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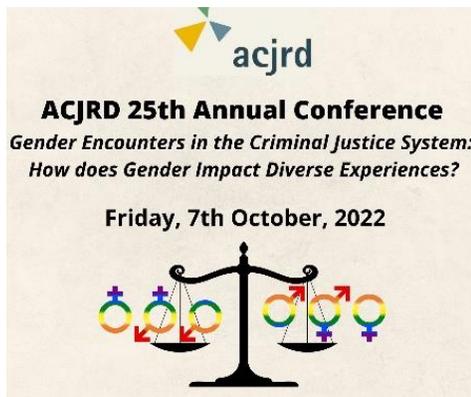
Danelle Hannan, former Manager ACJRD

After a long career of over thirteen years as ACJRD Manager, Danelle Hannan has moved to pastures new. The Council and other staff member of ACJRD wish to acknowledge and thank Danelle for her dedicated commitment to her work and further wish her the best in her future endeavours.

The position of Manager is currently vacant.



ACJRD 25th Annual Conference - 7th October, 2022



The ACJRD 25th Annual Conference will take place on **Friday, 7th October, 2022.**

This year's conference, "**Gender Encounters in the Criminal Justice System: How does Gender Impact Diverse Experiences?**" will take place "in person" in the Camden Court Hotel, Camden Street Lower, Dublin 2.

It is perceived by many that Irish society has become more egalitarian, diverse and inclusive. This full day conference will focus on how such perceived social change manifests in our Criminal Justice System, by considering its patterns and demographics across all genders.

The conference hopes to explore some questions such as:

- How does gender stereotyping manifest in offending and in the perpetrator-victim encounter?
- How does one's gender impact the 'offender journey' as one encounters arrest, trial sentencing and detention or imprisonment.
- How do other variables including one's sexual identity, family circumstances, ethnicity, addiction issues and mental health challenges, impact that journey and one's desire for rehabilitation and increased social capital?
- Do various actors in the criminal justice system bring their own unconscious bias to their work and do they have diverse professional experiences based on their gender?

Confirmed speakers include **Saoirse Brady**, Irish Penal Reform Trust, **Jim Dalton**, Central Statistics Office, **Ursula Fernée**, The Probation Service and **Dr David Maguire**, Director of the Building Futures Project at the Prison Reforms Trust.

Confirmed presenters for Thematic Sessions are **Lynsey Black**, Maynooth University, **Yvonne Cooke**, An Garda Síochána, **Caoimhe Kiernan**, Technical University Dublin, **Dannielle McKenna**, Manager, Rialto Youth Project, **Sinéad O'Malley**, Irish Association of Social Workers, **Danielle O'Sullivan**, Maynooth University, **Barry Owens**, Irish Association for Social Inclusion Opportunities, and representatives from the SAOL Project and Irish Travellers Access to Justice.

ACJRD members who work in government agencies and in the community to include policymakers, practitioners, academics, and those involved in civil society groups from a wide range of disciplines, will have an opportunity on 7th October 2022, to absorb and discuss expertise from a diverse group of national and international speakers, to build on their considerable experience and gain further insights and knowledge to enhance their work. Non-members of ACJRD are welcome to attend this event.

All those on the ACJRD Mailing List will be notified when bookings open in early September.

The late Dr. Vicky Conway – Prof. Yvonne Daly remembers



Dr Vicky Conway, Associate Professor of Law at Dublin City University, cared deeply about fairness and justice, and this shone through in all of her academic work, her activism, and her foregrounding of marginalised voices through her hugely successful [Policed in Ireland](#) podcast. The outpouring of love and admiration for Vicky since her passing on July 19th has been astounding, and of great comfort to her family, colleagues, students, and very wide circle of friends.

