

Victims' Rights: An Agenda for Change

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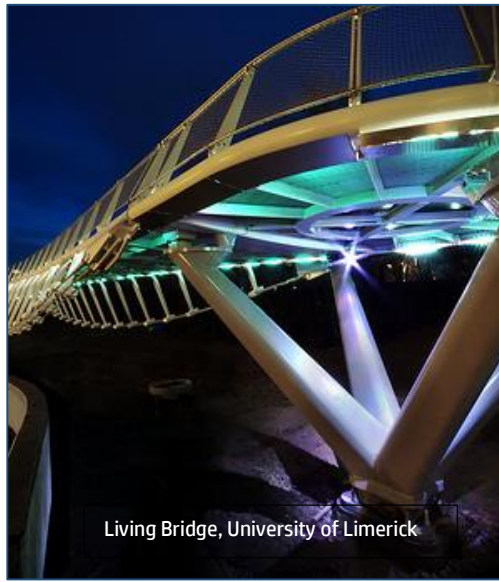
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As conference organisers, we would like to welcome you to the University of Limerick. The members of the Centre for Criminal Justice and staff of the School of Law have long had a strong commitment to victims' rights, both in their research and their 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).

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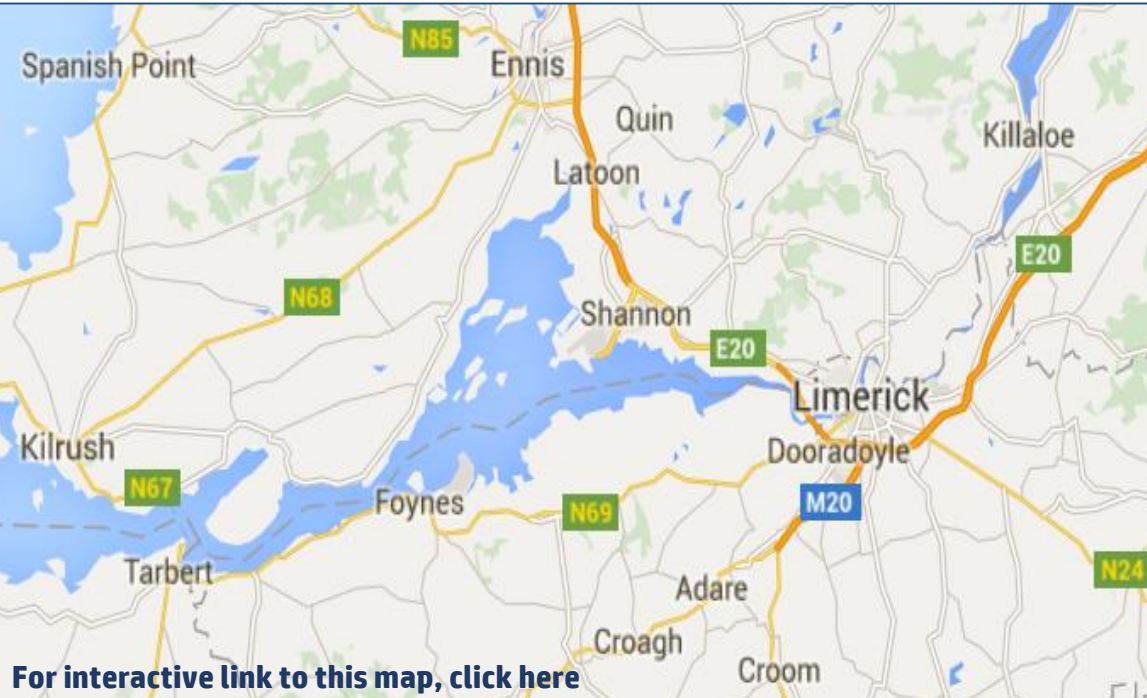
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Directions to the University of Limerick

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<https://www.google.ie/maps/@52.7870216,-9.0604564,9z?hl=en>

By Air

Shannon International Airport is approximately 35 km from the university campus. See [Shannon International Airport](#) for a full list of flights. **Taxis** from the airport to the university cost on average around 50 Euro.

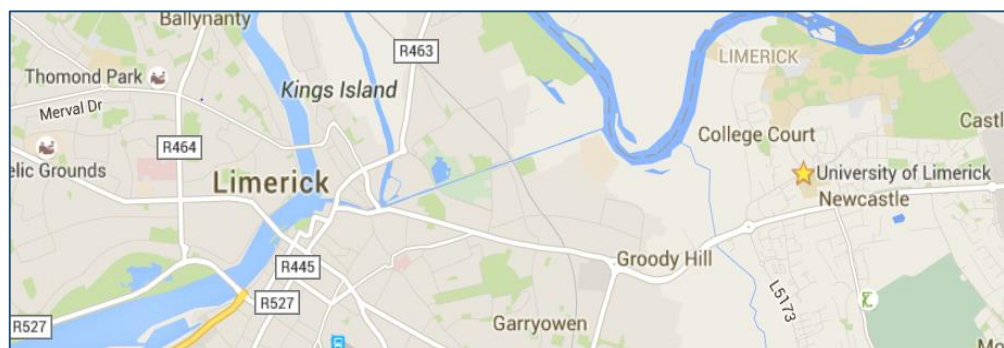
There are also coach links from **Dublin Airport** to the university and for further information, click

<http://www.dublincoach.ie/services/dublin-coach-journey-planner.php>

By Car

If you decide to rent a car, follow this link

<http://www.ul.ie/ul-campus/campus-maps/travelling-to-the-university>



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The Bus Eireann service from **Shannon** runs to the main Limerick city bus station, Colbert, which is situated in Parnell Street.

