

UPCOMING EVENTS

15th October 2010:
13th Annual Conference: Women in the Criminal Justice System

5th October 2010
Education Seminar: Education in Detention with Anne Marie Byrne and Jane Corrigan

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WOMEN IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM

We hope you will join us for our 13th Annual Conference on **October 15th** at the Camden Court Hotel, Dublin 2.

The Hon. Mrs. Justice Catherine McGuinness, President of the Law Reform Commission, will launch this one-day conference.

Plenary speakers include:

- Chief Inspector Kathleen O'Toole of the Garda Síochána Inspectorate
- Prof. Loraine Gelsthorpe, University of Cambridge
- Dr Azrini Wahidin, Queens University Belfast
- Eimear Fisher, Executive Director of Cosc.

Conference workshops will cover a broad range of areas including:

- Media Profiling in the Criminal Justice System, North & South
- Prostitution in Ireland Today – A Changed Reality
- Gender & Policing

- Community Based Interventions for Women Offenders in NI

- Women as Victims of Intimate Partner Homicide—Links with Domestic Violence

- Mental Health Issues in the CJS – Legal and Welfare Perspectives

- Education for Young Women in Detention

- Experience of Prison for Women and Homelessness.

Participants will choose one morning and one afternoon workshop

Opportunities will be provided throughout the day to share information, exchange views and network with colleagues who engage in similar or complementary areas of expertise.

Conference costs are as follows:
ACJRD Member: €99
Non-Member: €120
Student: €45

For more information or to register, please visit our website www.acjrd.ie OR contact the ACJRD office: enquiries@acjrd.ie or ph 617 4864

EDUCATION SEMINAR - OCTOBER 5TH

The ACJRD will be holding a seminar entitled *'Education on the inside - a view of the educational process in Irish Detention Schools and Prisons* which will be presented by Jane Carrigan and Anne Marie Byrne of the Educational Disadvantage Centre, St. Patrick's College, Drumcondra.

This event will take place on Thursday 5th October at 5.30 pm in the Green Hall, Law Society of Ireland, Blackhall Place, Dublin 7.

The discussion will focus on education for young offenders in detention

schools and education for adult prisoners, from a life-history point of view.

We hope you will be able to join us for what we hope to be an interesting and interactive event for ACJRD members.

This event is an ACJRD members event, for more information on becoming a member of the ACJRD see <http://www.acjrd.ie/membership>.

Please R.S.V.P by emailing enquiries@acjrd.ie.

SPEAKER PROFILE THE HON MRS JUSTICE CATHERINE MCGUINNESS.



Mrs Justice Catherine McGuinness will launch the 13th annual ACJRD Conference.

She is currently president of the Law Reform Commission and is a retired Judge of the Supreme Court. Born in Belfast and educated in Belfast and Dublin (Alexandra College, TCD and the King's Inns) Mrs Justice McGuinness was called to the Irish Bar in 1977. In 1989 she was called to the Inner Bar, and called to the Bar of New South Wales in 1993.

In addition to her Judicial career, Mrs Justice McGuinness has served on An Bord Uchtála (the Adoption Board), the Voluntary Health Insurance Board, the National Economic and Social Council, the Second Commission on the Status of Women, and has chaired the National Social Services Board, the Board of National College of Art and Design, the Employment Equality Agency, the Kilkenny Incest Investigation and the Forum for Peace and Reconciliation.

SPEAKER PROFILE—CHIEF INSPECTOR KATHLEEN O'TOOLE

Kathleen O'Toole will speak on 'Leadership in Criminal Justice - A Practitioner's Perspective'

She was appointed as Chief Inspector of the Garda Síochána Inspectorate in May, 2006.

Kathleen was appointed to the Boston Police in 1979, and rose through the ranks of policing in Massachusetts. She served in field, investigative and administrative roles. She served as Chief of the Metropolitan

District Commission Police, Lieutenant Colonel in the Massachusetts State Police, Massachusetts Secretary of Public Safety and Boston Police Commissioner.