Vicky was a graduate of University College Cork, having studied law there at both undergraduate and Masters level from 1998-2002. During her time at UCC, where I first met her, Vicky was an excellent student, and was very involved in the extra-curricular life of the University, as Auditor of the Law Society, and Editor of the Cork Online Law Review. She studied for an MSc in Criminology at the University of Edinburgh in 2003. This enhanced her skillset, allowing her to look beyond the law in the books, using a more socio-legal approach to the critique and consideration of the effect of law on the lives of real people. She used this approach to great effect in her PhD thesis, which she completed as a student at Queen's University Belfast from 2003-2008, and in all of her following work.

Vicky was a dedicated lecturer, who thrived on challenging students and watching them rise to that challenge. She asked her students to look at the law differently, to imagine how it might otherwise be, and to consider the dynamics of power at play within the law. She was a caring and open lecturer, and students knew that her office was a safe space where they could share their difficulties and find support. Colleagues knew this too, and came to Vicky with their experiences and concerns, particularly in her designated role as the School of Law and Government's first Convenor of Equality, Diversity and Inclusion.

Vicky's academic work focused mainly on policing – on accountability and governance, the history of the development of policing in Ireland, and practice and procedure in police custody. She wrote also about what policing might look like in a united Ireland, and on miscarriages of justice in Ireland. She had the courage of her convictions and a long-standing wish to see real change and improvement across the criminal process. This led to her appointment to the Policing Authority and the Commission on the Future of Policing, as well as several engagements with the Oireachtas Joint Committee on Justice, and the EU Security and Justice Sub-Committee of the House of Lords. Vicky wasn't the sort of academic whose work speaks only to other academics – she was determined to use her academic knowledge as a springboard to push for actual legislative and policy change.

Vicky and I worked together on two EU-funded projects – one focused on the right to legal assistance in police custody, and the other on the right to silence. Many practitioners will have met Vicky through the former project, known as SUPRALAT, wherein we designed training for criminal defence lawyers on their role in garda interviews, with colleagues in Belgium, the Netherlands, and Hungary. We have delivered this training to 100 criminal defence solicitors in Ireland. We always enjoyed delivering the training, engaging with those working at the coalface, and valuing their important work in safeguarding their client's rights. We were recently working on a book together which builds on the SUPRALAT training programme, along with interviews we conducted with 44 criminal defence solicitors around the country on their experiences in garda stations. [This book will be published by Bloomsbury in 2023.](#)

Vicky's work to support the causes of marginalised and unheard communities spanned many issues and groups. She worked with the Irish Traveller Movement, Sex Workers Alliance Ireland, the Stardust Campaign, Lawyers for Choice, and had recently been commissioned by the Policing Authority to conduct a study on the experience of policing in Ireland among people of African descent and the Brazilian community. In 2016/2017 Vicky deputised for me on the Board of ACJRD, making a significant impact there, just as she did in all of her appointments, with those working across the criminal justice system and beyond.

Dr Vicky Conway's passing leaves a considerable gap in criminal justice research and advocacy in this country, which will take the efforts of many to fill. We will remember her in our collective efforts to improve the criminal process to the benefit of all, including those most vulnerable.

Vicky had a wide circle of friends and had many interests outside of academia and activism also. She was a brilliant painter, she loved to knit, she had great taste in music and attended lots of gigs and festivals. She was funny, caring and always interested in other people. Many of us will miss her terribly in both our professional and personal lives.

Suaimhneas síoraí dá hanam.

**Prof. Yvonne Daly, Professor of Criminal Law and Evidence,
School of Law and Government, Dublin City University, and former ACJRD Council Member**

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

UK-Irish Criminal Justice Cooperation Network

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



The UKICJC Network held 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*" on 10th January, 2022.

