



## Inside this Issue:

- ACJRD Annual Conference 2017
- “Employment with Conviction” Seminar
- 4th Annual Irish Criminal Justice Agencies Conference
- ACJRD Council - Hellos and Good-byes
- ACJRD Training Needs Assessment of Integrated Sentence Management (ISM) Officers
- Law Reform Commission invites Submissions
- Mentoring Volunteers required
- Recent Publications
- Research Opportunity
- Upcoming Events

## Get in Contact

Please let us know if you have feedback on any of our articles or if you would be interested in contributing to future Newsletters

Email:

[enquiries@acjrd.ie](mailto:enquiries@acjrd.ie)

Should you wish to stop receiving communications from ACJRD, please let us know by emailing [enquiries@acjrd.ie](mailto:enquiries@acjrd.ie)

## ACJRD Annual Conference 2017 “The Brexit Impact on Criminal Justice Co-operation in Ireland”

The Association for Criminal Justice Research & Development 20th Annual Conference, entitled “**The Brexit Impact on Criminal Justice Co-operation in Ireland**” will take place as follows:

**Time:** 9 am - 4.30 pm

**Date:** Friday, 6th October, 2017

**Venue:** The Spencer Hotel, Excise Walk, IFSC, Dublin 1.

A programme of plenary speakers and workshop presenters will include national and international representatives from the criminal justice sector.

Confirmed plenary speakers include:

- **Charlie Flanagan** T.D., Minister for Justice and Equality
- **Thérèse Blanchet**, Director, EU Justice & Home Affairs, Council Legal Service - Criminal Justice Co-operation
- **Jimmy Martin**, Assistant Secretary, Dept. of Justice and Equality
- **Ray Briscoe**, Office of the DPP
- **Brian Gormally**, Director, Northern Ireland Committee on the Administration of Justice

Confirmed workshop presenters include:

- **Hugh Dockry**, Chief State Solicitor’s Office
- **Hugh Quigley**, The Wheel
- **Gerry McNally**, The Probation Service
- **Gemma Davies**, Northumbria Law School
- **Adam Jackson**, Northumbria Law School

Opportunities will be provided throughout the day for delegates to share information, exchange views and network with colleagues who engage in similar or complementary areas of expertise.

This conference will appeal to policy makers, those working in government agencies, professionals, practitioners, academics and those involved in community and civil society groups from a wide range of disciplines within the Criminal Justice System.

### BOOKINGS FOR THIS EVENT HAVE NOT YET OPENED.

Non-members of ACJRD are also welcome to attend.

**Cost:** Members €99; Student members €30;

Non-members €120; Student non-members €45

Booking will open in September. All those on our mailing list will be notified automatically. Once booking is opened, details will also be posted on our website [www.acjrd.ie](http://www.acjrd.ie).

Following the Conference, the Annual General Meeting of ACJRD will take place.

## Employment with Conviction: Expo 2017 - Creating Opportunity through Education and Employer Engagement

The ACJRD and its Education and Reintegration Working Groups will host the seminar 'Employment with Conviction: Expo 2017 - Creating Opportunity through Education and Employer Engagement' on Tuesday, 12th September, 2017.

**Paddy Richardson**, Chief Executive of the Irish Association for the Social Integration of Offenders ([IASIO](#)) will deliver a presentation on the recent 'Jobs and Opportunities Expo' held in Mountjoy Prison and the education of prisoners in relation to securing employment.

**Date:** Tuesday, 12th September, 2017

**Time:** Registration will open at 5.30pm and the seminar will begin at 6.00pm.

**Location:** [The Carmichael Centre](#), 4-7 North Brunswick Street, Dublin 7

**Cost:** €5 for ACJRD Members and €10 for Non-Members. For information on ACJRD membership please see: <http://www.acjrd.ie/membership>

**Booking:** Please book your place via our Eventbrite page: [ACJRD Seminar Booking](#)

## 4th Annual Irish Criminal Justice Agencies Conference 2017 “Youth Justice Policy in Ireland - Where to Next”

The 4th Annual Irish Criminal Justice Agencies Conference, “*Youth Justice Policy in Ireland - Where to Next?*” took place on **Tuesday, 4th July, 2017**, in the Dublin Castle Conference Centre.

