



## EVALUATION OF STREET WORK TRAINING IN BUKAVU, DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO

In November 2009 the Community Youth Work team at Jordanstown were invited by a London charity, StreetInvest to conduct an evaluation of their street work training which StreetInvest had delivered in Bukavu, Eastern Democratic Republic of Congo. This war-ravaged and extremely poor country has an unusually high number of displaced children and it is estimated that over 5 million people have died there since civil war erupted in 1998. Writing about the situation Human Rights Watch (2006:3) states: "Conflict, internal displacement, unemployment, poverty, disease, the prohibitive cost of education and a myriad of other factors have all contributed to the growing number of children living and working on the streets in DRC".

The evaluation team comprised three members of the Community Youth Work team, namely **Susan Morgan, Sam McCready and Pat Henry**. Pat was the chosen member of the team who travelled, alongside two StreetInvest staff members, through Kenya and Rwanda to Bukavu to carry out focus group interviews with street workers, street children and with managers of the local EGO, Programme d'Ecadrement des enfants des Rues (PEDER).

The final evaluation report was presented to StreetInvest in late April 2010. Underpinning the training ethos is a



Back row, Interpreter, Denise McEvoy (StreetInvest Trainer), Mr Pat Henry and Interpreter.

child-centred and rights based approach to street work practice which is emerging as a real strength of the training. The training allowed the street workers to reflect upon and develop their practice methodology which included family work and re-unification, bringing children to a refuge and where they could improve their literacy and numeracy skills and/or receive vocational training. Other highly innovative models of practice included street mapping, head counting, listening points in the markets areas and peer support/education. StreetInvest are keen to have ongoing consultations with the Community Youth Work team in the future.

### ERASMUS TEACHING PLACEMENT

In February 2010, **Drs Ruth McAlister and Rachel Monaghan** from the School of Criminology, Politics and Social Policy, together with **Ray McDonnell** from the School of Law participated in an *Erasmus teaching placement* at InHolland University of Applied Sciences Rotterdam during the University's international week. **Drs McAlister and Monaghan** gave lectures on the subject of criminology within the social sciences and on terrorism and political violence to second year Economics and Social Legal Studies students while Mr McDonnell provided lectures for the School of Law in the general area of surveillance. They also all participated in a morning long seminar with Professor Roger Matthews from London South Bank University on 'Criminological subjects in postmodern European society'. In addition to their formal teaching sessions, they represented Ulster at an international education fair and met with international students and other lecturers involved in the international week.

### Farewell from the Dean

As my second term of office as Dean comes to an end, I would like to take the opportunity to thank you for giving me the chance to work with all of you and for your ongoing tremendous support throughout my term of office. I truly appreciate it. It has been a very fulfilling and rewarding eight years and I will undoubtedly miss the work and of course working with all of you. Some of the most interesting aspects have been the opportunity to work across a range of discipline areas, something I have valued enormously and learned a lot from. I know the Faculty will continue to go from strength to strength. With my thanks and best wishes for the future.

A special word of thanks to Val, Philip and David for their assistance in the production of the Faculty Newsletter.

Anne

## BACKING UP DATA

An effective backup regime is an important component in any organisation's disaster recovery solution. The problems experienced during the recent severe weather highlighted how important it is to have both a robust system infrastructure, and a well defined procedure for the backup of local data.

Whereas network hosted software and the network infrastructure are the province of ISD, at Faculty level we should ensure that adequate precautions have been taken to secure local workstation data.

The hard disks in staff workstations are generally robust, and in most cases work faultlessly during their lifetime. It is not unreasonable however, to expect some to fail in a shorter time, and this

will normally mean the total loss of all data, files, e-mail archive etc. For this reason it is imperative that an adequate backup regime is employed.

Staff who are connected to Active Directory (AD) have access to a private personal folder on the University system of 250Mbytes, and this is backed up by the University. The Faculty is actively encouraging ISD to significantly increase this allocation. In many instances 250Mbytes will be too small, so all staff workstations have some form of additional media, which can be used for backup. The majority have DVD writers and associated software, while a few of the older workstations have CD writers. A DVD writer can typically store 75,000 Word files of 10 pages, while a CD can store 12,000 such documents, and

backup software will allow the use of multiple disks. Since these backup disks will invariably contain sensitive data, they should be securely stored at all times. The technical staff will be willing to show you how to create these backups.

