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ACJRD 17TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE “YOUTH JUSTICE TRANSFORMATION”

We are pleased to announce that the ACJRD 17th Annual Conference “*Youth Justice Transformation*” (working title) will take place on Friday 17th October in the Camden Court Hotel, Dublin 2.

Programme details and booking information will be available on the ACJRD website www.acjrd.ie shortly.

2014 Membership Reminder See www.acjrd.ie/membership

Become a member to support and feed into our activities, you will also be entitled to conference discounts and Working Group Seminar Discounts



The 7th Annual Martin Tansey Memorial Lecture took place on April 29th in the Criminal Courts of Justice, Dublin 8. This year’s lecture entitled **Integrated Offender Management: pooling resources and expertise and creating effective working partnerships** was delivered by Professor Paul Senior, Director of the Hallem Centre for Criminal Justice at the Sheffield Hallam University

Pictured L-R Judge Mary-Ellen Ring, Judge Rosemary Horgan, President of the District Court, Maura Butler, ACJRD Chairperson, Prof Paul Senior and Vivian Geiran, Director of the Probation Service.

For further information and a copy of Professor Paul Senior’s presentation please see <http://www.acjrd.ie/contents/239>

“EFFECTS OF ALCOHOL & ILLICIT DRUGS ON MENTAL HEALTH”

The ACJRD held a seminar on the “*Effects of Alcohol and Illicit Drugs on Mental Health*” Thursday 10th April 2014 in the offices of the Probation Service. The seminar featured presentations from: **Dr Des Corrigan**, Consultant to the European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Addiction (EMCDDA), former lecturer in Pharmacology, Trinity College and former Chair of the National Advisory Committee on Drugs; **Dr Bobby Smyth**, Consultant Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist, Senior Clinical Lecturer, Trinity College Dublin and a member of the National Advisory Committee on Drugs and Alcohol and **Ms Miriam Finnegan** Addiction Counsellor, Assessment, Consultation and Therapy Service (ACTS), Child & Family Agency (TUSLA).



Pictured (L-R) Seminar Contributors: Finbarr O’Leary, ACJRD Vice-Chair, Dr Des Corrigan, Dr Bobby Smyth and Ms Miriam Finnegan

ACJRD SUBMISSION ON GARDA OVERSIGHT

The ACJRD made a submission in response to the recent call from the Joint Committee on Justice, Defence and Equality on Garda Oversight. Subsequently the ACJRD was invited to attend at a public session of the Joint Committee for a discussion on Garda Oversight on 14th May, 2014. A copy of the ACJRD Submission and a link to the meeting transcript is available at: www.acjrd.ie/development.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS

Re-Imagining Imprisonment in Europe: Effects, Failures and the Future

The Jesuit Centre for Faith and Justice (JCFJ) held a launch of their most recent publication “Re-Imagining Imprisonment in Europe: Effects, Failures and the Future” on Thursday 5th of June in City Hall, Dublin . The Publication edited by Eoin Carroll and Kevin Warner was launched by Fr Greg Boyle SJ who is Executive Director of Homeboy Industries, a non profit organisation based in Los Angelus which serves high-risk formerly gang-involved men and women with a continuum of free services and programs. Introductory remarks were delivered by Professor Ian O’Donnell from the UCD School of Law.

Travellers in the Irish Prison System: A Qualitative Study

The Irish Penal Reform Trust published a report entitled “Travellers in the Irish Prison System: A Qualitative Study” in the Chester Beatty Library , Dublin Castle. Speakers were Deirdre Malone, Executive Director of IPRT; Martin Collins, Co-Director of Pavee Point Traveller and Roma Centre and Liza Costello, author of the report. The report is available for download.

See: <http://www.iprt.ie/contents/2625>

Prison Visiting Committee Reports 2013

The Reports for 2013 of the Arbour Hill, Cloverhill, Cork, Dóchas Centre, Loughan House, Portlaoise, St Patrick’s Institution and Shelton Abbey Visiting Committees were published on April 30th by the then Minister for Justice, Alan Shatter, TD. The function of Visiting Committees is to visit the prison to which they are appointed and hear any complaints which may be made to them by any prisoner. The Committees play a vital role in ensuring the quality of accommodation and catering, medical, educational and welfare services and recreational facilities.

See: <http://www.justice.ie/en/JELR/Pages/PR14000108>

Publication of CSO Recorded Crime Statistics 2013

On 31st March, 2014 the Central Statistics Office published the Recorded Crime Statistics for 2013. Speaking at the event the former Minister for Justice, Alan Shatter , TD welcomed the fact that crime is continuing to fall across most crime categories. The CSO figures show reductions in 11 out of the 14 categories for which figures are given.

See: <http://www.merrionstreet.ie/index.php/2014/03/publication-by-central-statistics-office-of-recorded-crime-statistics-for-2013/>

Drugs in a changing European Market - EMCDDA Analysis 2014

The European Drug Report 2014 was launched by the European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction (EMCDDA) on 27th May, 2014.

See: <http://www.emcdda.europa.eu/news/2014/3>

UPCOMING EVENTS

17th June, 2014
9.00 - 4.30pm

Conversations for Change

Campus Engage Network for the Promotion of Civic Engagement in Irish Higher Education

Venue: Printworks, Dublin Castle, Dublin 2

Details: info@campusengage.ie

23th-27th June 2014

“Addressing Sexual Violence and Gendered Harm in Conflict and Post-Conflict Settings: Addressing Enforcement, Essentialism and Masculinities”

Summer School, University of Ulster Transitional Justice Institute

Venue: Jordanstown Campus,

Details: e.mccoubrey@ulster.ac.uk

26th June, 2014
09.30 -14.00

“Overcoming Adversity and Looking to the Future”

SPIRASI

Venue: St Mary’s College, Rathmines

Details: www.spirasi.ie

2nd July, 2014
12.00-14.00

The Local Area Pathways Approach

TUSLA/CDI

Venue: Maldron Hotel, Tallaght, Dublin 24

Details: holly@twcdi.ie

4th September, 2014

Judges, Politics and the Irish Constitution

The School of Law and Government, Dublin City University

Details:

http://www.dcu.ie/humanities_and_social_sciences/news/LGConference.shtml

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