This event was chaired by **Assoc. Prof. Gemma Davies**, Northumbria University, and featured **Anand Doobay**, Partner, Boutique Law LLP, **John Fitzgerald**, Senior Counsel, Bar of Ireland, **Declan Keating**, Senior Principal

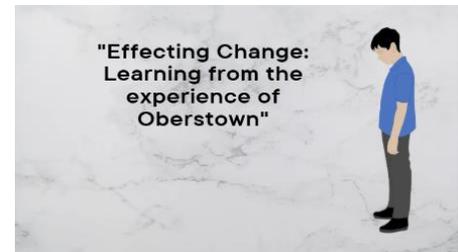
Prosecutor, Unit Head, International Unit, Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions and **David McClean**, Principal Public Prosecutor, High Court and International, Public Prosecution Service Northern Ireland.

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](#).

Effecting Change: Learning from the experience of Oberstown

The seminar, "*Effecting Change: Learning from the experience of Oberstown*" took place on Thursday, 3rd March, 2022.

ACJRD was very pleased to collaborate with **Professor Ursula Kilkelly**, Chairperson of the Board of Management, Oberstown Children Detention Campus, and **Pat Bergin**, former Director of Oberstown Children Detention Campus, and current Head of Service, National Forensic Mental Health Service, to deliver the online seminar "*Effecting Change: Learning from the experience of Oberstown*". This seminar was chaired by **Dr. Mary Rogan**, Associate Professor in Law, Trinity College Dublin.



Over a period of seven years, Pat Bergin as Director and Ursula Kilkelly as chair of the Board of Management had responsibility for delivering major change in the Irish youth justice system, specifically in Oberstown Children Detention Campus. Published by Bristol University Press, their book - *Advancing the rights of children in detention; A model for international reform* – documents this challenging and complex journey. (It included the delivery of a major capital project, the amalgamation of existing services and resources and bringing about major improvements in the quality of care provided to children in detention. All of this led to the establishment of a modern child-centred detention facility, a leader of its kind internationally, and it enabled the ending of imprisonment of children in Ireland in line with national policy. While some aspects of this leadership experience were unique, the process shared the hallmarks of change processes everywhere. While particularly relevant to detention and to criminal justice and children's services generally, the lessons to be learned from this change process are indeed much more widely applicable.

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The aim of this event was to present the details of the change achieved in Oberstown and to highlight, for discussion, how the lessons to be learned could effect change elsewhere in the criminal justice system.

For further details and to view the slide presentation from this seminar, please [click here](#).

15th Annual Martin Tansey Memorial Lecture

Martin Tansey Memorial Lecture 2022

Thursday, 14th April, 2022

Bruno Min, Legal Director (UK & International), Fair Trials, presented the 15th Annual Martin Tansey Memorial Lecture online.

This year's lecture, "*Balancing the need for Due Process, Fair Trials and Systemic Efficacy: The Benefits & Challenges of Technological Improvements and Greater Efficiencies for the Criminal Justice System*", was held online on Thursday, 14th April, 2022. To learn more about Fair Trials, please [click here](#).

This lecture will be published on the ACJRD website in due course.

Histories of Probation in Ireland: A Theoretical Analysis

ACJRD and the UCD Institute of Criminology and Criminal Justice collaborated to deliver the seminar "*Histories of Probation in Ireland: A Theoretical Analysis*". This event which was held "in person" and via video link on 25th April, 2022, in the Sutherland School of Law, University College Dublin, featured **Dr. Deirdre Healy**, Director of the UCD Institute of Criminology and Criminal Justice, and **Dr. Louise Kennefick**, Senior Lecturer in Criminal Law, University of Glasgow.

Dr. Nicola Carr, Professor in Criminology, University of Nottingham, and **Gerry McNally**, Asst Director, The Probation Service, and President, Confederation of European Probation (CEP) were respondents. **His Honour Judge John O'Connor**, Judge of the Circuit Court, chaired the seminar.



Pictured (L-R): Gerry McNally, Dr. Deirdre Healy, Dr. Louise Kennefick, Prof. Nicola Carr and His Honour Judge John O'Connor

To view the PowerPoint presentation from the event, please [click here](#).

ACJRD Submissions

ACJRD has made two submissions this year to date.

