

WORKSHOPS

| Time                                | Workshop | Title  | Presenter(s)   |
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| Day 1 – 6 <sup>th</sup> March, 2008 |          |  |  |
| 15:30-16:30                         | A        | Education Programmes in the Youth Justice Continuum  | Dr. Dermot Stokes<br>Youthreach National Co-ordinator  |
| 15:30-16:30                         | B        | Restorative Justice in Ireland: North and South Perspectives   | Alice Chapman<br>Director of Youth Conference Service, Youth Justice Agency, NI<br><br>Sergeant Andy Tuite<br>Garda Community Relations                  |
| 15:30-16:30                         | C        | Implementing Children’s Policy – the “Whole Child” Challenge   | Liz Canavan<br>Office of the Minister for Children (OMC)   |
| 15:30-16:30                         | D        | Interagency: The Challenge of Working Together   | Finbarr O’Leary<br>Deputy Chief Executive, Children Acts Advisory Board (CAAB)   |
| Day 2 – 7 <sup>th</sup> March, 2008 |          |  |  |
| 12:10-13:10                         | E        | Models of Detention for Children   | Ursula Kilkelly<br>Senior Lecturer, Faculty of Law, UCC<br><br>Mary Geaney<br>National Manager of Detention School Services, Irish Youth Justice Service |
| 12:10-13:10                         | F        | Strengthening Families: Interagency Effective Practice Approach  | Rosemary Fox<br>Probation Service  |
| 12:10-13:10                         | G        | How do you get there from here?<br><i>(Gaining a momentum for improvement in youth justice practice)</i> | Sean Redmond<br>Irish Youth Justice Service<br><br>Tim Chapman<br>CTC Associates   |

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Seirbhís na hÉireann um Cheartas i leith an Aosa Óig

FIRST BIENNIAL CONFERENCE

“BEST PRACTICE FOR YOUTH JUSTICE,  
BEST PRACTICE FOR ALL”

6<sup>TH</sup> AND 7<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2008

SLIEVE RUSSELL HOTEL,  
BALLYCONNELL, CO. CAVAN



DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, EQUALITY AND LAW REFORM  
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## KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

### Ms. Michelle Shannon

Michelle Shannon is the National Director of the Irish Youth Justice Service. She is a graduate of UCD and has worked in a number of senior positions since joining the Department of Justice, Equality and Law Reform in 1994. Her responsibilities have included Crime Policy; Prisons and Probation Policy; and HR. She previously worked in the Department of Education and Science dealing with Youth and Sports, and the Vocational Education Committees. Prior to her current appointment she spent the previous three years as Head of Human Resources in the Department of Justice, Equality and Law Reform.

### Mr. John Fitzgerald

John Fitzgerald qualified as an Accountant and was Finance Manager with Cork City Council in 1980. He was appointed Assistant City and County Manager immediately prior to reorganisation of Local Government in Dublin in 1991; was one of the three Managers appointed to set up the three new Dublin Counties – Fingal, South Dublin and Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown - and became the first County Manager of South Dublin County Council. John was appointed Dublin City Manager from 1996 to June 2006 when he stepped down from that position. He was appointed Chairman of the newly formed Grangegorman Development Agency. In 2007 he was appointed Chairman of the two Regeneration Agencies set up in Limerick resulting from the recommendations of his report to Cabinet on problems of social exclusion in that city.

### Professor Paul Ekblom

Paul Ekblom read psychology and gained his PhD at University College London. As a researcher in the UK Home Office for many years, Paul worked on the full range of crime prevention projects; also horizon-scanning; Design against Crime; and developing the professional discipline and knowledge management of crime prevention. Paul has worked internationally with EU Crime Prevention Network; Europol; UN; and Council of Europe. He is currently Professor and Co-Director of the University of the Arts, London Research Centre on Design Against Crime which involves design and evaluation of products; places; systems and communications as well as continuing to develop practical conceptual frameworks for general crime prevention.

