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New ACJRD CEO

Katie Prendergast BL took up the role of ACJRD CEO in August this year, and Marie McGuinness, ACJRD Manager, has moved to pastures new.

The Council of ACJRD are delighted to welcome Katie as the CEO, and also wish to acknowledge and thank Marie for her commitment to her work and wish her the best in her future.



Katie Prendergast BL

ACJRD AGM Welcome's New Council Members

ACJRD held it's AGM in Dublin Castle on Tuesday, 10th October 2023. At the AGM, we were delighted to welcome and express our thanks to the following new members of ACJRD's Council, who have joined us since March of this year: James O'Mahony, Assistant Revenue Solicitor, Office of the Revenue Solicitor; Ciairín de Buis, Chief Executive, The Parole Board; and Mary Griffin, CEO and Under Treasurer, King's Inns.

9th Annual Irish Criminal Justice Agencies Conference

The 9th Irish Criminal Justice Agencies Conference, **Penal Policy Reform: Putting Community at the Heart of the Criminal Justice System**, took place in Dublin Castle on **Tuesday, 10th October 2023**.

This one day conference was a collaboration of the Department of Justice, Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth, Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions, Irish Prison Service, An Garda Síochána, The Probation Service, Policing Authority, Courts Service, Garda Síochána Inspectorate, Office of the Revenue Commissioners, Parole Board, King's Inns, Maynooth University, University College Dublin, Limerick University, non-agency Criminal Justice System Actors and the Association for Criminal Justice Research and Development (ACJRD). The Probation Service lead the 2023 Conference.



To view the Conference Programme, please [click here](#).

A Conference Report is being prepared for publication. In the meantime, copies of the speakers' presentations, will [be available here soon](#).

The ACJRD 26th Annual Conference 2023

The **ACJRD 26th Annual Conference, Accountability and Monitoring in the Criminal Justice System**, took place on Friday, 9th June 2023. In this full day conference, we considered accountability and monitoring of policing, victim support, sentencing, prisons and parole during plenary sessions. In breakout sessions we had presentations and discussion of themes that included discrete areas of diversity, the role of evidence-based data and knowledge, and some current innovative developments.



Left to right: The Hon. Ms Mary Ellen Ring of the High Court; Commissioner Emily Logan, Garda Síochána Ombudsman Commission; Ellen O'Malley Dunlop, Council of Europe's GRIEVO Committee; Chief Commissioner, Sinead Gibney, Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission

Our annual conference was aimed at those working in government agencies and in the community to include policymakers, practitioners, academics, civil society and a wide range of disciplines that focus on the victims and perpetrators of crime either within or tangential to the Criminal Justice System.

To view the Conference Programme, please [click here](#).

A Conference Report is being prepared for publication. In the meantime, to view copies of the speakers' presentations, where available, please [click here](#).

16th Annual Martin Tansey Memorial Lecture

Dr John O'Connor, Judge of the Circuit Court, presented the **16th Annual Martin Tansey Memorial Lecture**, "*Judicial Discretion and the Justice and Welfare Dichotomy: The Sentencing of Children in the Irish Youth Justice System*". Dr John O'Connor is a Judge of the Circuit Court and an Honorary Professor of Law at Nottingham Trent University. The Lecture took place on Thursday, 20th April, 2023 in the Criminal Courts of Justice. To view a copy of Judge O'Connor's Lecture, please [click here](#).

ACJRD Collaborations

National Open Research Forum (NORF) - New criminal justice open research partnership receives funding

The ACJRD is one of 48 partners on a new project, funded by the National Open Research Forum and led by Ian Marder of Maynooth University, to establish a new research partnership and explore shared principles, priorities and actions. This will include a study of research partnerships internationally and three workshops in 2024, from which the partners will produce materials for publication. To read more [click here](#).

News from ACJRD Members

University of Limerick School of Law - Human Rights in Criminal Justice programmes

Applications are now open for entry to the online and campus based LLM/MA in Human Rights in Criminal Justice programmes delivered by the School of Law, UL. Further information can be found on the respective programme websites: Campus programme: <https://www.ul.ie/gps/course/law-human-rights-criminal-justice-llm-ma>. Online programme: <https://www.ul.ie/gps/law-human-rights-criminal-justice-llm-ma-online>. Enquiries should be directed to the course director Dr Ger Coffey email Ger.Coffey@ul.ie.

