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The 14th Annual ACJRD conference: *Mental Health and the Criminal Justice System—The deliverables of the Department of Health's 'Vision for Change'* will take place at the Camden Court Hotel, Dublin 2, on Friday 14th October 2011.

Plenary speakers at this one day conference will include:

- **Dr Harry Kennedy**, Clinical Director, Central Mental Hospital
- **Deborah Alred**, Lead Occupational Therapist, Secure and Forensic Services, Sussex NHS Foundation.
- **Fergal Black**, Director of Healthcare, Irish Prison Service
- **Dr Andrew Fraser**, Director of Health and Care, Scottish Prison Service



Further details of the conference programme including workshops information will be available shortly. For conference updates and registration information please see [www.acjrd.ie](http://www.acjrd.ie)

If you would be interested in contributing to future newsletters, please contact the ACJRD office [enquiries@acjrd.ie](mailto:enquiries@acjrd.ie)

## Education Seminar in September

The ACJRD and its Education working group will host an Education seminar in late September. David Ahearn, CEO of the Shannon Trust will be amongst the speakers at this event.

The Shannon Trust pioneered the Toe by Toe reading programme in Prisons in the UK with impressive results. Toe by Toe operates using a prisoner to prisoner mentoring system, where both the learner and the coach benefit from the experience. The programme is currently being piloted in some Irish Prisons.

The seminar will be open to ACJRD members and non-members alike and will take place at a Dublin city centre location. Full details of this event will be available on [www.acjrd.ie](http://www.acjrd.ie) shortly.

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## White Paper on Crime Discussion Document

### The Community and the Criminal Justice System



The Fourth discussion document published by the Department of Justice

The Department of Justice and Equality are inviting submissions on how community engagement with the criminal justice system can be strengthened and how the experience of individuals in their interactions with the system can be improved.

This paper raises important issues regarding victims, witnesses, suspects, accused persons, juries and community relations and interactions with the criminal justice system.

The ACJRD encourages members to take this opportunity to make a submission to the White Paper on Crime Unit by the end of August 2011.

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## 4th Annual Martin Tansey Memorial Lecture

The 4th annual ACJRD Martin Tansey Memorial Lecture took place on Wednesday 11th May 2011 in the Criminal Courts of Justice, Dublin.

Dr. Shane Kilcommins of the Faculty of Law, at the University of Cork gave the lecture entitled: *Where is our Criminal Justice System Going?* This was well received by the audience which included staff members from many of the main Government agencies related to criminal justice and other members of the criminal justice community. The Probation Service of which Martin was a founding Director were well represented by several staff members including their Director Michael Donnellan.



Dr. Shane Kilcommins and ACJRD Chairperson Maura Butler at the Martin Tansey Memorial Lecture

An audio recording of this lecture is available on [www.acjrd.ie/contents/126](http://www.acjrd.ie/contents/126).

## EVENTS OF INTEREST

- July The IPRT recently circulated their second Legal Bulletin. Among the highlights were the recent significant High Court decision in *Kinsella*; a new Scottish case *Green and Ors* on stopping-out; the ground-breaking US Supreme Court decision on overcrowding in *Brown v Plata*; and a large number of ECtHR decisions. See [www.iprt.ie](http://www.iprt.ie)
- 3-7 Sept The 39th Annual Conference of the European Group for the Study of Deviance and Social Control <http://www.europeangroup.org/>
- 16th Sept IPRT Annual Lecture to be given by Minister Alan Shatter
- Late Sept ACJRD Education Seminar—details to be confirmed shortly.**
- 14th Oct ACJRD 14th Annual Conference: *Mental Health in the Criminal Justice System—The Deliverables of the Department of Health’s Vision for Change***
- 26-28 Oct 3rd International ICST Conference on Digital Forensics & Cyber Crime <http://www.d-forensics.org/>
- 11th Nov Public Interest Law Alliance Conference: *Political Commitment, Practical Protection: Using the ECHR North and South*
- Autumn **Copping On** a National Crime Awareness Initiative which seeks to use a cognitive approach to challenge difficult behaviour in young people has training scheduled for the following dates:
- Dub—21,22 Sep
  - Galway/ Mayo – 5,6 Oct
  - Laois – 19,20 Oct
  - Donegal/Sligo – 9,10 Oct
  - TBC – 16,17 Nov.
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