reform? Evidence From Ten Countries**

The Institute for Criminal Policy Research (ICPR), based at the School of Law, Birkbeck, has published a report highlighting the mental and physical health impacts of prison overcrowding. To view this report, please [click here](#).

## Upcoming Events

**Tue, 10th Sept, 2019**  
Dublin

**ACJRD Seminar - "Bail Supervision Scheme"**  
To book, please [click here](#).

**Fri, 20th Sept, 2019**  
Dublin

**ENRICH Research Programme Launch of Findings  
- Parent & Infant / UpTo2 Programme**  
For further information please see [www.cdi.ie](http://www.cdi.ie)

**Thurs, 26th Sept, 2019**  
Dublin

**Launch of Women's Aid report "Unheard and Uncounted"**  
This new report and seminar will explore the Criminal Justice System response to intimate partner violence, women's experiences of the legal system & the serious gaps in data relating to domestic violence. Register online at [www.womensaid.ie/registration](http://www.womensaid.ie/registration) by Thursday, 19th September 2019.

**Fri, 27th Sept, 2019**  
Dublin

**Family Support Conference**  
Professor Alex Copello, Professor of Addiction Research in the UK, Marion Rackard, HSE Alcohol Programme Coordinator, and Siobhan Maher, Family Support Specialist, North Dublin RDTAF's Fingal Families, will speak at the North Dublin Regional Drug & Alcohol Task Force (RDATF) Conference. To book a place, please email [siobhan@ndublinrdtf.ie](mailto:siobhan@ndublinrdtf.ie) or [james@ndublinrdtf.ie](mailto:james@ndublinrdtf.ie)

**Fri, 11th Oct, 2019**  
Dublin

**ACJRD 22nd Annual Conference**  
Bookings will open shortly. See [www.acjrd.ie](http://www.acjrd.ie).

**Thur, 24th Oct, 2019**  
Limerick

**Conference: Regulatory, Compliance, Fact-Finding Investigations: Best Practice, Common Challenges and Future Directions.**  
For further information on this conference, which is organised by the Forensic Investigation & Training Solutions Ltd in association with the School of Law, University of Limerick, please [click here](#).

**Fri, 25th Oct, 2019**  
Dublin

**Launch of "Progress in the Penal System" 2019**  
The Irish Penal Reform Trust will launch the third report in the series of annual reports benchmarking progress in Ireland's penal system. For further details, please email [lwhitty@iprt.ie](mailto:lwhitty@iprt.ie)

**Fri, 1st Nov, 2019**  
Dublin

**Neurodiversity and the Criminal Justice System: Current Perspectives**  
Bookings will open shortly. See [www.acjrd.ie](http://www.acjrd.ie)

**Wed, 20th Nov, 2019**  
6.30 pm - 8.30 pm

**Facing Forward Open Meeting**  
Theme: Restorative Justice in the Community. Tickets will be available shortly on [www.eventbrite.ie](http://www.eventbrite.ie).

**Mon, 25th Nov, 2019**  
Westport

**Safe Homes, Safe Communities**  
Confirmed speakers at this Safe Ireland conference include Luke and Ryan Hart, Davina James Hanman and Det. Supt. Gordon McCreadie. See [www.safeireland.ie](http://www.safeireland.ie)

**Nov 2019 - Feb 2020**  
Dublin

**Issues of Sexual Violence: The Therapeutic Process**  
This 12 day training programme is provided by the Dublin Rape Crisis Centre. For further details, please email [etadmin@rcc.ie](mailto:etadmin@rcc.ie)