Staff are encouraged to make periodic backups of their files. Several staff currently make use of USB memory sticks and portable hard disks for backup. If these are not encrypted the loss or unwanted removal of the device could result in information falling into the wrong hands. USB memory sticks in particular are subject to physical damage, and being mislaid. The fines for the loss of sensitive data are severe. In the near future encryption will be mandatory for such devices.

## VISIT OF JUDGE WEATHERUP TO ULSTER ON 23 MARCH 2010

**High Court Judge, Mr Justice Weatherup**, visited the University of Ulster to present a lecture to second year undergraduate law students taking the Public Law module. The lecture focused on the area of judicial reviews process of judicial appointments and the role of the Northern Ireland Judicial Appointments Commission. Mr Justice Weatherup's role as both a High Court Judge and a member of the Northern Ireland Judicial Appointments Commission, provided an authoritative insight into the key issues surrounding appointment to the judiciary.



L to R: Ciaran White, Senior Law Lecturer, Mr Justice Weatherup, Dr Thomas Murphy, Head of the School of Law and Esther McGuinness, Law Lecturer

## TJI FORTHCOMING EVENTS

**3 June 2010:** TJI Seminar Series – Dr Vjeran Pavlakovic, *Red Stars, Black Shirts: Croatia's Commemorative Culture and Contested Histories of World War Two*, Dalriada House, Jordanstown campus.

**4 June 2010:** TJI International Workshop: *After Retribution: Trials and Transitional Justice*, Magee campus.

**5 June 2010:** TJI and European Association of Lawyers for Democracy and World Human Rights – joint international conference on Peoples in Motion: Self-Determination and Secession, Hilton Hotel, Belfast.

**7-11 June 2010:** TJI Summer School on Transitional Justice: *Gender, Conflict and Transition*, Magee campus.

**9 June 2010:** 2010 International Summer School Annual Lecture: **Professor Monica McWilliams** (Chief Commissioner, Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission), Great Hall, Magee campus.

## LAW STUDENTS ADDRESS

**The School of Law at Ulster** has continued to further its links with the legal profession in Northern Ireland. **Ms Adeline Frew**, Director of Equality and Diversity at The Northern Ireland Judicial Appointments Commission addressed undergraduate law students and trainee solicitors at the Magee Campus in November and undergraduate law students at the Jordanstown Campus in March. The Commission, which selects and recommends applicants for judicial office in Northern Ireland, was established on 15 June 2005 as an independent public body under the Justice (NI) Acts 2002 & 2004.

Additionally, students from across the School of Law represented the University in a number of competitions. Four students attended the Thomas A Finlay Moot Court Intervarsity at UCD in March. The students involved were **Agata Baranow**, **Emer McNamee**, **Nicola McKane** and **Mark Galbraith**.

## MINISTER RUANE ADDRESSES ULSTER LAW STUDENTS

University of Ulster students had the chance to debate key issues with Education Minister, Caitríona Ruane, when she visited the Jordanstown campus on 2 March.

Post-primary transfer was on the agenda as Minister Ruane addressed over 100 first-year students taking the Law, State and Society module of the LLB Hons Law degree. During her visit she outlined the benefits of the Department's Transfer 2010 policy and engaged in lively discussion with staff and students. Minister Ruane was welcomed to the University of Ulster by Professor Alastair Adair, Provost and Pro Vice Chancellor of Communications and External Affairs and Dr Thomas Murphy, Head of the School of Law.