### Ms. Sylva Langford

Sylva Langford is Director General of the Office of the Minister for Children since December 2005. The OMC is a “first” in terms of public service management, in that three policy divisions dealing with children’s issues in three different Government departments (Education, Health and Justice) are co-located together with the Minister for Children for the purpose of achieving better outcomes for children through driving the delivery of the commitments in the National Children’s Strategy 2000-2010. Prior to this, Sylva worked in the Department of Justice, Equality and Law Reform; the Department of Social Welfare; Office of the Ombudsman; and the Eastern Health Board. She has a background in social policy and social work and is a graduate of University College Cork and the London School of Economics.

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## CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

This conference is for policy-makers and decision-makers who develop and provide interventions for children who are in conflict with the law, or are at risk of offending or re-offending.

The conference programme will focus on the recent developments in theory and best practice in relation to interventions for these children and at reducing youth offending. It will include speakers and presentations from a broad range of practitioners and academics in Ireland and abroad and will showcase some projects. In addition, there will be a number of workshops on a range of related topics

## CONFERENCE AGENDA

### DAY 1: Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March, 2008

| TIME          | ITEM  |
|---------------|---|
| 10.30 - 11.15 | <b>Registration &amp; Tea/Coffee</b>  |
| 11.15 - 11.30 | <b>Conference Chair</b>   |
| 11.30 - 11.45 | <b>Opening Address: Mr. Brendan Smith TD – Minister for Children</b>  |
| 11.45 - 12.00 | <b>Recent Youth Justice Reforms</b><br>Ms. Michelle Shannon – National Director, Irish Youth Justice Service (IYJS)   |
| 12.00 - 12.50 | <b>Regeneration – the pain and the gain</b><br>Mr. John Fitzgerald, Limerick Regeneration Agency  |
| 13.00 - 14.15 | <b>Lunch</b>  |
| 14.15 - 15.00 | <b>Capturing, assessing, transferring and applying knowledge of good practice in crime prevention – the 5Is framework</b><br>Prof. Paul Ekblom, Associate Director, Design against Crime Research Centre - UK |
| 15.00 - 15.20 | <b>Integration of Children’s Policies</b><br>Ms. Sylva Langford – Director General, Office of the Minister for Children (OMC)   |
| 15.20 - 15.30 | <b>Tea/Coffee</b>   |
| 15.30 - 16.30 | <b>Workshops</b>  |
| 16.30 - 17.15 | <b>Feedback session</b>   |
| 17.15         | <b>Close of Day 1</b>   |
| 19.30 - 20.00 | <b>Reception</b>  |
| 20.00         | <b>Gala Dinner</b><br>Hosted by Mr. Brian Lenihan TD – Minister for Justice, Equality & Law Reform  |

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## CONFERENCE AGENDA

### DAY 2: Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March, 2008

| TIME          | ITEM  |
|---------------|---|
| 09.20         | <b>Conference Chair</b>   |
| 09.30 - 10.10 | <b>Prevention and Intervention</b><br>Mr. Bob Ashford – Head of Youth Justice Strategy, Youth Justice Board for England and Wales   |
| 10:10 – 10:50 | <b>Balancing due process values with welfare objectives in juvenile justice: some strengths and weaknesses in Irish procedure</b><br>Prof. Dermot Walsh, Professor of Law, University of Limerick |
| 10:50 – 11:10 | <b>Best Practice for Children in Detention</b><br>Ms. Mary Geaney – National Manager of Detention School Services   |
| 11:10 - 11:25 | <b>Tea/Coffee</b>   |
| 11:30 – 12:10 | <b>Victims and Restorative Justice: Fulfilling Expectations?</b><br>Mr. David O’Mahony - Reader, Durham University  |
| 12:10 – 13:10 | <b>Workshops</b>  |
| 13.10 - 14.15 | <b>Buffet Lunch</b>   |
| 14:15 – 14:45 | <b>Feedback</b>   |
| 14:45 - 15:00 | <b>Closing Address</b><br>Mr. Seán Aylward - Secretary General, Department of Justice, Equality & Law Reform  |
| 15:00         | <b>Close of Conference</b>  |

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