

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**November 15:**  
Alcohol—Where's the Harm?

**November 16:**  
Le Cheile Restorative Justice Event

For more details on these events see our 'Events of Interest' section.

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## 14th Annual ACJRD Conference

The ACJRD fourteenth Annual Conference, Mental Health and the Criminal Justice System, was held on Friday 14th October 2011 at Camden Court Hotel, Dublin 2.

This was a great day and we would like to thank everyone in attendance for taking part. In particular we would like to thank our distinguished speakers; Brian Purcell, Jimmy Martin, Bairbre Nic Aongusa, Dr Harry Kennedy, Deborah Alred, Dara Robinson, Fergal Black and Dr Andrew Fraser for an informative day.



Delegates taking part in Dr Conor O'Neill's workshop on Prison In-Reach and Court Liaison Services.



Department of Justice Secretary General Brian Purcell and ACJRD Chairperson Maura Butler

We would also like to thank our workshop presenters who contributed to making the day a success.

A conference report will be released early in the New Year, details will be available on [www.acjrd.ie](http://www.acjrd.ie) as soon as they are confirmed.

## Juvenile Justice 2001 -2011 Criminal and Welfare Concerns

To mark the 10 year anniversary of the Children's Act 2001, the Association for Criminal Justice Research and Development and Barnardos held a joint seminar on Tuesday 8th November which examined the legislative developments since 2001 which have impacted on children and young people involved with the criminal justice and State welfare system.

Minister for Children and Youth Affairs Frances Fitzgerald opened the event and reaffirmed the Government's commitment to hold a referendum on children's rights next year. She suggested the proposed constitutional amendment as potentially "a watershed moment."

We would like to thank our other disguised speakers — Gerard Durcan, Michelle Shannon Supt. Colette Quinn and Geoffrey Shannon.

We hope to make the presentations from this event available on [www.acjrd.ie](http://www.acjrd.ie) shortly.



Minister Frances Fitzgerald, TD

### Event Report—Innovation in Literacy Seminar

The ACJRD held the a very successful seminar entitled Innovation in Literacy on Thursday 29th September in the Green Hall at the Law Society of Ireland.

The seminar included speakers from the Shannon Trust, St Patrick's College, the City of Dublin VEC Educational Service to Prisons and the Mountjoy, Wheatfield, and Arbour Hill Education Units.

The presentation was well received with members of the audience interacting throughout the seminar.

Below you will find the slides from each of the presentations on the night.

[Mark Morgan presentation](#)

[Steven O'Connor presentation](#)

[David Ahern presentation](#)

### Irish Penal Reform Trust - Autumn Bulletin

Among the highlights of this bulletin are two Court of Criminal Appeal cases involving sentencing of Section 15A drug possession offences – *Wall* and *Ormonde*; a new Scottish case *Docherty et al* on stopping-out; a potentially significant US Supreme Court decision on mandatory strip searching - even for people detained for minor offences and fine default - in *Florence v Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Burlington & Others*; and a large number of ECtHR decisions. The IPRT's third prison law bulletin can be found [here](#)



**From left to right:** Jimmy O'Rourke, Bill Faloon, Helen Cauley, David Ahern, Brian Kenealy, Robbie Robinson, Stephen O'Connor, Maura Butler & Prof. Mark Morgan



Barnardos is asking you to put your name to a petition for a child-friendly Budget. Sign up [here!](#)

### EVENTS OF INTEREST

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| 15 Nov | Alcohol – Where's the Harm? Examining the public face and hidden-harm of alcohol-related crime in Ireland.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 16 Nov | Le Cheile Restorative Justice Project is delighted to invite you to attend a Restorative Justice event that aims to create awareness and highlight the benefits of Restorative Practices within Youth Justice. For further information please contact Mary Henihan by calling 087-0678336 or by emailing <a href="mailto:maryh@lecheile.ie">maryh@lecheile.ie</a> |
| 21 Nov | “Assessing and Managing younger children with sexually problematic/harmful behaviours” a CARI workshop presented by Carol Carson. For more information, or to reserve your place, please contact <a href="mailto:elaine@cari.ie">elaine@cari.ie</a> or 01-8308529.                                                                                                |
| 29 Nov | Sad Kids, Not Bad Kids: Shaping a Europe-Wide Youth Violence Prevention Strategy is being held this month in the The Crown Plaza Europa Hotel, Brussels. More details on the event can be found <a href="#">here</a> .                                                                                                                                            |