L to R: Dr Eugene McNamee, Professor Alastair Adair, Minister for Education, Caitríona Ruane, Dr Thomas Murphy, Gráinne McKeever and Dr Linda Clarke

## DATABASES IN TRANSITIONAL JUSTICE



L to R: Catherine O'Rourke and Louise Mallinder

**Louise Mallinder and Catherine O'Rourke** have been awarded £4,000 funding by the Socio-Legal Studies Association for a one-day seminar on 'The Role of Databases in Transitional Justice Research'. The seminar will explore issues in

categorising, accessing and presenting data on transitional justice in the form of databases. It will be held in Belfast in October 2010. The seminar will investigate how innovative methodological approaches demonstrated in databases can be made more rigorous, can enhance research methods in transitional justice, and socio-legal research more broadly. The participants will bring together the scholars and practitioners who have created most major transitional justice databases to date, including Mallinder and O'Rourke, who have created the Amnesty Law Database (Mallinder) and the Peace Agreements Database (Bell and O'Rourke). The seminar will be open to the public, and the audience will include national and international scholars and practitioners. There are plans to live-stream the event over the internet and to make the event available as a podcast. The outcomes of the discussion will be disseminated in a written report and a journal article

## INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

On 19 and 20 June the Law School at the **Magee Campus** will celebrate 10 years of successful operation with an **International Conference on the Rights of the Child**. The conference, entitled 'The Children's Convention at 21: The Rights of The Child Come of Age?', will feature leading keynote participants from academia, the Judiciary and the NGO sector, including Prof. Javaid Rehman (Professor of Islamic Law and International Law, Brunel University), Ms Patricia Lewsey (Northern Ireland Commissioner for Children and Young People) and Ms Emily Logan (Ombudsman for Children, Republic of Ireland). Further details on the conference schedule, registration, etc. can be obtained at the conference website <http://www.socsci.ulster.ac.uk/law/conf1/index.html> or through the conference secretary at [childrensrights@ulster.ac.uk](mailto:childrensrights@ulster.ac.uk). Attendees from within the University would be particularly welcome.

## TJI HOSTS KENYAN NATIONAL COHESION AND INTEGRATION COMMISSIONERS

The Transitional Justice Institute (TJI) recently hosted Commissioners from the National Cohesion and Integration Commission who were accompanied by the First Counsellor from the Kenyan High Commission in London. A seminar, co-organised with NICEM and the Afro Community Support Organisation NI, took place on Thursday 18 March 2010 at Belfast campus. The Commission was created as one of the mechanisms to address the 2008 post-election crisis and the underlying issues that caused the crisis. Primarily, the Commissioners were in Belfast on a fact-finding mission. They were looking at evidence of best practice in facilitating and promoting equality of opportunity, good relations, harmony and peaceful co-existence between persons of different ethnic and racial communities, particularly with Northern Ireland's current preoccupation with similar issues. At the University of Ulster, the Commissioners were keen to familiarise themselves with relevant research carried out at the Transitional Justice Institute and identify ways of collaborating in the future.

## PROMINENT CHAGOSSIAN REPRESENTATIVE SPEAKS TO STUDENTS AND STAFF AT UUU



L to R: Year 3 Politics students and event organisers Lorna Timmons and Dearbhla O'Rourke; Marie-Anna Poche and Hengride Pernal of the Chagos Support Association; Dr Paul Hainsworth, School of Criminology, Politics and Social Policy

In April, the Politics students' Debate and Discussion Society (DDS) at UUU organised a lecture by Hengride Pernal, the Secretary of the Chagos Support Association in the UK. The speaker focused on the history of her Chagossian people and notably their eviction from their Indian Ocean homeland in the 1960s, in order to make way for a USA military base. The lecture, which also explained the latest developments in the courts and was followed by a Q & A, attracted an interested and well-informed audience and the event testified to the vitality of the students' society at UUU.

## INCORE

INCORE's Policy/Practice Unit convened a policy roundtable entitled 'The Community Landscape of Dealing with the Past: pushing through the Silence' as part of their ongoing academic-community partnership project, Journeys Out, coordinated by Ms Mary Lynch. The purpose of the roundtable was to provide an opportunity for dialogue and sharing between community leaders and policy influencers and to create a space for much needed new thinking around future policymaking to address the legacies of the conflict within local communities. Chaired by Policy/Practice Coordinator, **Gráinne Kelly** and with input from **Prof. Brandon Hamber**, Director of INCORE, the roundtable included presentations from three community practitioners who have participated in the year-long Journeys Out Project who provided evidence of three key legacies of the conflict, namely drug dependency, identity loss and silence around the conflict within the education system. The Journeys Out Project based at INCORE, and funded by the PEACE III Programme, will soon begin recruitment of a further 24 community workers to engage in a year-long programme aimed at building the capacity of the community sector to identify and address the ongoing legacies of the conflict in Northern Ireland.



