

Our Venue

Europe Hotel & Resort



Killarney



The Europe Hotel and Conference & Event Centre in Killarney, is one of the most spectacular in Ireland and is situated on the shores of Lough Lein (Killarney's largest lake) amidst stunning scenery and picturesque surroundings. The McGillicuddy Reeks mountain range is also located nearby, offering a rugged backdrop to this idyllic setting. The stunning interior of The Europe Hotel was designed by Achim Gottstein, a local architect alongside international interior design company Hirsch Bedner and Associates. A modern, contemporary theme pervades throughout the hotel. There are a range of leisure activities available on the hotel grounds including the ESPA Spa, one of the largest spa facilities in Ireland with a vast range of facilities and amenities including an indoor swimming pool at the spa along with an indoor and outdoor vitality pool.

For the convenience of our delegates we have negotiated two attractive accommodation options:

1) **Lakeview Accommodation at the Hotel Europe** inclusive of all extensive leisure facilities (www.theeurope.com - Tel: (064) 6671300) @ €90.00 pps or €150.00 single

2) **Accommodation at the nearby Travel Inn** (Email info@travelinn.ie -Tel: (064) 6623600) situated opposite entrance to The Europe. From €45.00 pps or from €65.00 single

There are also many B&B options in and around Killarney



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Getting a Grip 2011

'SUBSTANCE MISUSE – A HEALTH OR CRIMINAL JUSTICE ISSUE?'

Thursday October 6th – Friday October 7th 2011



Killarney, Co. Kerry



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CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FEE €195 PER DELEGATE

Inclusive of Lunch, Refreshments and Conference Dinner on Friday 7th October

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THURSDAY 6TH OCTOBER – EVENING (OPEN TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC)

REGISTRATION FROM 6pm - SESSION STARTS AT 7pm AND ENDS AT 9.30pm.

TEA AND COFFEE AVAILABLE AT REGISTRATION

URSULA KILKELLY (BA, LL.M, PHD)

Ursula joined the Law Faculty in 1999 and was made Senior Lecturer in 2004. She has lectured and published widely on children's rights, the European Convention on Human Rights and juvenile justice. She is the Director of the new Child Law Clinic, which enables lawyers and students to work together on child law litigation and is also the Director of the BCL International Programme and the LL.M in Criminal Justice. Ursula is currently chairperson of the University Research Ethics Board and member of the steering group of the ISS21 Child and Young Person Research Cluster.

Ursula will be presenting a submission paper around our conference theme. Following Ursula's presentation, delegates will be invited to join one of two workshops:

WORKSHOP ONE – 'SUBSTANCE MISUSE- A HEALTH ISSUE'**Workshop Facilitator PEADAR KING**

Peadar King is the Chairperson of the Southern Regional Drugs Task Force. He is author of *The Politics of Drugs* from production to consumption (The Liffey Press, 2003) and has produced a number of reports on drug and alcohol misuse issues.

WORKSHOP TWO – 'SUBSTANCE MISUSE - A CRIMINAL JUSTICE ISSUE'**Workshop Facilitator Dr. SHARON LAMBERT**

Dr Sharon Lambert holds an honours degree in Applied Psychology from University College Cork (UCC), and a PhD in the field of Forensic Psychology. Sharon has a number of research interests in the areas of Investigative & Forensic Psychology including Sex Offending, Juvenile Offending and Investigative Interviewing. Sharon regularly presents at psychology conferences and has delivered training seminars in Forensic Psychology to the Metropolitan Police in the U.K. the Irish Probation Service and An Garda Síochána. She regularly lectures in UCC, An Garda Síochána and Griffith College. Sharon is the manager of Matt Talbot Services drug and alcohol day treatment service for young people.

Following the Workshops, Delegates will be invited to reassemble in the conference centre for further discussion and debate with our Panel. The accumulated information from the Thursday evening will be considered by the Southern Regional Drugs Task Force and used to produce a position paper after the conference.

MÁIRÉAD O' SULLIVAN – KERRY JIGSAW

Máiréad O' Sullivan is co-ordinator of Jigsaw Kerry, a post that she has occupied since January 2010. Jigsaw Kerry operate under the umbrella of 'Headstrong', the National body for Youth Mental Health, It is a non profit, Non Government Organisation set up by Dr. Tony Bates and has developed the Jigsaw Model. Young people directly participate in Jigsaw as members of the Youth Advisory Panel.

