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UKICJCN Webinar - Monday, 10th January, 2022

The UK-Irish Criminal Justice Cooperation Network is funded by the Arts and Humanities Research Council and led by Northumbria University, Queen's University Belfast and the Association for Criminal Justice Research and Development (ACJRD). The network aims to bring together policymakers, practitioners and academics to consider the implications of Brexit for criminal justice cooperation between Ireland and the UK. For further information about the Network, please [click here](#).

UK-Irish Criminal Justice Cooperation Network

"Extradition post Brexit -
Implementation of Part Three, Title VII of the Trade and
Cooperation Agreement (TCA):
Perspectives from the UK and Ireland"



The UKICJC Network will host a webinar on "**Extradition post Brexit - Implementation of Part Three, Title VII of the Trade and Cooperation Agreement (TCA): Perspectives from the UK and Ireland**". This event will be chaired by **Assoc. Prof. Gemma Davies**, Northumbria University, and will feature the following speakers:

- **Anand Doobay**, Partner, Boutique Law LLP
- **John Fitzgerald**, Senior Counsel, Bar of Ireland
- **Declan Keating**, Senior Principal Prosecutor, Unit Head, International Unit, Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions
- Speaker from the PPS Northern Ireland High Court and International Section - TBC

This webinar will take place online from 4 pm to 5.30 pm on **Monday, 10th January, 2022**. To register for this free event, please [click here](#).

ACJRD 24th Annual Conference - 8th October, 2021 (Online)



**Criminal Justice and Public Health:
Policy and Practice Post-Pandemic**

Friday, 8th October, 2021

The ACJRD 24th Annual Conference “**Criminal Justice and Public Health: Policy and Practice Post-Pandemic**” took place online on **Friday, 8th October, 2021**.

This year’s conference focused on the opportunities and plans to continue the rollout of policy and practice changes that were implemented during the pandemic, together with other welfare-focused policies and practices that are on the threshold of implementation at this time.

National and international speakers explored opportunities to reboot the Criminal Justice System in a constructive manner, through reflection on the lessons learned during this critical period.

A Conference Report is being prepared for publication. In the meantime, to view copies of the speakers’ presentations, please [click here](#).

Mediation within a Prison Setting

The ACJRD Restorative Justice Working Group presented this online seminar on 18th November, 2021, which looked at the evolution of Peer Mediation which began in Castlerea Prison in Autumn 2016 and continues to date. The outcomes of this mediation programme have included a cultural change amongst the prison staff and the prisoner population, instilling a universal confidence in the process.

This seminar featured presentations from **Bernie Downs**, Headteacher, Castlerea Education Unit, Castlerea Prison and **Chris McDonagh**, Traveller Mediation Service. Copies of the speakers' PowerPoint presentations can be viewed [here](#).

To view a case study of the programme, which is published on the *Restorative Justice: Strategies for Change (RJS4C)* website please [click here](#).



The Garda Síochána and Child Mental Health



‘*The Garda Síochána and Child Mental Health: An investigation of pathways to crisis mental health care*’ report has been published by the Policing Authority. This research was conducted by **Professor Fiona McNicholas** and **Dr. Louise Rooney**, Department of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, UCD School of Medicine and **Dr. Deirdre Healy**, UCD Institute of Criminology and Criminal Justice, Sutherland School of Law, University College Dublin. This is the second of two pieces of research funded by the Policing Authority’s inaugural Research Bursary Scheme in 2019.

On 1st December, 2021, in collaboration with the Policing Authority and the research team, the ACJRD Mental Health and Juvenile Justice Working Groups held an online seminar hosted by **Helen Hall**, Chief Executive, Policing Authority, where **Dr. Louise Rooney** made a presentation on the report.

To view Dr. Rooney's slide presentation, please [click here](#). To view the report, please [click here](#).

Just a Minute (JAM) Cards

JAM Card allows people with a hidden disability or communication barrier to tell others that they need extra time and understanding in a private and easy way. Just. A. Minute. That is what JAM Card stands for and that is what it gives the holder - just as much time and patience as they need in public or social situations. JAM cards can be used while shopping, ordering food, visiting a bank, using public transport and much, much more. As long as the business in question is JAM Card Friendly, they will know what your cards means. It's a simple idea that makes a big difference.



Just a minute

Originally developed by and for those with learning difficulties and disabilities, the JAM card (and mobile phone app) has now expanded to include anyone with a hidden disability or communication barrier when they need more patience and space in a given situation. Despite its simplicity, JAM Card has grown into one of the leading accessibility and inclusion tools for its service users. There are now over 1,800 JAM Card businesses and 85,000 service users across the world.

