Youth Justice 2008: Measuring Compliance with International Standards

The aim of this two day international conference is to present the latest research on youth justice and to measure progress in light of international children’s rights standards. The event will identify trends and evaluate reforms in the area of youth justice from both international and Irish perspectives.
Day One: Thursday April 3rd 2008
Plenary Sessions will take place in Boole Lecture Theatre 1

8.30 Registration and Tea/Coffee
Boole Basement, University College Cork

9.15 Conferencing Opening
Professor Caroline Fennell, Dean, Faculty of Law and Co-Director, Centre for Criminal Justice and Human Rights, University College Cork
Mr Brendan Smith, Minister for Children (TBC)

9.30 Dr Ursula Kilkelly, Faculty of Law, University College Cork
International Children’s Rights Standards: Setting the Context

10.00 Plenary Session 1: International Perspectives
Chair: Dr Cédric Foussard, Director, International Juvenile Justice Observatory, Brussels
Professor Chris Cunneen, Faculty of Law, University of New South Wales, Sydney
Juvenile Justice in Australia: How well do we comply with International Standards?
Mr Tapio Lappi-Seppälä, National Research Institute of Legal Policy, Helsinki
Nordic Model of Juvenile Justice - as applied in Finland

11.15 Coffee/Tea*

11.45 Plenary Session 2: International Perspectives
Chair: Mr Finbarr O’Leary, Deputy Chief Executive, Children Acts Advisory Board
Professor Barry Goldson, School of Sociology and Social Policy, University of Liverpool
From Pre-emptive Intervention to Custodial Detention: Systemic Human Rights Violations in English Justice
Dr Lesley McAra, Senior Lecturer, Centre for Law and Policy, University of Edinburgh
In the Best Interests of the Child? Scottish Youth Justice in Comparative Context

1.00 Lunch

2.30 Parallel Session 1: Panels A – D

4.00 Coffee/Tea

4.30 Parallel Session 2: Panels E – H

6.00 Wine Reception, with Jazz Manouche
Staff Common Room, North Wing, Main Quadrangle, UCC

* A short film made by Young Voices of Include Youth (Belfast) will be shown introduced by Edel Quinn of Include Youth.

Day Two: Friday April 4th 2008
Plenary Sessions will take place in Boole Lecture Theatre 1

8.30 Registration (Day Two only) and Tea/Coffee

9.00 Parallel Session 3: Panels I – L

10.15 Plenary Session 3: The Irish Youth Justice System: Theory and Policy
Chair: Dr Shane Kilcommins, Faculty of Law, University College Cork
Dr Mairead Seymour, School of Social Sciences and Law, Dublin Institute of Technology
The Irish Youth Justice System

10.45 Irish Policy Makers and Service Providers: Challenges and Reform
Mr Michael Donnellan, Director, Irish Probation Service
Ms Michelle Shannon, National Director, Irish Youth Justice Service
Mr Louis Harkin, Assistant Garda Commissioner, An Garda Síochána

11.45 Tea/Coffee

12.15 Parallel Session 1: Restorative Justice: Irish and International Developments
Chair: Ms Mauna Butler, Law Society and Chair, Association for Criminal Justice Research and Development
Mr David O’Mahony, Reader, Department of Law, University of Durham
Restorative Justice and Criminal Justice: Complementary or Conflicting Paradigms?
Mr Brian Fitzpatrick, National Commission on Restorative Justice
Restorative Justice an Irish Perspective: Reflections on the Work of the National Commission on Restorative Justice to date

12.15 Parallel Session 2: Policing, Accountability and Youth Justice
Chair: Ms Sophie Magennis, Head of Policy and Research, the Ombudsman for Children’s Office
Ms Niamh McKeague and Mr Michael O’Neill, Legal Advisors to An Garda Síochána Ombudsman Commission
The Independent Oversight of Policing in Ireland and the Place of Children in the Complaints and Investigation Process

1.30 Lunch

2.30 Plenary Session 4: Youth Justice and Children's Rights
Chair: The Hon Mr Justice John MacMenamin of the High Court (TBC)
Mr Thomas Hammarberg, Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights
Youth Justice based on Child Rights Norms

3.15 Ms Emily Logan, The Ombudsman for Children
Respecting the Voice of the Child

4.00 Mr Aidan Browne, Chief Executive, Children Acts Advisory Board
Conferencing Closing: Comments and Remarks

4.15 Conference Close
Session 1: Thursday 2.30 - 4.00pm

A. Professor Phil Scraton, Institute of Criminology and Criminal Justice, Queen’s University, Belfast
   Children, young people and the criminalising politics of marginalisation
   Deena Haydon, Independent Research Consultant, Northern Ireland
   ‘I wear a hood, I am a hood’: the experiences of young people in conflict with the law in Northern Ireland
   Dr Linda Moore and Dr Una Convery, University of Ulster, Jordanstown
   Still in our care: protecting children’s rights in custody in Northern Ireland