Left to right: Michael Doherty, PRG, Sarah Lapsley and Jonny Currie, Journeys Out participants and speakers, Brian Rowan, political commentator, Professor Brandon Hamber, Director of INCORE, Mary Lynch, Journeys Out Project Coordinator, Gráinne Kelly, Policy/Practice Coordinator, Eamon Rafter, Glenree Centre for Peace and Reconciliation, Pauline Perry, Pabal.

## Health and Wellbeing

A number of health and well being initiatives have taken place recently in the Faculty. The Wellbeing and Stress Survey was emailed to all staff in the Faculty in April and the results are now being assessed by the Health & Safety Services Department. Health & Safety Services will in turn be liaising with Heads of Schools and Departments regarding individual School and Department responses. All results will remain confidential. An email has been sent to all staff informing them of progress.

The University has launched a new Well-being Hub (go to the University Home page and click on the Hub icon on the left-hand side of the screen). This is a one-stop area for all our well-being issues and includes a variety of interesting information concerning our well-being.

## The Multi-disciplinary Forum

The Multi-disciplinary Forum is being subsumed within the health and well-being initiative in the UNESCO Centre at Coleraine. Thanks to all who participated at one time or another in the activities of the Forum and we trust your interest will be retained in the new arrangements.

**ANNE** and **ROY**

## CONGRATULATIONS TO:

**Professor Christine Bell** on the publication of "*La 'nova lei' de la justícia transicional*" (The 'new law' of transitional justice) (in Oliván, Prandi, and Canadés (eds) *Drets Humans i Justícia Transicional: Getionant el Passat* (Generalitat de Catalunya, and Escola de Cultura de Pau, Barcelona) 2010

**Professor Paul Carmichael** on his re-election for another term as Honorary Secretary of the Political Studies Association of the UK.

**Dermot Feenan**, School of Law, on a grant from the Research Activities Fund of the Society of Legal Scholars to conduct a research project '*Women and Judicial Appointments in Ireland – A Pilot Survey*'.

**Professor Colin Knox** on the award of Academician conferred on him by the Council of the Academy of Social Sciences.

**Dolores Loughrey (and Caroline Woods)** on the publication of *Sparking the Imagination: Creative Experts Working collaboratively with children, teachers and parents, to enhance educational opportunities*. British Journal of Learning Support 2010.

**Michael Smyth**, Head of School of Economics, who has been elected President of the **Economic and Monetary Union** section of the **European Economic and Social Committee** (EESC), one of the most influential organisations in the European Union. The EESC is a consultative body that gives representatives of Europe's socio-occupational interest groups, and others, a formal platform to express their points of view on EU issues. Its opinions are forwarded to the larger institutions - the Council, the Commission and the European Parliament. Michael assumes office on 1 October 2010.

**Paul Mageean**, the Director of the Graduate School of Professional Legal Education who has obtained funding of £45,000 from Atlantic Philanthropies over two years to run a public interest litigation competition in the School with a view to encouraging the use and understanding of such litigation among the next generation of Northern Ireland solicitors. The two solicitor trainees who win the competition will obtain short placements in public interest law offices in either the United States or South Africa.

**Dr Chris Lamont**, TJI, who was awarded an IREX Short-Term Travel Grant (STG) funded by the United States Department of State (Title VIII Program) to conduct six weeks of field research in Zagreb, Croatia, on the impact of international prosecutions upon the trajectory of Croatia's transition from presidential authoritarianism to parliamentary democracy.

**Tracy Irwin** on the birth of her baby boy and **Anne Smith** on the birth of her baby daughter

**Rosemary Moreland** on her appointment as Faculty Head of Collaborative Courses

**Fidelma Ashe** on her appointment as UoA Co-ordinator for Politics and International Studies