This year's Conference was a collaboration of the Irish Youth Justice Service (lead partner for 2017), Department of Justice and Equality, An Garda Síochána, The Probation Service, the Irish Prison Service and the Association for Criminal Justice Research and Development (ACJRD).

Since its inception, the Annual Irish Criminal Justice Agencies Conference has been sold out and this year was no exception. 200 delegates were present to hear the following speakers:

- **Minister David Stanton**, TD, Minister of State with special responsibility for Equality, Immigration and Integration
- **Professor Ursula Kilkelly**, University College Cork
- **Professor Geoffrey Shannon**, Special Rapporteur on Child Protection
- **Judge John O'Connor**
- **Julie Ahern**, Membership and Public Affairs Officer, Children's Rights Alliance
- **Roxana Ungureanu**, West University Timisoara, Romania

The Conference had a total of ten different workshops, with delegates attending one each in the morning and afternoon.

A Conference Report is being prepared for publication on our website in due course.

## ACJRD COUNCIL: Goodbyes and Hellos

ACJRD has seen a number of changes in the personnel on its Council over the last year.

At the ACJRD AGM in November 2017, **Ben Ryan** joined the ACJRD Council, taking over the representation of the Department of Justice and Equality from **Doncha O'Sullivan**, who had served for four and a half years. **Pádraig Mawe**, also became a member of the Council, in place of **Jane Farrell**, Office of the DPP. Jane served for eight years on the Council and also held the role of Secretary. **John McCormack**, Office of the Revenue Commissioners, having served for one year on the Council, was replaced by **Alan McGill**. The Policing Authority became represented by **Catherine Pierse**, who was elected to the Council on that day.

Since the AGM, Alan McGill has left the Office of the Revenue Commissioners and his replacement, **Susan Evans**, also moved from that office and from the ACJRD Council also.

In March 2017, **Pádraig Mawe**, Office of the DPP, who had served for two years (one and a half years as alternate for Jane Farrell, and six months in his own right) also resigned as he was leaving the Office of the DPP to take up the position of State Solicitor for Limerick City. Pádraig also served as Secretary of ACJRD for two years. **Deirdre Manninger**, Office of the DPP, has replaced Pádraig on the Council and as Secretary of the ACJRD.

**Dr. Vicky Conway**, DCU, who served as an alternate for Dr. Yvonne Daly, DCU, for two years, has stood down so that Yvonne can return following leave of absence.

In June 2017, on his retirement from the Garda Síochána Inspectorate, **Chief Inspector Bob Olson** also retired from the ACJRD Council, where he had served for four years. Bob's vacancy has been filled by **Deputy Chief Inspector, Pauline Shields**, Garda Síochána Inspectorate.

We wish all our former Council members the very best in their new endeavours and we thank them all most sincerely for the time and effort which they gave to ACJRD.

The current Council consists of:

- **Maura Butler**, Chairperson (The Law Society)
- **Prof. Shane Kilcommins**, Vice Chair (University of Limerick) - Alternate **Dr. Susan Leahy**
- **Deirdre Manninger**, Secretary (Office of the DPP)
- **Asst. Commissioner Eugene Corcoran**, Treasurer (An Garda Síochána)
- **Dr. Yvonne Daly** (Dublin City University)
- **Patricia Flynn** (Psychologist)
- **Gerry McNally** (The Probation Service)
- **Jim Mitchell** (Irish Prison Service)
- **Catherine Pierse** (The Policing Authority)
- **Ben Ryan** (Department of Justice and Equality)
- **Michelle Shannon** (Department of Children and Youth Affairs)
- **Deputy Chief Insp. Pauline Shields** (Garda Síochána Inspectorate)



*Pictured:*

In June 2017, **Chief Inspector Bob Olson** received a Certificate of Appreciation from ACJRD Chairperson, **Maura Butler**, on his retirement from the ACJRD Council, after four years of service.