Kathleen was also a member on the Independent Commission on Policing in Northern Ireland, (The Patten Commission) which developed a new framework for policing and security in the North.

Kathleen is a graduate of Boston College and the New England School of Law. She was admitted to the Massachusetts Bar in 1982.



SPEAKER PROFILE DR LORAIN GELSTHORPE

Lorraine Gelsthorpe will speak on Women Offenders and Community Penalties: Recent Developments in England & Wales.

She is a University reader in Criminology and Criminal Justice. Dr Gelsthorpe has carried out a number of research studies since the mid-1980s, including work on police decision-making with regard to juvenile offenders; the operation of multi-agency juvenile panels; the role of the Crown Prosecution Service in juvenile justice; gender issues in juvenile justice; the theory, policy and practice of attendance centres; the treatment of fine defaulters in magistrates' courts; and race and gender issues in social in-

quiry reports. She has also conducted work on Home Office-funded projects on inter-agency aspects of crime prevention strategies, on pre-sentence reports, on the sentencing of women and on community service orders (now known as unpaid work) as a requirement of a Community Order.

Current research interests revolve around notions of criminal and social justice in sentencing, youth justice issues, women and criminal justice, the development of criminological and social theories in their social and political context since 1945, community penalties, and social exclusion, crime and justice. Empirical work includes a focus on resettlement issues for women – particularly those connected to housing.

SPEAKER PROFILE—DR AZRINI WAHIDIN

Dr Azrini Wahidin will speak on Older Women in Prison, Issues and Challenges.

She is a Reader in Criminology and Criminal Justice at the Centre for Criminal Justice Policy and Research at the University of Central England in Birmingham

Her research interests relate to the links between social exclusion, the 'deviant' body, crime and crime control, and social harm. She has conducted extensive prisons research focusing on both prisoners and uniformed staff. In particular Dr Wahidin's research has focused on elderly prisoners on both sides of the Atlantic; managing the needs of older offenders, the female prison estate, youth crime, theories of punishment, the lifer system and drugs in prison.

She has recently completed studies on Real work in prison, educational needs in prison, managing the needs of older offenders and the experiences and needs of women in prison. In addition she has written in the areas of the body, time, sexuality, later life, feminist research methodology, particular the use of qualitative methods; research ethics and the politics of evaluation research

In 2008, Dr. Wahidin and associates were awarded a prestigious prize of Highly Commended Article of 2008 by Emerald publishers for literary award of excellence for an article published in International Journal of Sociology and Social Policy.

SPEAKER PROFILE—ÉIMEAR FISHER

Éimear Fisher will speak on Working Together Against Domestic and Sexual Violence.

She is the Executive Director of Cosc, the National Office for Prevention of Domestic, Sexual and Gender-based Violence. A career civil servant, Éimear has worked in a wide range of posts from central Departments to State agencies.

Most of these have been in the justice area including the Legal Aid Board. Éimear also worked for many years in the Courts Service - where she served as Registrar in the Dublin Circuit Family Law Court, the Dublin Civil and Criminal Circuit Courts and the Central Criminal Court - and in Policy divisions in the Department of of Justice, Equality and Law Reform.



Prior to taking up her current post, her work focussed on cross-cutting issues, including an assignment as Deputy Director of the National Children's Office, and a management position in the Department of Justice, Equality and Law Reform where she led efforts to streamline the State's assistance to victims of crime.

Éimear holds a masters degree in management practice from TCD, a diploma in Applied European Law from the Law Society of Ireland and a BA in Archaeology and Italian (UCD). She has also successfully completed several international programmes on leadership.

EVENT REPORT—ADDICTION SEMINAR

The ACJRD held a seminar on Addiction presented by Fiona Ryan, Director of Alcohol Action Ireland on Thursday September 23rd. in the Green Hall at the Law Society of Ireland.

Fiona's presentation focused on alcohol, young people and Juvenile Justice. She also highlighted the availability of alcohol to young people and also asked the questions of how we drink, how we

think about alcohol and the attitudes that young people have towards alcohol. The level of advertising targeting young drinkers was also discussed.

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