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Mental Health Seminar

ACJRD and the ACJRD Mental Health Working Group will hold the Seminar: *Mental Health in the Criminal Justice System: Legal Trends & Research Results*, at the Law Society of Ireland, Education Centre, Thursday 27th June at 6.00pm.

Speakers at the Seminar will include:



Dr. Louise Kennefick, Department of Law, NUIM

Dr. Conor O'Neill, Consultant Forensic Psychiatrist, Central Mental Hospital



Aine Hynes, Partner, St. John Solicitors

This is a free event, but places are limited, so please RSVP to admin@acjrd.ie

Don't forget that the 2013 Membership Fees are now payable - see www.acjrd.ie/membership

ACJRD Research on Women Ex-Prisoners

ACJRD has recently completed the project "Tracking the needs and service provision for women ex-prisoners". This study focused on women serving short sentences (less than six months) in the Dóchas Centre. It aimed to identify gaps in services available to this cohort with the objective of analysing how these women can best have their needs met.

We look forward to launching the research report from this project and will circulate details of the launch event shortly.

If you wish to be added to our mailing list for updates, please email enquiries@acjrd.ie

16th Annual Conference "Preventable Harm: Criminal Justice, Communities and Civil Society"

The 16th Annual Conference of the ACJRD entitled "Preventable Harm: Criminal Justice, Communities and Civil Society" will take place in the **Camden Court Hotel** on Friday 4th October 2013.

Further details will be available at www.acjrd.ie in due course.

Parole Conference Friday 25th October

The Parole Board, with assistance from the ACJRD, will hold a Parole Conference on the morning of Friday October 25th in the Law Society of Ireland. Full conference details including how to register, will be circulated shortly. Details will also be made available on the ACJRD website www.acjrd.ie.

15th Annual Conference Report Launch

Claire Loftus, DPP launched the ACJRD 15th Annual Conference Report *'Exit from Custody Through-care, Resettlement and Related Issues'* on Tuesday 28th February 2013 in the Green Street Courthouse. A copy of the report can be viewed on our website:

[2012 Conference Report: Exit from Custody](#)

2013 Annual Martin Tansey Memorial Lecture

The 2013 Martin Tansey Memorial Lecture was delivered by The Hon Mr Justice Charleton; "Throw Away the Key: Public and Judicial Approaches to Sentencing-Towards Reconciliation" was received by a large and enthusiastic audience in the Criminal Courts of Justice.

From left to right: Maura Butler (Chairperson of ACJRD), The Hon Mr Justice Peter Charleton, The Hon Justice Michael Moriarty (ACJRD Patron), Sean Aylward (ACJRD founding member).



ACJRD/DIT Criminology Prize

Congratulations to Grainne Rosemarie West who won the ACJRD prize for outstanding performance in the module 'Youth Justice and Youth Offending' on the DIT MA Criminology. Prizes were awarded at a ceremony on 1st May 2013.

New Publications

Irish Prison Service - Probation Service Strategy (May 2013)

Mr. Alan Shatter TD, Minister for Justice & Equality launched the joint Irish Prison Service and Probation Service Strategic Plan 2013 - 2015 on May 8th. A copy of the report can be accessed by clicking the following links:

[Joint IPS and PS Strategy 2013-2015](#)

[Comh-Phlean Straitéiseach PS-IPS 2013-2015](#)

'Evaluation Report' (2009-2011) by The Bedford Row Family Project, was launched by, Judge Michael Reilly, Inspector of Prisons, on May 23rd.

The Bedford Row Family Project works by engaging informally with people who have experienced prison or who have been affected by imprisonment. The Hospitality Centre is crucial to this initial engagement. Over time, and as trust is built, the Project offers intensive person centred support including one to one counselling, individual play therapy for children, groups for children and teens, life skills training, women and men's support groups, Christmas and Summer events, day trips, and training/capacity building in family support and crisis intervention.

Funded PHD at Waterford Institute of Technology

Advising the Courts? The Role of Pre-Sentence Report in sentencing

The researcher aims:

- to investigate the circumstances in which pre-sentence reports are used by judges
- to explore the construction of presentence reports by probation officers and their interpretation by judge
- to explore the correspondence between probation officers' presentence reports and judicial sentencing decisions in specific cases

Scholarship: MONTHLY STUDENT STIPEND: €833 for 36 months

Candidates: must hold at least a 2:1 bachelors degree in: law, sociology, social work, criminology or cognate disciplines. A Masters level degree is also desirable. Previous research experience is essential.

For further information and to download an application visit: www.WIT.IE/RESEARCH

The closing date for applications is: 30.06.13

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UPCOMING EVENTS

The following notices are for events in which you might be interested.

- 27th June 2013** *Mental Health in the Criminal Justice System: Legal Trends & Research Results, Law Society of Ireland Education Centre at 6:00pm (see page 1)*
- 30th June 2013 WIT Funded PHD Application Due
- 2-4 July 2013 British Society of Criminology – Annual Conference, University of Wolverhampton: <http://www.britsoccrim.org/annualconference.htm>
- 10-12 July 2013 International Congress on Gender Violence, International Institute for Sociology of Law, Oñati, Spain: <http://www.iisj.net/english.asp>
- 23rd July 2013 The 2013 IPRT Annual Lecture: <http://www.iprt.ie/contents/2524>
- 4-7 Sept. 2013 European Society of Criminology, 13th Annual Conference, Budapest: <http://www.esc-eurocrim.org/>
- 4th Oct. 2013** **ACJRD 16th Annual Conference, Camden Court Hotel, Dublin 2 (see page 1)**
- 25th Oct. 2013** **Parole Conference (see page 1)**