- **Submission to the Garda Síochána Inspectorate on the Inspection into the Effectiveness and Efficiency of An Garda Síochána's Response to Domestic Abuse.**

This submission was made in January 2022. The ACJRD Council would like to acknowledge the work of Caoimhe Kiernan, PhD Researcher in TU Dublin (in a private capacity) in compiling the submission, which can be viewed by [clicking here](#).

- **Submission to the Law Reform Commission on Compensating Victims of Crime.**

This submission was made in April 2022. The ACJRD Council would like to acknowledge the work of Alannah Kearney, BCL, LL.M, Michael J Staines and Company Solicitors (in a private capacity) in compiling the submission, which can be viewed by [clicking here](#).

8th Annual Irish Criminal Justice Agencies Conference



The 8th Irish Criminal Justice Agencies Conference took place on Wednesday, 22nd June, 2022, at The Printworks Event and Exhibition Centre in Dublin Castle. The theme for this year's Conference was "**Race, Migration and the Criminal Justice System**".

This one day conference was a collaboration of the Department of Justice, Maynooth University, University College Dublin, Limerick University, Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth, Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions, Irish Prison Service, An Garda Síochána, The Probation Service, Policing Authority, Courts Service, Garda Síochána Inspectorate, Office of the Revenue Commissioners and the Association for Criminal Justice Research and Development (ACJRD).

To view the Conference Programme, please [click here](#).

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

News from ACJRD Members



UCD Sutherland School of Law

Probation during the 1960s and 1970s? Call for participants

The experiences of people confined to institutions such as prisons, mother and baby homes, Magdalene laundries and industrial schools, have received significant attention in recent years. However, the historical experiences of people under probation supervision in the community have been largely forgotten.

The *Histories of Probation* project, led by Dr Louise Kennefick (University of Glasgow) and Dr Deirdre Healy (University College Dublin) aims to uncover and document people's experiences of probation supervision. The researchers would like to hear from anyone placed under probation supervision by the courts in the 1960s or 1970s, whether this was a probation order, community service order, suspended sentence or temporary release. The researchers are also interested in hearing from people who were supervised by voluntary probation officers from organisations such as the Legion of Mary.

Those who would like to participate in the study, or who might be able to put the researchers in touch with people who were under supervision from the 1960s and 1970s, are invited to contact Dr Deirdre Healy by email (Deirdre.healy@ucd.ie) or phone (01 7164125).

Consultation on Transnational Organised Crime

Transnational crimes are violations of the criminal law by organised crime groups that involve more than one country in their planning, execution, or impact and which involve the provision of illicit goods or services. Examples include trafficking in people, drugs and firearms, money laundering and document or identity fraud.



The Garda Síochána Inspectorate is seeking views and experiences of how the Garda Síochána tackles transnational organised crime, both nationally and in local communities. This relates to an ongoing inspection within which the Inspectorate is examining the structures, strategies and processes the Garda Síochána has in place to disrupt and dismantle transnational organised crime. For further details please [click here](#). Submissions will close on **Monday, 12th September, 2022**.

KickStart Scholarship



The KickStart Scholarship Fund is an initiative established by the Irish Probation Service and supported by the Irish Prison Service. It aims to support people with a criminal justice history who face financial challenges in accessing Higher Education. The application process for this innovative fund is now open to applications from individuals with a history of convictions.

Maynooth University is the lead institution developing the Kickstart scholarship on a pilot basis in 2022/2023 working in partnership with three other institutions - Dublin City University, Dundalk Institute of Technology and Technological University of the Shannon Midlands Midwest, Athlone Campus (MEND Cluster1).