Recent Publications

To view the following annual reports and plans, please click on their titles:

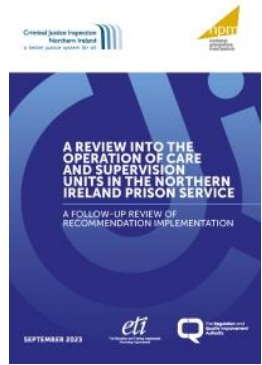
- [Justice Inspection Northern Ireland \(CJI\) - Care and Supervision Units Follow-Up Review](#)
- [Study on Familicide and Domestic and Family Violence Death Reviews](#)
- [Parole Board's first Annual Report 2021/2022](#)



Justice Inspection Northern Ireland (CJI) - Care and Supervision Units Follow-Up Review

Justice Inspection Northern Ireland (CJI) has released its latest Follow-Up Review report looking at the implementation of recommendations made in CJI's *February 2022 Review of the operation of Care and Supervision Units (CSUs)* in the Northern Ireland Prison Service. An enhanced, graphically-led key facts document that accompanies this Follow-

Up Review of the operation of (CSUs) and infographics are also available from the review webpage. You can also view a short video about the report from CJI's Chief Inspector, Jacqui Durkin and CJI Lead Inspector, Maureen Erne on the [CJI YouTube channel](#). To view the review webpage, please [click here](#).



Study on Familicide and Domestic and Family Violence Death Reviews

The independent study, commissioned by the Department of Justice, consulted with a wide range of stakeholders including family members of victims, non-governmental organisations, and State agencies, and makes a considerable number of recommendations. To **download this report**, please [click here](#).

Parole Board's first Annual Report 2021/2022

The Parole Board's first Annual Report has been published. It covers a period of significant change and development for parole in Ireland since the Parole Act 2019 was enacted by Minister McEntee in 2021. To **read or download this report**, please [click here](#).

Upcoming Events

Save the date – Monday, 11 December 2023: ACJRD Networking Event and Seminar with Hugh Dockry, Eurojust, 'Heading towards a federal criminal justice system? Past, present and future of EU Justice'

ACJRD are very pleased to be collaborating with Hugh Dockry, Secretary to the European Judicial Network, to deliver a networking event and seminar on **Monday, 11 December 2023 at 5.30pm** in the Law Society of Ireland, Dublin 7. Further information is available on the [ACJRD website](#). Details of how to book will be available when available on the website soon, and information will be sent to our mailing list (see [opt-in details below](#)).

Research Centre for Criminology Launch

On **Thursday the 9th of November**, Maynooth University School of Law and Criminology is officially launching the Research Centre for Criminology. They will host a roundtable discussion with a distinguished panel of academic criminologists, criminal justice professionals, and community advocates from across the Republic of Ireland. For further details on the event and to register, please [click here](#).



RJ Week 2023: Stories of Restoration

Every year, on the 3rd week of November, it is Restorative Justice Week! (#RJWeek). Le Chéile's work on restorative justice through Victim Impact Panels will be showcased in Limerick on **Friday 24th November**, in the Pavillion in UL in an interesting day of speakers and workshops. To register, please [click here](#).

ACJRD Membership 2023

The benefits of membership include reduced fees to attend our seminars and our Annual Conference as well as preferential booking opportunities for certain events. Membership runs from January to December each year. To become a member or to renew your membership, please [click here](#). New members are always welcome.

ACJRD annual membership fees are:

Student €25

Individual €35

Organisation €155

ACJRD Mailing List Opt-in

ACJRD are moving to a new provider, Mailjet, and to comply with GDPR all those who wish to remain on the mailing list will need to opt-in again in order to receive future emails. You can opt-in now by [clicking here](#), going to the bottom of the page and clicking the **'Join the list'** button.

From 1st January 2024 you will be removed from the ACJRD mailing list if you have not opted-in. We are making this move because Mailjet store their data within the EU, so your data will be protected under EU law.

ACJRD values your privacy, which we protect with our [Privacy Policy](#).