In September 2021, the Courts Service, the Dublin Coroner's Court and the Irish Prison Service launched the JAM Card initiative with JAM Card organisation [NOW Group](#), a social enterprise supporting people with learning difficulties and autism into jobs with a future. The introduction on the JAM card was made possible through the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform (DPER) funding from the Public Service Innovation fund. The three organisations in the project group were supported by the Department of Justice.

Anyone looking for Just a Minute can now do so at public offices across the Courts Service, at the Dublin Coroner's Court and at two pilot locations (Midlands Prison and Castlerea Prison) across the Irish Prison Service. Staff in these organisations are being JAM card trained to offer the best possible customer service to people with hidden disabilities.

Unlocking Potential



Unlocking Potential (UP) is a collaborative project that aims to make higher education more accessible for applicants who have criminal records. UP is led by the Maynooth University Access Programme (MAP) and the Maynooth University School of Law and Criminology, in collaboration with the Maynooth Innovation Lab (Mi:Lab), the Irish Prison Service, the Probation Service, the Pathways Centre (City of Dublin Education and Training Board), and the Irish Penal Reform Trust.

The project will be launched at an online event "*Unlocking Potential: A Fair Approach to Higher Education Applicants with Criminal Records*" which will be held from 11 am - 1 pm on **Monday, 17th January, 2022**, and will:

- Launch the Fair Admissions Toolkit, a collection of resources hosted on a new website, including a Fair Admissions Policy Template for higher education institutions, a set of Fair Admissions Principles, and a video and podcast series exploring the project's aims and celebrating the achievements of graduates with convictions;
- Launch the Probation Service Kickstarter Scholarships, which MAP will administer on behalf of the Probation Service; and,
- Provide a platform for a range of speakers who will speak about the importance of fair admissions and access to education for individuals with convictions.

Speakers include Minister **Simon Harris** and **Sally Rutterford**, Cardiff University. Panellists include **Catriona Ryan**, Higher Education Authority, **Paula Kearney**, Master's Student, Maynooth University, and **James Leonard**, Coolmine Therapeutic Community. To book for this free event, please [click here](#).

News from ACJRD Members



Maynooth University
National University
of Ireland Maynooth

Maynooth University has vacancies for two Assistant Professors/Lecturers in Criminology, to support the delivery of its undergraduate programmes, the BCL (Law and Criminology) and BA Criminology, and the postgraduate MA in Comparative Criminology and Criminal Justice.

Closing date: **Sunday, 13th March, 2022**. For further details, please [click here](#).

The **Policing Authority** is launching a new newsletter, where people can sign up to be kept informed of the activity and work of the Authority. To sign up, please [click here](#).



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POLICING AUTHORITY



The Back on Track programme, which is funded by **Extern's** Executive Office as part of the Communities in Transition (CiT) programme, and managed by Co-Operation Ireland provides employability and training opportunities to those aged 16-plus living in the Brandywell and Creggan areas of Derry City. The project aims to improve employability skills and create meaningful pathways into work for those who have been involved in, or are at a higher risk of becoming involved in, paramilitary or coercive activity. Since its launch in March 2020, the project has

achieved a number of notable successes in helping to create employment opportunities for people across a range of ages and personal backgrounds. A video about this project, showcasing the great work they achieved with marginalised young people, has been officially accepted into the 5th Charity Film Awards. Organised by the Smiley Movement, the awards recognise the very best films and videos from a range of charities and well-known movements across the UK and Ireland. The charities with the highest votes make it onto the shortlist. Judges will then score the films and decide the ultimate winners. To view the six-minute video, please [click here](#). To vote, please [click here](#).



'Police Detectives on the TOR-network: A Study on Tensions Between Privacy and Crime-Fighting Research Project' is a multi-disciplinary research project organised by ACJRD members at **Northumbria Law School** and based in the Netherlands, Norway, Sweden and the UK. A final workshop in this project will be held on **Friday, 14th January, 2022**. Discussions will cover challenges and risks within policing and more generally within the criminal justice system arising from the ever-increasing importance and volume of digital investigative work. This will include analysis of issues arising with the Dark Web (anonymous communication networks and hidden platforms, such as the TOR protocol). Attendance at this event is free. If you are interested in attending, please contact Professor Tim J Wilson at tim.wilson@northumbria.ac.uk. For further information on this research project, please [click here](#).



Northumbria University
NEWCASTLE



The Restorative Practices training calendar for 2022 from **Childhood Development Initiative (CDI)** is live and booking is now open on their website. CDI is offering face to face training or online training in "Getting Started with Restorative Practices" and "Restorative Practices Facilitation Skills". For more information and to book, please [click here](#).