As a follow up to her presentation at the 2010 GETTING A GRIP conference, Máiréad will be presenting the results of the Kerry Jigsaw 'My World' survey held across 5 pilot secondary schools in Kerry involving 1200 young people regarding their lives and what impacts upon them.

Following our Thursday speakers, The Southern Regional Drugs Task Force Annual Report for 2010 will be launched by Chris Black Co-ordinator of the Southern Regional Drugs Task Force.

FRIDAY 7TH OCTOBER (DELEGATES ONLY)

8.30am Onwards - Registration (Refreshments Available at Registration)
9.10am Welcome Address from Cllr. Sean Counihan - Mayor of Killarney
9.20am Official Opening
9.30am Conference Commences (Lunch Included)
5.30pm Conference Business Concludes
8.30pm Conference Dinner

JÖRGEN SVIDÉN

Jörgen is the Director of ECAD (European Cities Against Drugs) ECAD is Europe's leading organization promoting a drug free Europe and representing millions of European citizens. Drug dealing and drug abuse causes enormous problems in Europe. Nations and their citizens are affected by the consequence of drug abuse. ECAD member cities work to develop initiatives and efforts against drug abuse, supporting the United Nations Conventions which oppose legalisation and promote policies to eradicate drug abuse worldwide.

**DEIRDRE BOYD**

Deirdre Boyd is CEO of the Addiction Recovery Foundation, cofounder/organiser of the UK/European Symposia on Addictive Disorders and cofounder of the Unity Group. She is editor of *Addiction Today* and author of *Addictions: Your Questions Answered*, printed in seven languages, as well as mental-health charity Mind's booklet *Understanding Addictions/Dependencies*. She was a trustee of the National Association for Children of Alcoholics and is a member of the Centre for Policy Studies' Prisons and Addictions unit. In 2006, ICAA awarded her the Dr Vincent Bakeman memorial award for Outstanding Community Service.

**CLLR. MANNIX FLYNN**

Mannix Flynn, is an Independent Dublin City Councillor a writer, artist and performer, born in Dublin. His published works include 'Nothing to Say' and James X. He has worked in film, theatre and Television. He has written extensively for various newspapers, magazines and periodicals and is a well-known contemporary commentator and artist and is also a member of Aosdána. He has extensive experience in the campaign to highlight the issues relating to residential institutional abuse and clerical sexual abuse. As an artist and politician Mannix has been involved in issues of equality, fairness, transparency and governance. He is a strong believer in education for all with a strong emphasis on awareness of the destructive nature of addiction.

**DR. PAUL O'MAHONY**

Paul O'Mahony is currently an Associate Professor in psychology attached to the School of Medicine, Trinity College Dublin. Between 1980 and 1992 he worked as a psychologist in the Irish Prison Service and first studied drugs issues in this post, co-authoring *A Survey of Drug Addicts* in the Dublin Committal Prisons (1981) with Tom Gilmore. He was a founder member of the Irish Penal Reform Trust and the Drug Policy Action Group. He is author of *Crime and Punishment in Ireland* (1993) and *The Irish War on Drugs: The Seductive Folly of Prohibition* (2008) among other books and studies on the Irish Criminal Justice system.

**DR. JOE BARRY**

Dr. Joe Barry MSc, MD, FRCPI, FPPHM is Professor of Population Health Medicine and Head of the Department of Public Health and Primary Care in Trinity College and is also a Board member of Alcohol Action Ireland. He joined the Department of Public Health as a Senior Lecturer in 1997. Joe graduated as a doctor from University College Cork in 1979. He did internal medicine training in the United Kingdom and public health training in Ireland and the United Kingdom. He completed his MSc in the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine and his MD in Trinity College. He is fluent in Irish and English.

**FR. SEAN CASSIN**

Fr. Sean Cassin is a Franciscan Friar who has extensive experience in dealing with drug problems for individual drug users and their families. Having trained as an addiction councillor, he founded Merchants Quay Ireland in Dublin's South Inner City in 1989. He represented Voluntary Drug Services on the National Drug Strategy team from 1997 – 2009. Sean played a lead role in the development of the National Voluntary Drug & Alcohol Sector, and has also been Chair of the Drug Policy Action Group.

