

AUGUST 2018

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## ACJRD ANNUAL CONFERENCE

This Conference, “*Unlocking the Power of Data for Criminal Justice Research, Policy-Making and Practice*” will take place on **Friday, 5th October, 2018**. The conference will feature the following Plenary Speakers:

- **Charles Flanagan** TD, Minister for Justice and Equality
- **Gurchand Singh**, Chief Information Officer, Department of Justice and Equality
- **Claire Loftus**, Director of Public Prosecutions
- **Professor Marcelo Aebi**, Vice-Director, School of Criminal Sciences, University of Lausanne
- **Professor Betsy Stanko** OBE, Chair of the Data, Evidence and Science Board for the UK Ministry of Justice
- **Dr. Seán Redmond**, Adjunct Professor in Youth Justice, University of Limerick
- **Michael O’Neill**, Head of Legal, Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission

Bookings will open in early September. For further details, please [click here](#).

## KICKSTART FUND

The ‘Kickstart’ Seed Fund programme is a new jobs initiative to support the development of social enterprises and increase employment for people with criminal convictions. The programme, which was developed jointly by The Probation Service and the Irish Prison Service, as part of the Department of Justice and Equality’s Social Enterprise Strategy, ‘*A New Way Forward*’, will provide matching grants of up to €30,000 to organisations providing employment to former offenders and persons leaving prison. The aim of the initiative is to increase employment opportunities for people with criminal convictions who find it difficult to access the labour market. The key criteria is that projects be viable, sustainable and deliver a social benefit.

The scheme is open to any not-for-profit organisation in the Republic of Ireland seeking to establish or grow a social enterprise to support the employment of people with criminal convictions and to provide training or other social supports. The scheme will provide grants of up to €10,000 to support Feasibility Studies and Market Research initiatives, and grants up to €30,000 for Start Up and Development Costs.

The closing date for receipt of applications under the ‘Kickstart’ Seed Fund programme is 5 pm on **Friday, 31st August, 2018**. For further details and to apply, please [click here](#).

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### 11th North-South Irish Criminology Conference

This Conference will take place in University College Dublin on **Thursday & Friday, 6th & 7th September, 2018**. The overarching theme of the conference is *New Frontiers in Criminology*. For further details and to book a place, please [click here](#).

### Symposium: Historical Perspectives on Capital Punishment and Book Launch

The symposium will take place in University College Dublin in parallel with the North-South Criminology Conference on **Thursday, 6th September, 2018**. For further details, please [click here](#). Following the symposium, Thomas O’Malley BL, will launch Professor Ian O’Donnell’s recent book “*Justice, Mercy, and Caprice: Clemency and the Death Penalty in Ireland*” (OUP, 2017). Attendance is free but guests are asked to confirm their attendance to [Lynsey.Black@ucd.ie](mailto:Lynsey.Black@ucd.ie) no later than **Monday, 3rd September, 2018**.

### Justice Conference 2018 - Shaping the Future Criminal Justice System

For further details and to book a place at this conference which will be held in The Alex Hotel, Dublin, on **Thursday, 13th September, 2018**, please [click here](#).

### Trauma and Methodologies Day

The UCC School of Applied Psychology in conjunction with ISS21 (Institute for Social Science in the 21st Century) will host this free event at University College Cork on **Friday, 14th September, 2018**. Please email Dr. Angela Veale at [a.veale@ucc.ie](mailto:a.veale@ucc.ie) to book your place and request a flyer of the event.

## CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS - CIVIL SOCIETY ACTIONS AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL

The [Civil Society Forum on Drugs \(CSFD\)](#) is seeking to stimulate implementation of the EU Action Plan on Drugs at national level, and with particular reference to the work of civil society organisations (CSOs). To enhance understanding of, and focus on, the EU Action Plan at national level, the CSFD will work to identify case studies of CSO involvement in drug policy at a national level. The case studies will highlight both examples of good practice and examples of challenges in CSO engagement. Please email Marcus Keane at [marcus.keane@aldp.ie](mailto:marcus.keane@aldp.ie) to request further information and application forms.

Closing Date: **Saturday, 15th September, 2018**.