Recent Publications

To view the following annual reports please click on their titles:

- [Legal Aid Board Annual Report 2020](#)
- [An Garda Síochána Annual Report 2020](#)
- [Criminal Assets Bureau Annual Report 2020](#)



Policing Authority reports

The Commissioners Monthly report to the Policing Authority and all meetings and recordings of meetings are available on their website [here](#). The website also hosts an extensive back catalogue of performance reports and research undertaken.



Irish Probation Journal 2021 Volume 18

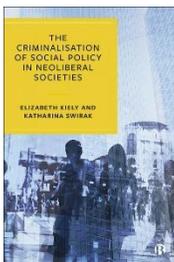
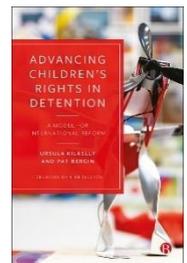
The Irish Probation Journal is published jointly by The Probation Service and the Probation Board for Northern Ireland. Among the many very interesting articles in this year's journal is the 2021 Martin Tansey Memorial Lecture by **Charlie Brooker**. To view the full journal, please [click here](#).

Articles published by Criminology and Criminal Justice researchers in Maynooth University

- *'Empirical research on the impact and experience of open prisons: state of the field and future directions'* by **Dr. Ian D. Marder, Magali Lapouge, Dr. Joe Garrihy and Dr. Avril M. Brandon**, was published in the Prison Service Journal. This article outlines the existing research on open prisons internationally, and the gaps that are important to study in Ireland and other countries. To view, please [click here](#).
- **Dr. Joe Garrihy's** article, *'That Doesn't Leave You': Psychological Dirt and Taint in Prison Officers' Occupational Cultures and Identities'* was published in The British Journal of Criminology (DOI: [10.1093/bjc/azab074](#)). Drawing on ethnographic data from Irish prisons, the article examines the conceptualization of prison officers as psychologically 'dirty'. It defines the novel 'psychological taint' and taint management strategies in their occupational cultures. The presented implications address the nature of prison workplaces, punishment and the provision of mental health supports.

Advancing Children's Rights in Detention - A Model for International Reform

Applying a child-centred model of detention that fulfils the rights of the child under the five themes of provision, protection, participation, preparation and partnership, this original book illustrates how reform can happen. Drawing on Ireland's experience of transforming law, policy and practice, and combining theory with real-life experiences, the authors demonstrate how children's rights can be implemented in detention. This book by **Prof. Ursula Kilkelly**, University College Cork, and **Pat Bergin**, Head of Service at the National Forensic Mental Health Service and former Director of Oberstown Children Detention Campus, is available to buy [here](#).



The Criminalisation of Social Policy in Neoliberal Societies

From anti-immigration agendas that criminalise vulnerable populations, to the punishment of the poor and the governance of parenting, this book explores how diverse fields of social policy intersect more deeply than ever with crime control and, in so doing, deploy troubling strategies. The international context of this book is complemented by the inclusion of specific policy examples across the themes of work and welfare; borders and migration; family policy; homelessness and the reintegration of justice-involved persons. This book by University College Cork lecturers, **Elizabeth Kiely** and **Katharina Swirak**, is available to buy [here](#). For a 30% discount, use code POKISW when purchasing. Offer expires 31/01/22.

Upcoming Events

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For more information about this webinar, please [click here](#).

Police Detectives on the TOR-network - Workshop - Friday, 14th January, 2022

'Police Detectives on the TOR-network: A Study on Tensions Between Privacy and Crime-Fighting Research Project'

For further information please see article above or email Professor Tim J Wilson at tim.wilson@northumbria.ac.uk.

Understanding Race Inclusion in the Legal Profession - Online - 4.30 pm on Wednesday, 26th January, 2022

Panellists will discuss the importance of building a more inclusive culture around race, ethnicity and cultural background. Topics covered will include the importance of understanding inclusive language and developing evidence-formed strategy and policy. The anti-racism initiatives of the Bar Council of England & Wales, including a recent landmark investigation and report on race at the Bar, will also be discussed.

Speakers:

- **Simon Regis**, Bar Council of England & Wales, Co-Chair Bar Council Race Working Group & Co-Author of *'Race at the Bar Report: A Snapshot Report'*
- **Sandra Healy**, Founder & CEO, Inclusio
- **Leon Diop**, Co-Founder & CEO, Black and Irish

To book in for this free event, which will be chaired by **Aoife McNickle BL**, Chair of the Equality & Resilience Committee, please [click here](#).

Season's Greetings

ACJRD would like to thank you for all your support in 2021.

The success of all our events comes in no small part from the participation of all of you in attending, so we thank you for your contributions this year.

We are looking forward to another fruitful year in 2022 starting with the UK-Irish Criminal Justice Cooperation Network workshop event on 10th January, 2022. We hope that you will be able to join us for this event.



Happy Christmas
and
Best Wishes for 2022
from the ACJRD Council
and Staff