## ACJRD Training Needs Assessment of Integrated Sentence Management (ISM) Officers

Róisín Giles, MA student in Comparative Criminology and Criminal Justice at the National University of Ireland Maynooth, undertook a placement with ACJRD earlier this year as part of her Advocacy Module. During her placement Róisín completed a Training Needs Assessment of Integrated Sentence Management (ISM) Officers, commissioned by the Irish Prison College and overseen by the ACJRD Research Sub-Committee.

The report recommendations will assist future plans for ISM Officer training.

## Law Reform Commission invites Submissions

The Law Reform Commission (LRC) is inviting submissions on their [Issues Paper on Suspended Sentences](#). Contributors are requested to make their submissions/comments, if possible, before close of business on 20th October 2017. Further details can be found [here](#).

The Commission is also currently inviting submissions on possible projects for the Fifth Programme of Law Reform. Further details can be found [here](#).

## Mentoring Volunteers Required

Le Chéile Mentoring and Youth Justice Support Services is looking for Volunteers in North Dublin, Meath, and the Midlands. Le Chéile works with young people who offend, or are at risk of offending, and their families, helping them to make positive changes in their lives. Passionate, trained volunteer Mentors, aged 20 and over, build trusting and supportive relationships with Mentees, which has a significant positive impact on their self-confidence, their engagement in activities and their sense of hopefulness.

Mentors meet weekly with a young person or parent/carer for a chat and a bite to eat or to try something new. All out of pocket expenses are covered. Typically, a mentoring session lasts between 2-3 hours and takes place in the local community. Mentors are asked for a minimum commitment of one year.

Mentors who volunteer with Le Chéile have an opportunity to encourage change in the life of a young person/parent, be a positive and inspiring role model, experience new opportunities and share their stories and skills, develop practical experience in the social care, youth work and youth justice field, develop their personal and professional skill set and make a difference in a young person's/parent's life

Volunteering is flexible and can take place during the week, evenings or weekends. The recruitment process is thorough and includes an application form, interview, reference checks, vetting and induction training.

No experience is necessary but a positive, flexible and reliable approach with good interpersonal skills is required. Full training, supervision and ongoing support are provided.

Closing Date: 27th October 2017

For more information, contact Maxine Kelly, National Volunteer Development Officer at [maxine@lecheile.ie](mailto:maxine@lecheile.ie) or 087 201 6801 / 01 214 4356. For further information, [click here](#).

## Recent Publications

### Evidence-Informed Decision Making: Putting Research into Practice in Criminal Justice

The report of the 3rd Annual Irish Criminal Justice Agencies Conference held in June 2016 is now available to download from [www.acjrd.ie](http://www.acjrd.ie). To view, please [click here](#).

### 2017 Martin Tansey Memorial Lecture “Desistance as a Social Movement”

This year’s lecture, which was delivered by Professor Shadd Maruna is available to view on our website [www.acjrd.ie](http://www.acjrd.ie). To view, please [click here](#).

### 2016 Annual Report of the Policing Authority

Please [click here](#) to view this report.

### Criminal Justice Inspection Northern Ireland (CJI) recent reports

- *Cyber Crime: An inspection of how the Criminal Justice System deals with Cyber Crime in N.I.* *Youth Crime in Ireland*, to view this report, please [click here](#).
- Report on Maghaberry Prison, to view this report, please [click here](#).

### Homelessness and Mental Health: Voices of Experience

To view this report by Rebecca Murphy, PhD, Kate Mitchell & Shari McDaid, PhD, which was funded by the St. Stephen’s Green Trust, please [click here](#).

### National Traveller and Roma Inclusion Strategy 2017 – 2021

This report published by the Department of Justice and Equality is available to view [here](#).

