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6th Annual Irish Criminal Justice Agencies Conference

"Sexual Offences: The Challenge of Balancing Rights in the Criminal Justice System"

The 6th Annual Irish Criminal Justice Agencies Conference will take place on **Tuesday, 4th June, 2019**, in the Conference Centre at Dublin Castle. The theme for this year's conference is "**Sexual Offences: The Challenge of Balancing Rights in the Criminal Justice System**".

This one day conference is a collaboration of the Department of Justice and Equality, the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions, the Irish Prison Service, the Irish Youth Justice Service (IYJS), An Garda Síochána, The Probation Service and the Association for Criminal Justice Research and Development (ACJRD). The lead partner for 2019 is the **Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions**.

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.

Charles Flanagan T.D., Minister for Justice and Equality, **Claire Loftus**, Director of Public Prosecutions and **Assoc. Prof. Liz Heffernan**, Trinity College Dublin, will be amongst the speakers at this event.

Bookings will open shortly. Tickets will be offered to Partner Organisations in the first instance before being offered to the general public.

Further details will be available on www.acjrd.ie as they are confirmed.

To view a copy of last year's ICJA Conference Report, "**Toward a Trauma-Responsive Criminal Justice System: Why, How and What Next?**", please [click here](#).



12th Annual Martin Tansey Memorial Lecture



The ACJRD marks the contribution Martin Tansey made to Criminal Justice in Ireland and to this association with a Memorial lecture each spring.

The 12th Annual Martin Tansey Memorial Lecture was delivered by [Professor Claire Hamilton](#), NUI Maynooth. The lecture entitled "*Criminal Justice Culture(s) in Ireland: Quo Vadis?*" took place in the Criminal Courts of Justice on **Wednesday, 6th March, 2019**.

For a copy of the lecture paper, please click [here](#).

For a copy of the lecture slides, please click [here](#).

To learn about Martin Tansey and to see the papers from the lectures which have taken place since the inaugural event in 2008, please see: [Martin Tansey](#)

Pictured (L-R) Maura Butler, ACJRD Chairperson, with Professor Claire Hamilton, Maynooth University at the 12th Annual Martin Tansey Memorial Lecture on 6th March, 2019.

ACJRD Membership

The support of the members of ACJRD is extremely important in helping ACJRD continue to achieve its mission in informing the development of policy and practice in justice. All membership fees go towards administration costs.

The ACJRD membership year runs from January to December and ACJRD membership fees for 2019 are now due. See <http://www.acjrd.ie/membership>

Membership rates for 2019 remain unchanged and are as follows:

Student membership	-	€25 per annum
Individual membership	-	€35 per annum
Organisational membership	-	€155 per annum

Members receive discounts for our Annual Conference and ACJRD seminars, in addition to access to priority booking for other events including the upcoming Irish Criminal Justice Agencies Conference.

To renew your membership or for further information, please contact Katherine at admin@acjrd.ie or [click here](#).

Living Inside

Living Inside is a new exhibition at Kilmainham Gaol Museum.

Drawing on Dr Oisín Wall's research on the history of prison reform organisations in Ireland, using both historical objects and the work of photojournalist Derek Speirs, *Living Inside* explores how the Irish prison system has changed since the 1960s. It tells the stories of six people whose experiences speak to aspects of Irish prison history, from prisoners' protests against unhealthy living conditions to the psychological strain faced by prison officers.

Health is central to the history of prisons, both as a focus for reform and as a weapon of protest through hunger strikes and other desperate measures. Each story shows how reform, health, hope, and fear have shaped the prison system that we have today.

The exhibition will run until **Sunday, 19th May, 2019.**

Admission is free but booking is essential at <http://www.kilmainhamgaolmuseum.ie>

Call for Papers

***“Nothing about us without us”:* crime, justice and marginalized voices**

12th North South Criminology Conference

Criminology and Sociology at University College Cork will host the 12th North South Criminology Conference on **Monday and Tuesday, 2nd and 3rd September, 2019.**

The conference will explore the importance of diversity and inclusivity in criminological discourse and consider how researchers might bridge the gap between theory and the lived experience of relevant stakeholders. *“Nothing about us without us”* refers to the importance of a criminology which includes those voices which have historically been hushed, marginalised, silenced or ignored. It also highlights the need for researchers to work with both state and grassroots practitioners.

