

ACJRD 18th Annual Conference

'Victims in Focus: European & Domestic Perspectives'

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The ACJRD Annual Conference 2015 "*Victims in Focus: European & Domestic Perspectives*" took place on Friday, 2nd October, 2015, at the Spencer Hotel in Dublin.

The Conference looked at the impact of the European Directive 2011/36/EU from both a European and Irish point of view. A report containing the papers of the speakers and summaries of the workshops is being prepared and will be launched in the new year.



Pictured L-R : **Katarzyna Janicka-Pawlowska**, Legal Officer, European Commission, Directorate General of Justice, Procedural Criminal Law Unit, **Dr Katrien Lauwaert**, Senior Researcher at the European Forum for Restorative Justice and Leuven Institute of Criminology, Belgium, **The Hon Justice Ms Mary Ellen Ring**, Chairperson, Garda Síochána



Pictured L-R: **Maura Butler**, Chairperson, ACJRD, **Maria McDonald**, BL, Victims' Rights Alliance, **Chief Superintendent Anne Marie McMahon**,

White Collar Crime Seminar

A seminar on White Collar Crime was organised by the ACJRD and the ACJRD White Collar Crime Working Group and was held on Wednesday, 28th October, 2015, at The Atrium, Department of Justice, St. Stephen's Green. Dr. Joe McGrath, UCD, and Shelley Horan, BL, gave most interesting talks on the topic, and a lively discussion followed. To download copies



Pictured L-R: **Doncha O'Sullivan**, Chairperson, ACJRD White Collar Crime Working Group, **Shelley Horan**, BL, and **Dr. Joe McGrath**, University College Dublin.



Pictured: **Shelley Horan**, BL, presenting her paper to the attendees.

December 2015 ACJRD Networking Event

ACJRD has seven working groups:

- Addiction
- Education
- Juvenile Justice
- Mental Health
- Restorative Justice
- Reintegration
- White Collar Crime

The ACJRD working groups are the vehicle through which ACJRD members can input into the activities of the association.

The groups utilize members' knowledge and expertise in respect of each topic and promote discussion and debate within each working group and the interesting seminars / lectures and workshops they organise. Each of the groups is chaired by one of our Council members. Because of individuals' various locations, much of the communication takes place by email.



On **Thursday, 10th December, 2015**, we will be holding a Networking Event for the members of the ACJRD Working Groups. This is a wonderful opportunity for Working Group members to meet their fellow Working Group members and their counterparts in the other working groups. The event will be held from **5.30 pm to 8 pm** in the Blue Room, The Law Society, Blackhall Place, Dublin 7.

Membership of the working groups is open to members of ACJRD. If you are interested in applying to join one of the groups, please complete the Working Groups Application Form, which can be downloaded from <http://www.acjrd.ie/workinggroups> or contact the ACJRD Manager at Manager@acjrd.ie Tel. 617 4864.

ACJRD Staff News

ACJRD wishes our Manager, Danelle Hannan, good luck as she goes on maternity leave and we welcome Margaret Ward who will take up the Manager role.

If you wish to contact Margaret, please email her at Manager@acjrd.ie. Katherine, our Administrator, can be contacted at admin@acjrd.ie.

Essay Competition

ACJRD held their inaugural essay competition in 2015. The competition was open to students, pupil and devil barristers and trainee solicitors. The theme for this year's essay was '*An issue in need of reform in Irish criminal law or procedure*'.

The winning essay in the ACJRD Essay Competition 2015 was '*LGBT Prisoners: An issue in need of reform*', submitted by Michael Mullan, (pictured) a recent TCD graduate and legal intern. Michael, who received a prize of €200, started his MA at Harvard in autumn 2015. We wish him the very best in his further studies in Boston.



The second place essay '*Non-consensually shared pornography and the need for reform in Ireland*' was submitted by Sam Elliott. Sam, who received a prize of €50, graduated from the DCU BCL (Law and Society) in 2015.

Copies of the winning essays can be downloaded at <http://www.acjrd.ie/contents/293>

ACJRD Academic Sponsorship in Dublin Institute of Technology

ACJRD sponsors a prize for outstanding academic performance on a Youth Justice related thesis on the MA in Criminology at the Dublin Institute of Technology. This year's winner is Jonathon O'Brien, who won the prize for his thesis entitled 'The Garda Youth Crime Case Management: A Garda perspective on the role and the relationship dynamics involved when managing cases of high-risk young offenders appearing before the Children Court'. Maura Butler, ACJRD Chairperson, presented a cheque for €100 to Jonathon at a prize giving ceremony on 4th November, 2015.



Recent Position Paper

IPRT Position Paper 11: Bail and Remand

This Position Paper outlines the legal framework governing bail in Ireland, the case for bail supports, the rights of people detained on remand, and proposals for reform. The *IPRT Position Paper 11: Bail and Remand* (should be read in tandem with the *IPRT Submission on General Scheme of the Bail Bill 2015* . Both reports are available to download from <http://www.iprt.ie/contents/2805>.

The Position Paper is informed by evidence gathered by researcher Jane Mulcahy for the EU Project 'Practice of Pre-Trial Detention: Monitoring Alternative and Judicial Decision Making' co-ordinated by Fair Trials International, on which IPRT is partner.

Recent Publications

Care After Prison: Three Year Impact Report

The Lord Mayor recently launched Care After Prison's Impact Report at the Carmelite Community Centre on Aungier Street. The report outlines the positive impact which the services of Care After Prison have made to the lives of people affected by imprisonment.

<http://careafterprison.ie/impact-report-launch-care-after-prison-celebrates-transformed-lives/>

Culture and Organisation in the Irish Prison Service - A Road Map for the Future

The Inspector of Prisons Judge Michael Reilly and Professor Andrew Coyle presented their Report to the Minister for Justice and Equality on Tuesday 3rd November 2015. The report is available to download at <http://www.inspectorofprisons.gov.ie/>

Valuing Youth Diversion: A Toolkit

The Centre for Justice Innovation <http://justiceinnovation.org/> is an initiative of the New York-based non-profit Center for Court Innovation. It has developed a toolkit for practitioners involved in, or considering creating, point-of-arrest diversion schemes for young people. See

<http://justiceinnovation.org/youth-diversion/valuing-youth-diversion-toolkit>

Are We There Yet?

Published by the Children's Rights Alliance in September 2015, this report is a Parallel Report to Ireland's Third and Fourth Combined Report under the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child http://childrensrights.ie/sites/default/files/submissions_reports/files/AreWeThereYet.pdf

Upcoming Events

Tues, 1st December
Brussels

6th Annual International Symposium on Preventing Human Trafficking: Strengthening Cooperation, Developing a Multilevel Approach

<https://www.publicpolicyexchange.co.uk/>

Wed, 2nd December
10 am—4 pm
Dublin

Engage—National Men's Health Training

Engage is a comprehensive one day training programme that is targeted at front line service providers. This training is free.

Book a place by email at grainne@nwicn.ie

Thurs, 10th December
12 noon—2 pm (incl Lunch)
Tallaght, Dublin 24.

Using Technology to Introduce Young People to CBT & Mindfulness

See www.peskygnats.com or @peskygnats for more details.

Contact Holly@twcdi.ie if you wish to attend.

Thurs, 10th December
Dublin

Better Outcomes for Children: Are we there yet?'

The 4th annual conference of the Children's Research Network for Ireland and Northern Ireland

<http://www.childrensresearchnetwork.org/>