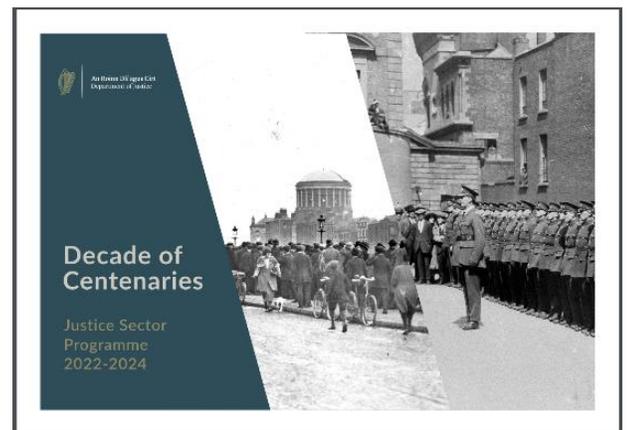


Seirbhís Phríosúin
na hÉireann
Irish Prison Service

The Kickstart scheme is open to new undergraduates who have either applied to begin 3rd level education in September 2022 or are currently 3rd level students in one of these four MEND Higher Education Institutions (HEIs). The Probation Service is making available €100,000 in funding for the 2022/23 academic year and the scholarship will fund the applicant's full course of study, or their remaining years, whichever one applies. For further information, please [click here](#).

Department of Justice Decade of Centenaries Programme 2022-2024

The Decade of Centenaries Programme provides a critical opportunity to focus on the development of access to historical records and primary sources from this key period. This programme details the various initiatives being pursued across the justice sector in this regard. It is a collective reflection and opportunity to focus on the formative events in the history of the State. 1922 saw the foundation of An Garda Síochána. It was also, of course, a year which saw the advent of the Civil War and this was reflected in the occupation and battle of the Four Courts, and with it the destruction of the Public Records Office. To view the programme, please [click here](#).



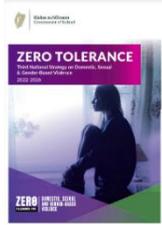
Recent Publications

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

- [Criminal Assets Bureau Annual Report 2021](#)
- [Mental Health \(Criminal Law\) Review Board Annual Report 2021](#)
- [Prison Visiting Committee Annual Reports 2020](#)
- [Deonach \(formerly Tallaght Probation Project\) Annual Report 2020](#)
- [Garda Síochána Inspectorate Work Plan 2022](#)
- [Department of Justice - Justice Plan 2022](#)
- [Department of Justice - Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Strategy](#)



Zero Tolerance



'ZERO TOLERANCE' is Ireland's third National Strategy for 2022 – 2026 which targets Domestic, Sexual and Gender-Based Violence. The four sections of the plan include the structures for coordination and delivery, the Framework for Action, an overview of the previous Strategy (2016 – 2021) and the development of the third Strategy which uses a theory of change approach. A key element behind the third strategy was the establishment a new executive agency made up of a representative of the Department of Justice, the National Women's Council of Ireland (NWC) and Safe Ireland.

To view the National Strategy and the Strategy Implementation plan, which outlines the reforms to be implemented, a detailed timeline for a plan of action in the first year and a half of the strategy and the annual action plans which will follow each year, please [click here](#).

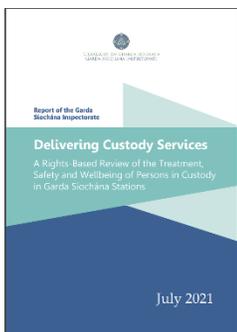
Implementation Plan on Civil Justice Efficiencies and Reform Measures

Recommendations from the report of the review of the administration of civil justice (the Peter Kelly Report) are incorporated into this plan, which will represent the most significant reform to civil law in State history. Its aim is to develop a 21st century civil justice system which will widen access to civil justice and set timelines for when reforms will be delivered.



These reforms will require input and cooperation from all key stakeholders for implementation including the judiciary, the Courts Service, legal practitioners and courts users. Modernising the civil justice service will help all these stakeholders to operate more efficiently and effectively and equip them for future challenges. To view this plan, please [click here](#).