### Reducing Harm, Supporting Recovery - A health-led response to drug and alcohol use in Ireland 2017-2025

This report published by the Department of Health is available to view at <http://health.gov.ie/wp-content/uploads/2017/07/Reducing-Harm-Supporting-Recovery-2017-2025.pdf>

### Global Prison Trends 2017

To download this report by Penal Reform International, please [click here](#).

## Researcher in the Secretariat to the Commission on the Future of Policing (Temporary Full time One Year Contract)

The Commission on the Future of Policing in Ireland was established by the Government in May 2017 to “carry out a fundamental review of the role, structures, leadership and management, ethos and culture of policing and existing oversight and consultative arrangements”. On foot of this review, the Commission is tasked with bringing forward proposals for the future of policing in a report to the Government in September 2018.

The Secretariat is now seeking to appoint a researcher to support its work. The closing date for applications is **Friday, 8th September, 2017**. For further details, please [click here](#).

## Upcoming Events

**Sept 9th & 10th**  
**Cloughjordan Ecovillage**

**Conflict resolution and restorative justice: by Karl Steyaert**  
For registration, details of venue, or any other questions, please contact Jemoke Fon [communicate2connect2@gmail.com](mailto:communicate2connect2@gmail.com)

**Tues, 12th Sept**  
**5.30 pm - 8 pm**  
**Carmichael Centre**

**ACJRD Seminar 'Employment with Conviction: Expo 2017 - Creating Opportunity through Education and Employer Engagement'** To book, please [click here](#).

**Tues, 12th Sept**  
**Dublin**

**CDI's 10 Year Celebration**  
Contributors include John Murray, RTÉ; Rosemary Curry, Senior Speech and Language Therapist; Prof. Catherine Comiskey, Trinity College Dublin; Jackie Austin, Public Health Nurse; David Truder, Coordinator, CYPsy. Email [holly@twcdi.ie](mailto:holly@twcdi.ie) or phone 01 494 0030.

**Wed 13th - Sat 16th Sept**  
**Cardiff**

**Challenging 'Crime' & 'Crime Control' in Contemporary Europe**  
To book, please [click here](#).

**Wed - Fri**  
**20th - 22nd Sept**  
**Dublin Castle**

**"Pathways of Care to Recovery"**  
To register for the 16th Conference of the European Federation of Therapeutic Communities (EFTC) please [click here](#).

**Friday, 22nd Sept**  
**Law Society of Ireland**

**The Right to Legal Assistance in Police Interviews**  
The full conference brochure is available [here](#). The conference is free to attend but registration is essential. To register, [click here](#).

**Friday, 6th October**  
**Spencer Hotel**

**ACJRD 20th Annual Conference**  
**"The Brexit Impact on Criminal Justice Co-operation in Ireland"**.  
Bookings are not yet open. Details will be circulated to all those on the ACJRD mailing list in due course

**Saturday, 7th October**  
**Law Society of Ireland**

**Inside Out: the Human Rights Implications of Imprisonment Annual Human Rights Conference 2017**  
To book for this free event and for further details, please [click here](#)

**Sunday, 8th October**

**Peer to Peer: Reducing Suicide Through Collaborative Approaches**  
Annual Conference of the Samaritans Ireland and the Irish Prison Service. For further details please phone 01 6710071 Ext 111.

**Friday, 20th October**

**Centre for Crime, Justice and Victim Studies 20th Anniversary Conference: 'Celebrating 20 years of criminal justice research at the School of Law'** For the full conference programme and to register, for this free event please [click here](#)

**Tuesday, 24th October**  
**Brussels**

**Young Runaways and Missing Migrant Children in Europe Towards Improved Cross Border Cooperation**  
To book, please [click here](#)

**Tuesday, 7th November**  
**Brussels**

**Europe's Action Plan on Drugs: Cooperation and Collaboration for the Reduction of Demand and Supply**  
To book, please [click here](#)