This bus departs at least once every hour from Shannon Airport and costs 8.40 Euro one way. The last bus departs at midnight.

Kavanagh Coaches also provide a bus service from Shannon Airport direct to the university. For further details click here http://getthere.ie/shannon_airport-ul/

Trains to Limerick (Colbert) station run from central **Dublin (Heuston)** station. Click here for further details

<http://journeyplanner.irishrail.ie/bin/query.exe/en?OK#focus>

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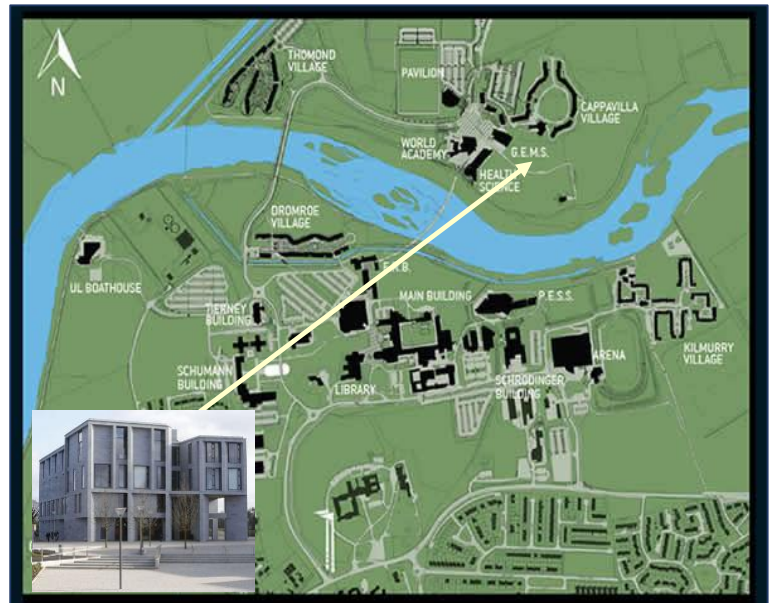
The Conference will take place in the Graduate Entry Medical School (GEMS), University of Limerick, as indicated on the campus map below and also inset.

Virtual Tours

Information on the University of Limerick is available [here](#).

A campus map is available [here](#).

A [virtual tour](#) is available here.



Accommodation

within walking distance of the university

Castletroy Park Hotel, Dublin Road, Limerick, telephone 353 61 335566. For further information click here

<http://www.castletroypark.ie/en/limerick-hotel-contact/index.html>



Kilmurry Lodge Hotel, Castletroy, Limerick 353 61 331133. For further information click here

<http://www.kilmurrylodge.com/contact-us.html>

or in the city centre

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Clarion Hotel, Steamboat Quay, Limerick, telephone 353 61 444100. For further information click here <http://www.clarionhotellimerick.com/contact/contact-us.htm>



Programme Summary

8:45 – 9:15	Registration and welcome in the GEMS Building		
9:15 – 9:30	Conference Opening, Professor Paul McCutcheon, Vice President Academic and Registrar, University of Limerick		
9:30 – 11:00	Plenary Session 1: Room GEMS016		
11:00 – 11:30	Tea/Coffee Break		
11:30 – 1:00	Plenary Session 2: Room GEMS016		
1:00 – 2:00	Break for Lunch in the Pavilion Restaurant		
2:00 – 3:30	Panel A Room GEMS016	Panel B Room GEMS028	Panel C Room GEMS029
3:30 – 3:45	Tea/Coffee Break		
3:45 – 5:15	Panel D Room GEMS016	Panel E Room GEMS028	Panel F Room GEMS029
5:15 – 5:30	Conference Close Launch of the Centre for Criminal Justice and Victim Studies		
5:30	Wine Reception kindly sponsored by Holmes O'Malley Sexton Solicitors		

Full Programme

Plenary Session 1

GEMS016

9:30 – 11:00

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. Luke Moffett, Queen's University Belfast, "Victim Personal Statements in Northern Ireland: A New Voice for Crime Victims in Sentencing?"

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”

Dr. Susan Leahy, University of Limerick, “Sexual Offences Law Reform in the Shadow of the Victims’ Directive: Reflections on the Criminal Law (Sexual Offences) Bill 2014”

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

Ms. Nusha Yonkova, Immigrant Council of Ireland, “The Victims’ Rights Directive - a viable tool for upholding the rights of human trafficking victims”

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”

Ms. Jennifer Schweppe and Dr. Amanda Haynes, University of Limerick, “Legislating for Hate Crime: Can the Victims’ Rights Directive Provide Guidance on Protected Groups?”

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?"

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"

