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ACJRD 17th Annual Conference: 'Youth Justice Transformation'

ACJRD are pleased to announce that **Minister for Children and Youth Affairs, Dr James Reilly T.D.** will launch the ACJRD 17th Annual Conference "*Youth Justice Transformation.*" on **Friday 17th October 2014** in the Camden Court Hotel, Dublin 2.

Conference speakers include: Peter Taylor, Community & Learning Development Managers Scotland; Peter Mullan, Chief Prosecution Solicitor, Office of the DPP; Dr Elaine Arnull, Buckinghamshire New University; Patricia Muldoon, Youth Justice Agency N.I. & D.I Mark Dennison, PSNI; Dr Mairead Seymour, D.I.T. and Ursula Fernee, The Probation Service .

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. Non-members of ACJRD Ltd, are welcome to attend the Annual Conference.

See: <http://www.acjrd.ie/contents/249> for conference info & bookings

Penal Policy Reform Conference

The Department of Justice and Equality, the Irish Prison Service, the Probation Service and the ACJRD held the Inaugural Irish Criminal Justice Conference, 20th September in Wheatfield Place of Detention, Dublin. The 2014 conference theme was **Penal Policy Reform.**



Pictured (L-R) : Maura Butler, ACJRD Chairperson; Vivian Geiran, Director, The Probation Service; Minister for Justice and Equality Frances Fitzgerald T.D.; Michael Donnellan, Director General, IPS and Wheatfield Campus Governor, Colm Barclay.

Penal Policy Reform Conference continued . . .

Conference speakers included:

- ◆ Minister for Justice and Equality, Ms. Frances Fitzgerald T.D.
- ◆ Michael Donnellan, Director General, IPS
- ◆ Tom O'Connor, Ph.D., CEO, Transforming Corrections, Adjunct Professor, Criminal Justice, Western Oregon University
- ◆ Deirdre Malone, Executive Director, IPRT
- ◆ Maeve Lewis, Executive Director, One in Four
- ◆ Vivian Geiran, Director, Probation Service

A report containing the conference papers, will be published later in the year.

Pictured: Dr Tom O'Connor delivering his Keynote Address '*Leading the Change from the Emerging Future*'



ACJRD Award for Academic Excellence 2014

Congratulations to Eoin Morrison, winner of the 2014 ACJRD Prize for outstanding academic performance in a Youth Justice related thesis, for the D.I.T MA in Criminology.

Eoin received the prize for his thesis entitled '*Policing and Social Influence: Procedural Justice and Compliance Dynamics in the Work of Garda Juvenile Liaison Officers*' at a ceremony at the DIT Grangegorman Campus on September 24th.



Pictured: Finbarr O'Leary, ACJRD Vice-Chairperson and Eoin Morrison

Recent Publications

Strategic Review of Penal Policy

Frances Fitzgerald TD, Minister for Justice and Equality, published the Final Report of the Working Group established to conduct a Strategic Review of Penal Policy on 17th September 2014.

Minister Fitzgerald welcomed the key finding of the Review that *“the overarching purpose of criminal and penal policy should be to make Ireland a safer and fairer place”* and *“that any penal system which does not aspire to a reduction in offending behaviour as a key goal is failing in its purpose.”*

Responding to the Review Minister Fitzgerald outlined her vision for penal policy, stating: *“I am determined that serious offenders and serial offenders must continue to be imprisoned. Society expects and demands nothing less.”*

“But while prisons must remain part of the answer, prison must not be the only answer.”

“Prison is not the only solution when it comes to those convicted of lesser, non violent offences. Research proves supervised community sanctions can help in reducing reoffending, thereby reducing crime.”

To download a copy of the report see: <http://www.justice.ie/en/JELR/Pages/PB14000244>

The Parole Board Annual Report 2013

Frances Fitzgerald TD, Minister for Justice and Equality launched the Parole Board Annual Report for 2013 on 10th September 2014

The Minister used the launch to publicly acknowledge the important work and contribution of the Parole Board in advising the Minister for Justice and Equality on the future management of prisoners serving sentences of imprisonment greater than eight years.

“It is reassuring to know that the recommendations which land on my desk have been subject to such careful process and consideration by an independent mechanism; and I thank all the members of the Parole Board led by its Chairman Mr. John Costello, for their efforts.”

To download a copy of the report see: <http://www.justice.ie/en/JELR/Pages/PB14000230>

Building Better Courts - Lessons from London's Family Drug and Alcohol Court (FDAC)

The new report 'Building Better Courts: Lessons from London's Family Drug and Alcohol Court', launched 24th July, reviews the history of FDAC court's success – from the birth of the idea, to the end of the pilot.

See: <http://justiceinnovation.org/better-courts/publications/Building-Better-Courts>

Upcoming Events

- 11th October
Criminal Justice and Human Rights in Ireland Conference
Details see: <https://www.lawsociety.ie/Courses--Events/cpd/>
- 14th October
10.30am
Launch and Celebration of Two Restorative Justice Schools
Details: secretarysaintmarks@gmail.com
- 17th October, 2014
9.00 - 16.10
'Youth Justice Transformation'
ACJRD 17th Annual Conference
Venue: Camden Court Hotel, Dublin 2
Details: <http://www.acjrd.ie/contents/249>
- 20th October, 2014
11.00
Prevention & Early Intervention in Children & Young People's Services - 10 Years of Learning Report Launch
Details: lclancy@effectiveservices.org
- October 22, 2014
12.00
Launch of MAN UP 2014, A SAFE Ireland Campaign
Details: <http://www.safeireland.ie/>
- October 22, 2014
Advance Diploma in Juvenile Justice commencement
See: www.kingsinns.ie for course information
- 23rd October, 2014 or
27th November, 2014
Quality Services, Better Outcomes Workshop
Details: laura@twcdi.ie
- 14th November 2014
9.00 - 17.30
Implementing and Enforcing the Victims' Rights Directive in the European Union Conference
Details: <http://victimsrightsalliance.com/>
- 14th November 2014
9.30 - 16.00
NOTA Ireland Conference & AGM
Details: bernie.maher@cuh.ie
- 24th November 2014
20.00
Social Inclusion through the Performing Arts show
Details: shickey@sdblincoco.ie
- 27th November
The Medical Law Conference 2014
Assisted Decision-Making (Capacity) Bill
Details: bookings@cmgevents.ie
- 10th December 2014
Caring for our Children: Lessons learnt Informing Future Policy and Practice Conference
Details: <http://www.childrensresearchnetwork.org/>