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## Annual Christmas Working Groups Networking Event

The annual ACJRD Christmas Working Groups Networking Event took place at the Law Society of Ireland on Monday, 11th December, 2017.

An Addiction Working Group seminar also took place at this event. **Phil Bowen**, Director, Centre for Justice Innovation, London spoke on "Developments in Scottish Problem Solving Courts" and **Judge Patricia McNamara** spoke on the Dublin Drug Treatment Court.

To view Phil's presentation and related documents, and to learn more about the Dublin Drug Court, please [click here](#).



Pictured (L-R): **Phil Bowen**, Director, Centre for Justice Innovation, **Judge Patricia McNamara**, and **Maura Butler**, Chairperson, ACJRD.

## 'Young People, Mental Health and the Criminal Justice System: Time for a New Vision?'

The ACJRD and its Mental Health and Juvenile Justice Working Groups hosted the seminar 'Young People, Mental Health and the Criminal Justice System: Time for a New Vision?' on Thursday, 30th November, 2017.

The seminar featured presentations from Dr. Etain Quigley, Lecturer, School of Law, NUI Maynooth, and Dr Blánaid Gavin, Associate Professor, Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, School of Medicine, UCD.

To view Etain and Blánaid's presentations, please [click here](#).



Pictured (L-R): **Dr. Blánaid Gavin**, Associate Professor, Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, School of Medicine, UCD, **Dr. Etain Quigley**, Lecturer, School of Law, NUI Maynooth, and **Maura Butler**, Chairperson, ACJRD.

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

The 20th Annual Conference of the Association for Criminal Justice Research and Development, “*The Brexit Impact on Criminal Justice Co-operation in Ireland*” took place on **Friday, 6th October, 2017**, at The Spencer Hotel, Excise Walk, IFSC, Dublin 1.

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

A report containing plenary papers and workshop summaries is currently being prepared and will be launched in Spring 2018. As soon as the details for the launch are confirmed, they will be circulated to those on the ACJRD mailing list.

Some speaker presentations have been uploaded to our website. To view these presentations, please [click here](#).



*Pictured (L-R):* **Ray Briscoe**, Principal Prosecution Solicitor and Deputy Head of the Superior Courts Section in the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions, **Maura Butler**, Chairperson, ACJRD, **Charlie Flanagan, TD**, Minister for Justice, **Thérèse Blanchet**, Director, Justice and Home Affairs, Council Legal Service, and **Jimmy Martin**, Assistant Secretary, Department of Justice and Equality



*Pictured (l-r):* **Brian Gormally**, Director, Northern Ireland Committee on the Administration of Justice, **Marie Claire Maney**, Assistant Secretary/Revenue Solicitor and Head of Investigations and Prosecutions, Revenue Commissioners, **Maura Butler**, Chairperson, ACJRD, **Gemma Davies**, Senior Lecturer, and **Adam Jackson**, Associate Professor and Deputy Director, The Northumbria Centre for Evidence and Criminal Justice Studies, University of Northumbria, Newcastle

## Research Opportunities

The PRILA project at Trinity College Dublin is researching the oversight of prisons. It is recruiting for three postdoctoral research fellowships, each for three years, funded by the European Research Council.

The positions will be of interest to graduates of the social sciences broadly defined, law and related disciplines.

The closing date for applications is 12 noon on Wednesday, 24th January, 2018.

For further information, please [click here](#).

## Submissions invited from the Commission on the Future of Policing in Ireland

The Commission on the Future of Policing in Ireland is encouraging the public to become involved in their work by contacting them with suggestions and comments on policing reform in Ireland.

The Commission is inviting submissions on all topics relevant to its terms of reference. Suggestions and comments should be submitted no later than **Wednesday, 31st January, 2018**.

For information on making a submission, please [click here](#).

## Congratulations to Michael Donnellan, Director General of the Irish Prison Service

In October 2017, Michael Donnellan, Director General of the Irish Prison Service (IPS) won the Head of Service award at the International Corrections and Prisons Association (ICPA) conference in London. Participants from over 80 countries attended the 19th ICPA conference, hosted by the UK Prisons and Probation Service, the theme of which was "Innovation in Rehabilitation: Building Better Futures".

