As conference organisers, we would like to welcome you to the University of Limerick. The members of the Centre for Criminal Justice and staff of the School of Law have long had a strong commitment to victims’ rights, both in their research and their engagement with stakeholders. This conference is testament to that dedication and it has been our privilege to organise this event at such a timely juncture in the history of victims’ rights in this jurisdiction. We hope that you enjoy this conference and that it provides a forum to stimulate debate about the position of victims within the criminal justice system and an opportunity to forge networks for future research and progress in the protection and recognition of victims of crime in Ireland.

Dr. Susan Leahy (pictured left) and Dr. Margaret Fitzgerald-O’Reilly (pictured right).

Victims’ Rights: An Agenda for Change

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Chair: His Honour Judge Thomas E. O’Donnell

The Honourable Mr. Justice Robert Eagar, “Victims with the Criminal Justice System: A Historical Perspective.”

Professor Jonathan Doak, University of Durham, “Beyond the pale? Recognising victims’ rights as human rights.”

Ms. Ellen O’Malley-Dunlop, Dublin Rape Crisis Centre, “Too many Victims of Sexual Crimes fall out of the Criminal Justice System in Ireland: Will the EU Directive on Victims’ Rights help support victims stay the course of the CJS?”

Coffee Break

Plenary Session 2  GEMS016  11:30 – 1:00

Chair: Dr. Andrea Ryan, University of Limerick

Garda Commissioner Nóirín O’Sullivan, “Putting victims at the heart of the Garda service”

Professor Matthew Hall, University of Lincoln, “Victims in the Criminal Justice System: Brought in from the cold?”

Ms. Joan Deane, AdVIC, “A Victim’s Journey through the Criminal Justice System”

Break for Lunch
Parallel Session 1  GEMS016  2:00 - 3:30
Chair: Dr. Aisling O’Sullivan, University of Sussex
Accommodating victim interests within an Adversarial Process

Panel A

Dr. Liz Heffernan, Trinity College Dublin, “Victim Participation in Criminal Proceedings: Plotting the Contours of the Right to Provide Evidence”

Dr. Ger Coffey, University of Limerick, “Due Process for Victims: An Emerging Universality of Justiciable Victims’ Rights in the Criminal Justice Process?”

Ms. Deirdre Malone, BL, Director, Irish Penal Reform Trust, “Victims and Offenders: Protecting the Rights of Everyone”

Dr. Maria McDonald, Victims’ Rights Alliance, “Implementation of the Victims’ Directive into Irish Law via the Criminal Justice (Victims of Crime) Bill 2015)"

Parallel Session 1  GEMS028  2:00 - 3:30
Chair: Dr. Margaret Fitzgerald-O’Reilly, University of Limerick
Inter-Agency Co-operation and Hearing the Voice of the Victim

Panel B

Ms. Lisa Kennedy, Irish Tourist Assistance Service, “Cross-Border Victimisation”

Ms. Ursula Fernee, Irish Probation Service, “Victim Perspectives in Probation Practice: the Change, the Choices and the Challenges”


Dr. Johnny Connolly, Health Research Board, “Investigating the hidden harms of drug-related intimidation and community violence”
Parallel Session 1  GEMS029  2:00 - 3:30
Chair: Ms. Miriam Duffy, Rape Crisis Midwest
Sexual Offences
Panel C

Ms. Kate Mulkerrins, BL, Office of the DPP, “Ask me no questions? An examination of applications under section 3 of the Criminal Law (Rape) Act 1981 (as amended) whereby an accused seeks leave of the trial judge to ask a rape complainant about their sexual experience”

Dr. Sinead Ring, University of Kent, “The Victims’ Rights Directive and Adult Victims of Childhood Sexual Abuse”


Ms. Lorraine Lally, BL, “Directive opportunity to assist victims of sexual exploitation”


Coffee Break

Parallel Session 2  GEMS016  3:45 - 5:15
Chair: Dr. Catherine O’Sullivan, University College Cork
Victims with Disabilities and Victims of Hate Crime
Panel D

Professor Shane Kilcommins, University of Limerick, “Victims of Crime with Disabilities in Ireland”

Mr. Alan Cusack, University College Cork, “Addressing the Exclusionary Effect of Adversarialism: The Victims’ Rights Directive and the Inclusion of Victims of Crime with Disabilities”

Dr. Gill Harold, University College Cork, “Access to Justice for Deaf Victims of Crime: Recognising Barriers and Identifying Opportunities for Change”

Parallel Session 2  GEMS028  3:45 - 5:15
Chair: Dr. Eimear Spain, University of Limerick
Domestic Violence
Panel E

Ms. Majella Foley-Friel, ADAPT Domestic Violence Services, “Domestic Abuse- Is it really a legal problem?”

Ms. Rebecca Coen, BL, Office of the DPP, “Criminalising Private Violence”

Dr. Andrea Ryan, University of Limerick, “The adoption of EU measures in Ireland for the rights of victims: not quite the full package”

Ms. Aoife McGrath, AMEN, “Male Victims of Domestic Abuse – The Last Taboo?”

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Parallel Session 2  GEMS029  3:45 - 5:15
Chair: Dr. Maria McDonald, Victims’ Rights Alliance
Investigation, Reparation and Victims’ Needs
Panel F

Ms. Ruth Elliffe, Trinity College Dublin, “Police Engagement with Children and Young People Experiencing Domestic Violence: Key Messages from the International Literature”

Mr. Paul Lynch, Trinity College Dublin, “Victims of Crime- Just Another Brick in the Wall?”

Dr. Vicky Conway, University of Kent, “Securing Justice for Victims: an Analysis of the Effectiveness of Garda Accountability Mechanisms”