Delivering Custody Services Report



This report by the Garda Síochána Inspectorate examines the standard of treatment, safety and wellbeing provided to persons in custody in Garda Síochána stations. It also addresses the need for strategic and operational changes within An Garda Síochána, better multi-agency working and legislative change where appropriate.

This self-initiated inspection adopted a rights-based approach to examining the standard of treatment, safety and wellbeing provided to persons in garda custody. Important elements included engagement with people in custody, a detailed examination of custody records and, for the first time, unannounced visits to garda stations. Fieldwork was conducted prior to the Covid-19 pandemic. To view this report, please [click here](#).

Upcoming Events

Police Custody in Ireland - Thursday, 29th September and Friday, 30th September - Dublin

The School of Law and Government at Dublin City University, in conjunction with the Criminal Law Committee of the Law Society of Ireland, are hosting a two-day conference on **Police Custody in Ireland** on **Thursday 29th September and Friday 30th September 2022**. This in-person conference will be held at the Law Society of Ireland and brings together a wealth of national and international experts on police custody from academia, practice, and policy-oriented roles. The conference has been co-organised by Prof Yvonne Daly and the late Dr Vicky Conway, and will be an opportunity to reflect on Vicky's legacy, as well as considering the important issues which arise in police custody in Ireland.

The Garda Síochána (Powers) Bill and the recent Garda Inspectorate Report on Delivering Custody Services serve to focus our attention on the treatment of persons detained in police custody. Little attention has been paid to this issue previously in Ireland. This conference brings together, for the first time, experts who have been researching this issue and those with lived experience to discuss how people detained in police custody in Ireland are treated, as well as the challenges encountered by professionals working in this space. Issues such as vulnerabilities, oversight, the policing perspective, racism, and safeguards will be explored, as well as some comparison between Ireland and other countries. Findings from research on these themes will be presented and space will be made for discussions on how custody should be regulated in the future.

The conference will be opened by **James Browne TD**, Minister of State at the Department of Justice and Equality with responsibility for Law Reform, and the President of Dublin City University, Professor Daire Keogh.

Confirmed speakers include **Prof Juan Mendez**, American University Washington, Former UN Special Rapporteur on Torture, **Pauline Shields**, Garda Inspectorate, **Bob Collins**, Policing Authority, **Dr Layla Skinns**, University of Sheffield, **Dr Jane Mulcahy**, University of Limerick, **Dr Roxanna Dehaghani**, Cardiff University, **Prof Ursula Kilkelly**, University College Cork, **Dr Louise Forde**, Brunel University, **Dr Lucy Michael**, **Dr Alan Cusack**, University of Limerick, **Dr Gautam Gulati**, University of Limerick, **Dr Lorraine Boran**, Dublin City University, **Prof Dave Walsh**, De Montfort University, **Doireann Ansbro**, ICCL, **Dr Gearóidín McEvoy**, University of Birmingham, **Prof Ed Cape**, University of West of England and **Prof Yvonne Daly**, Dublin City University.

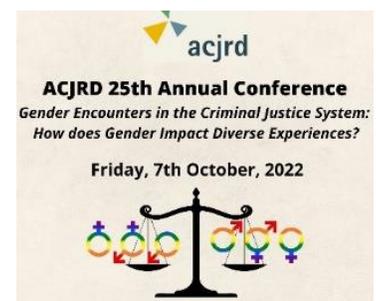
To book a ticket for this 2-day event, please [click here](#).

For further details, or any queries, contact Prof. Yvonne Daly, DCU (yvonne.daly@dcu.ie).

ACJRD 25th Annual Conference

"Gender Encounters in the Criminal Justice System: How does Gender Impact Diverse Experiences?"

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



ACJRD Membership 2022

ACJRD annual membership fees are now due.

Student €25

Individual €35

Organisation €155

The benefits of membership include reduced fees to attend our seminars and our Annual Conference as well as preferential booking opportunities for certain events. To become a member or to renew your membership, please [click here](#). New members are always welcome.