Mr. Charlie Flanagan, TD, Minister for Justice, said: *"To be chosen for this award by a world-wide organisation reflects very well not just on Michael Donnellan himself but on the Irish Prison Service as a whole. This recognition of Michael's leadership of the IPS is well deserved.*

*Michael has overseen the implementation of Government policy in a number of areas. This includes a more joined up approach to the management of offenders as reflected in the first Joint Strategy on Offender Management agreed between my Department, An Garda Síochána, the Probation Service and the Irish Prison Service that has been operating since September 2016.*

*Michael has also led the IPS in the improvement of the infrastructure of the prison estate, which has led to the near abolition of 'slopping out'. Other initiatives have led to a reduction in the number of prisoners on restricted regime and compliance with the UN "Mandela Rules" in relation to solitary confinement. Michael has also been to the forefront in the introduction of rehabilitative initiatives in conjunction with the Probation Service, the aim of which is to protect the public and make Irish society safer."*

## ACJRD Academic Sponsorship in National University of Ireland, Maynooth



Megan McGovern was the winner of the ACJRD award for the Best Essay in Criminal Law 2016/17 in the National University of Ireland, Maynooth. Megan is pictured on the left with Professor Shadd Maruna, the Keynote Speaker at the award ceremony in September. Following the receipt of her award Megan volunteered as a rapporteur at the ACJRD Annual Conference in October 2017.

## Criminal Justice (Victims of Crime) Act

The EU Victims' Directive has been legislated for in Ireland with the signing into law of the Criminal Justice (Victims of Crime) Act 2017. This Act gives victims of crime minimum rights to information, support and protection regardless of their residential status.

The ACJRD Annual Conference 2015 "Victims in Focus - European and Domestic Perspectives" focused on the implementation of the EU Directive. To view this report, please [click here](#).

## Recent Publications

### Probation Works Videos

The Probation *Works* campaign is a series of short videos which have been produced to showcase the positive work of The Probation Service and its partner organisations. Highlighting the key areas and impact of their work, the participants in the videos are Probation Service employees as well as a number of their external partners. The Probation *Works* campaign consists of five videos, with varied themes relating to their work. To view, please [click here](#).

### Irish Probation Journal 2017 (Volume 14)

Irish Probation Journal 2017 features original and significant papers on criminal justice themes and highlights the importance of partnership and research in probation and related fields. Papers examine pre-sentence reports in Court, female prisoners' experience in transition from custody, community supervision options in Northern Ireland, understanding radicalisation and its impact on practice, image-based sexual abuse in Ireland and the challenges in leading probation in Ireland among many other important themes and subjects. In this year's 10th Annual Martin Tansey Memorial Lecture, included in the Journal, Shadd Maruna makes the case that we should consider desistance as a social movement rather than an individual process.

Irish Probation Journal 2017 and individual articles are available online to read and for free download on the Probation Service website at [www.probation.ie](http://www.probation.ie) and the Probation Board for Northern Ireland website at [www.pbni.org.uk](http://www.pbni.org.uk).

### Key Characteristics of Young People in Detention: A Snapshot (Q1, 2017)

Oberstown Detention Campus has compiled a dataset on young people in Oberstown in the first quarter of 2017. This makes stark and important reading and documents, in particular, the significant disadvantage faced by our young people. To view, please [click here](#).

### Principles of Action for Children with a Parent in Prison

The '*Principles of Action for Children with a Parent in Prison*' document is based on a project initiative undertaken by Dr. Fiona Donson, and Dr. Aisling Parkes, School of Law, University College Cork, the Children's Rights Alliance and IPRT. The project aims to raise awareness of the issues affecting children who have a parent in prison. To view, please [click here](#).

### Summary of SAFE Ireland Summit 2016

Read about the SAFE Ireland summit 2016 and hear some of the speakers by [clicking here](#).