Papers are welcomed from all areas of criminology, but will prioritise work that gives voice to the multiple and varied actors relevant to criminological research, including but not limited to: victims of harm (in particular state and institutional harm), conflict and bias crimes; former prisoners, hidden populations (the homeless, drug consumers, sex workers, vulnerable young people etc.), practitioners and policy makers. Papers addressing issues of gender, gender equality, race and inequality as they apply to criminology and criminal justice are particularly welcome. The submissions of both Papers and Posters are welcomed.

The deadline for submissions is **Wednesday, 15th May, 2019.**

Please submit your name, affiliation, biography (150 words) and abstract (300 words) to northsouth@ucc.ie.

Call for Submissions

The [Committee on Justice and Equality](#) invites written submissions from stakeholders and interested parties on the issues of direct provision and the international protection application process. The closing date for receipt of submissions is Friday, 24th May 2019. For further information, please [click here](#).

Social Innovation Fund Ireland

Social Innovation Fund Ireland is the venture capital fund of the social innovation sector. Its purpose is to find and back innovative solutions to address critical social issues in Ireland. Created by Government in 2013, every euro donated in private philanthropy is matched by a euro from the Department of Rural and Community Development from the Dormant Accounts Fund.

SIFI has two **Children and Youth Funds** focusing on **Education** and **Mental Health** where it will provide successful applicants with a 50% uplift on their funds, as well as delivering other supports such as training, impact measurement, and capacity building. These funds will close on **Friday, 17th May, 2019**.

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

Training Opportunities

An Introduction to Quality Services, Better Outcomes

CDI's revised Quality Services, Better Outcome (QSBO) training series kicks off with the first module – '**An Introduction to Quality Services, Better Outcomes**'. CDI has identified eight elements that are fundamental to designing, delivering and sustaining quality interventions. Together these elements form the Quality Services, Better Outcomes (QSBO) framework. Each element has a dedicated training module which combines practical experience and examples from CDI's work, with up-to-date theory from Implementation Science. To book, please click on the following dates: [Friday, May 17th](#) and [Friday, June 7th](#).

Childhood Sexual Abuse: Issues in the Therapeutic Process

The Dublin Rape Crisis Centre is offering a four day training programme focusing on the impact of and the process of recovery from childhood sexual abuse, and enabling participants to enhance their understanding and therapeutic skills in working with clients who were sexually abused in childhood. The course is intended for Psychotherapists/Counsellors or those in another similar in-depth support role who are encountering this issue in their work and who wish to increase their understanding, sensitivity, skills and confidence in working with their clients. The course will take place on Tuesday and Wednesday, 7th and 8th May, and Tuesday and Wednesday, 21st and 22nd May, 2019. For further information, please email etadmin@rcc.ie.

The Edward M. Kennedy Institute of Conflict Intervention at Maynooth University is offering the following courses from September 2019:

Level 8 Certificate in Restorative Practice and Mediation (MH87M)

This interactive programme provides participants with skills to help people develop, repair and build relationships where harm, hurt and conflict have happened and to be proactive in building constructive relationships. For further information, please [click here](#).

Postgraduate Certificate in Restorative Practice (MH83M)

This Post Graduate Certificate is designed to meet the learning needs of mediators who want to deepen their knowledge and skills for practice in the field of restorative practices. For further information, please email Treasa Kenny, Academic Programme Coordinator and Lecturer, at Treasa.Kenny@mu.ie or kennedy.institute@mu.ie.

Recent Publications

“Toward a Trauma-Responsive Criminal Justice System: Why, How and What Next?”

To view the report of the 2018 Irish Criminal Justice Agencies Conference, please [click here](#).

Report on Community Policing and Rural Crime 2019

To view this report by the Joint Committee on Justice and Equality, please [click here](#).