B. Nessa Lynch, Faculty of Law, University of Otago, Dunedin, New Zealand
   Youth Justice in New Zealand - a children’s rights perspective
   Dr Shannon Moore and Dr Richard Mitchell, Brock University, Canada
   Rights based restorative praxis: evaluating compliance with international standards
   Ajay Kumar, LLM, Paralegal and former police officer, India
   Juvenile justice in India: legal contours

C. Teresa O’Sullivan, Solicitor in Charge, Children’s Legal Service, Sydney
   Young people and group offending
   Dr Mairead Seymour, School of Social Sciences and Law, Dublin Institute of Technology and Michelle Butler, National Crime Council, Ireland
   Understanding the consequences: young people and non-compliance with bail conditions

D. Don Cipriani, Free University of Amsterdam
   Children’s rights and the minimum age of criminal responsibility: a global perspective
   Lydia Buckley, PhD Candidate, Department of Law, University College Cork
   Is the Criminal Law (Sexual Offences) Act 2006 turning teenagers into ‘sex offenders’?
   Siddharth Rathod and Anurag Kalavatiya, Hidayatullah National Law University, India
   Age and criminal responsibility

Session 2: Thursday 4.30 - 6.00pm

E. Jeremy Roche, Faculty of Health and Social Care, Open University, England
   Reconfiguring youth justice: youth justice and children’s rights
   Dr Richard Barnhorst, Department of Justice, Canada
   Recent developments in youth justice legislation in Canada
   Nurudeen Olalekan, Action Network, Nigeria
   Influence of the Nigerian news media on youth criminal justice policy: how market-driven news promotes punitiveness

F. Vicki Lopez Lukis, Girls Advocacy Project, Miami, Florida
   Looking at girls in juvenile justice through a different lens: Girls Advocacy Project?
   Sinead Freeman, PhD Candidate, School of Social Sciences and Law, Dublin Institute of Technology
   Coping in custody: the trials and tribulations of young prisoners on remand
   Nicola Hughes, PhD Candidate, Institute of Criminology, University College Dublin
   Reimprisonment among Ireland’s young offenders

G. Dr Stephen Case, Centre for Criminal Justice and Criminology, Swansea University
   Exploring the risk-protection-promotion identities of young offenders
   Dr Kathryn Hollingsworth, Faculty of Law, King’s College London
   Children’s rights at the edges of youth justice
   Sylvia Hoare, PhD Candidate, School of Social Sciences and Law, Dublin Institute of Technology
   The community context of reintegration for young adult prisoners in Cork: preliminary findings

H. Pieter du Toit, Lecturer in Criminal Law, North-West University, South Africa
   The South African Constitutional Court’s analysis of the duty of a sentencing court when the person to be sentenced is the primary caregiver of minor children
   Dr Fiona Donson, Faculty of Law, University College Cork
   Paying lip service to child rights - challenges in developing a juvenile justice system in Cambodia
   Claire Morris, Georgetown University Law Center, United States,
  Incoming LLM Student
   Implementation of the strategy against juvenile offending for Bosnia and Herzegovina; diversion, urgency of proceedings and co-operation among actors
Session 3: Friday 9 - 10.15am

E. Dr Paul O’Mahony, School of Medicine, Trinity College Dublin
The risk factors analysis of the causes of youth crime: a deceptively useful blueprint.
Tom O’Malley, Senior Lecturer, Faculty of Law, National University of Ireland, Galway
Sentencing at the margins: dealing with offenders on the verge of adulthood

F. Wansley Walters, Director and Dr Richard Dembo, Juvenile Justice Department, Miami Dade County, Florida
Managing real change in juvenile justice: how to halve arrest rates

K. Sergeant Ben Flahive, Juvenile Liaison Officer, An Garda Síochána, Cork (TBC)
Judge Tom O’Donnell, District Court, Limerick
Collette Walsh, Director, Finglas Child and Adolescent Centre, Dublin
Youth Justice in Ireland: Practitioners’ Perspectives

L. Aoife Daly, School of Law/Children’s Research Centre, Trinity College, Dublin
The right to be heard of Palestinian children in Israeli military custody
Dr Angela Veale, Department of Applied Psychology, University College Cork
The International Criminal Court and the victim as perpetrator
Dr Jonathan Illan, Research Associate, School of Social Sciences and Law, Dublin Institute of Technology
If you don’t let us in, we’ll get arrested: class cultural dynamics in the administration of and resistance to youth justice measures

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