## Recent Publications

### **IPRT Discussion Paper Community Service in Ireland - A qualitative exploration of one alternative to short-term imprisonment**

The IPRT Discussion Paper '*Community Service in Ireland*', is based on the doctoral research of Dr Kate O'Hara. IPRT believes that Ireland's penal policy should be focused on non-custodial responses to crime, with rehabilitation and social integration at its centre. The paper outlines key points regarding the use of community service and makes key recommendations. To view Dr. O'Hara's PhD and the IPRT Discussion Paper, please [click here](#).

### **Progress in the Penal System: A framework for penal reform (2017)**

This report is the first in a series of three annual reports from the Irish Penal Reform Trust providing a comprehensive report on human rights and best practice in Ireland's penal system. The IPRT has developed 35 standards against which the prevailing situation in Ireland's penal system will be independently tracked, monitored and assessed on an annual basis. To view the report, please [click here](#).

### **Publications from the Criminal Justice Inspection Northern Ireland (CJI)**

- An Inspection of how the criminal justice system deals with business crime in Northern Ireland. To view, please [click here](#).
- The Availability and use of Management and Performance Management Information in the Criminal Justice System. To view, please [click here](#).
- An Inspection of the Criminal Justice System's response to Hate Crime in Northern Ireland. To view, please [click here](#).

### **Adolescent Addiction Service Report 2017**

This one page report on activity within the Adolescent Addiction Service during 2016 is available through the Health Research Board Library. To view this report, please [click here](#).

### ***There's a reason we're in trouble - Domestic abuse as a driver to women's offending***

This report by the Prison Reform Trust reveals that women in prison have often been victims of much more serious offences than those of which they have been convicted. Fifty-seven per cent of women in prison report having been victims of domestic violence. More than half (53%) report having experienced emotional, physical or sexual abuse as a child compared to 27% of men. To view this report, please [click here](#).

### **Non-Fatal Offences Against the Person: Law and Practice**

This detailed annotation and consolidation of the Non-Fatal Offences against the Person Act 1997 by Éamonn O'Moore is now available. For more information visit [www.claruspress.ie](http://www.claruspress.ie).

### **Restorative Responses to Sexual Violence: Legal, Social and Therapeutic Dimensions, Edited by Estelle Zinsstag and Marie Keenan**

Sexual violence, in all its forms, is a crime for which anecdotal accounts and scholarly reports suggest victims in their great majority do not receive adequate 'justice' or redress. The theory and practice of restorative justice is rapidly developing and offers some well-argued new avenues for dealings with crime in general. This book is available from [Routledge](#).

## Upcoming Events

### CALL FOR PAPERS

16th –18th July, 2018  
Montreal

#### CALL FOR PAPERS

##### The Scourge of Trafficking in the 21st Century

The International Society for the Reform of Criminal Law invites papers for this conference. The submission deadline is **March 1st, 2018**. For further information, please [click here](#).

### COURSES

January 2018  
Carlow IT

#### Certificate in Restorative Practices & Certificate in Introduction to Criminology

For further information, please [click here](#).

January - July 2018

#### SAOR Screening and Brief Intervention for Problem Alcohol & Substance Use: One-Day Course

This one-day free course aims to prepare professionals to implement SAOR Screening and Brief Interventions (SBI) for problem substance use. Email [karen@ndublinrdtf.ie](mailto:karen@ndublinrdtf.ie) for information.

February - May 2018

#### Dublin Rape Crisis Centre

Upcoming courses include 'Offering support in the aftermath of rape and sexual assault', Bodyright facilitator training and Working with issues of Childhood sexual abuse. For further information, please [click here](#).

### CONFERENCES

20th February, 2018  
Brussels

#### Tackling Gender-based Violence in Europe: Advancing Strategies to End Violence against Women and Girls

To register, please [click here](#).

21st March, 2018  
Brussels

#### Building a Brighter Future: Promoting, Protecting and Improving Young People's Mental Health in Europe

For further details, please [click here](#).

17th April, 2018  
Brussels

#### 8th Annual International Symposium on Human Trafficking and Migrant Smuggling

To register, please [click here](#).

22nd & 23rd Oct, 2018

#### SAFE Ireland Summit

Save the Date



### Season's Greetings

*The Council and staff of ACJRD wish a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year to all our readers.*