Care and Justice: Children and Young People in Care and Contact with the Criminal Justice System 2019

To view this report which was written for the Irish Penal Reform Trust by Dr. Nicola Carr and Dr. Paula Mayock, please [click here](#).

Report on Regulatory Powers and Corporate Offences Volume 1: Regulatory Powers

To view this Law Reform Commission report, please [click here](#).

Report on Regulatory Powers and Corporate Offences Volume 2: Corporate Offences

To view this Law Reform Commission report, please [click here](#).

Every Possible Learning Opportunity: The Capacity Of Education In Prison To Challenge Dehumanisation And Liberate ‘The Whole Person’.

Dr. Kevin Warner contributed this article to the 6th Edition of Advancing Corrections Journal *‘Innovation in Education: Voices from the Front Line’* To view Dr. Warner’s article, please [click here](#). Other contributors to the Journal are from Scotland, Canada, the UK, the US, Australia, New Zealand, Hungary and Africa. For further information, please [click here](#).

Children Let Down by the System

To view the Women’s Aid Impact Report 2018, please [click here](#). As part of the Impact Report, Women’s Aid also released a guide to the new offence of coercive control. To view this guide, please [click here](#).

Towards Better Pathways and a Mutual Understanding – Access to Justice for People with Disabilities 2018

To view this report by the Irish Criminal Civil Justice and Disability Network, please [click here](#)

The Effectiveness of Youth Conferencing - A Follow-Up review 2019

This report by the Criminal Justice Inspection Northern Ireland (CJI) deals with improving how youth conferencing is delivered in Northern Ireland. To view this report, please [click here](#).

Renewing trust: How we can improve the relationship between probation and the courts

This report by the Centre for Justice Innovation examines why community sentences are used less often in the UK and looks at concerns about the deterioration in the relationship between sentencers and probation. To view this report, please [click here](#).

Bearing the Greatest Responsibility: Select Jurisprudence of the Special Court for Sierra Leone

This report has been published as part of the Legacy Project of the Residual Special Court for Sierra Leone, and consolidates the final decisions of the SCSL’s Trial and Appellate Chambers into one digital volume. To view this report, please [click here](#).

Listen Back ...

TEDx Mountjoy Prison Talks

The TEDx Mountjoy Prison Talks by Eddie Mullins, Dr. Anne Costelloe, Philly McMahon, Caroline Gardner, Brendan O'Connell, Lisa Anderson, Wayne Hart and Dr. Deirdre Healy are now available on YouTube. To view these talks, please [click here](#).

Safe World Summit 2018

All of the speeches & performances from the Safe World Summit 2018 are now available to listen to and watch on the Safe Ireland website. The Safe World Summit was the biggest and most important event on gender equality and gender based violence to take place in Europe in 2018. Thirty-five global leaders joined an audience of over 500 activists, advocates, survivors and young people in the Mansion House, Dublin over two days last October not just to talk about the enormous problem that we know violence against women is here in Ireland and across the globe, but to put their heads together to explore the innovative solutions that are needed to really address the inequality, the control and the dominance that are at the heart of violence. To view, please [click here](#).

Upcoming Events

Fri, 10th May, 2019

Dublin

Social Work: Putting Relationships First

The National Social Work Conference 2019 of the Irish Association of Social Workers will focus on the importance of building relationships as central to best practice. For further information, please [click here](#).

Fri, 17th May 2019

Dublin

FLAC Access to Justice Conference

This free Conference, which will be opened by Chief Justice Frank Clarke will take place in Trinity College Dublin. For further information and to book, please [click here](#).

**Wed, 15th May -
Fri, 17th May, 2019**

Belgium

Community Well-Being and Resilience

The International Institute for Restorative Practices' conferences explore the common threads for improving civil society across many disciplines at multiple levels. This conference will have a special focus on the role of restorative practices and allied approaches in supporting well-being and resilience in communities and organisations. For further information, please [click here](#)

Tues, 4th June, 2019

Dublin Castle

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Fri, 11th October, 2019

Dublin

ACJRD 22nd Annual Conference

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