

KEYNOTE ABSTRACTS

Wednesday 22 September

9.45am – 10.30am

KN1: Restorative Justice: Preventing Sexual Abuse, Managing Risk and Reintegrating Offenders

Anne-Marie McAlinden, School of Law, Queen's University Belfast, Northern Ireland, UK

This key note examines the use of restorative justice as a response to sexual abuse. The management of high risk sex offenders in the community post-release, particularly those who have offended against children, has been the subject of sustained public and political debate. In the UK in particular, this concern has manifested itself in a flurry of recent legislative activity aimed at controlling the behaviour of known sex offenders and, at the same time, a concentration of media interest in their identities and whereabouts. Many offenders, however, fail to come to the attention of the criminal justice system. For those that do, there is the almost blanket application of recent control in the community measures such as sex offender notification and related orders which have often failed to prevent re-offending. The response by the media and the public to the presence of sex offenders in the local community may also impede offender rehabilitation. The use of punishment alone via formal criminal justice is, therefore, inadequate to prevent sexual abuse. Although controversial, this paper advocates the use of restorative practices as a proactive, holistic response to sexual abuse in carefully selected and managed contexts and ultimately as a more effective means of reducing the incidence of abuse and recidivism. Restorative approaches have the potential to not only prevent sexual abuse, manage risk and reintegrate sexual offenders, but also to provide some measure of reassurance to victims and communities that sex offenders are being dealt with effectively.

Anne-Marie McAlinden, School of Law, Queen's University Belfast, UK

Dr Anne-Marie McAlinden is Lecturer in the School of Law at Queen's University Belfast. She has an LLB, an MSc in Criminology and Criminal Justice (with Distinction), and was awarded her PhD from Queen's in 2002. She has held previous positions as both a Lecturer in Law and Lecturer in Criminology at the University of Ulster. She currently teaches Evidence and Sentencing and has published widely on the management of violent and sexual offenders and responses to child sexual abuse. She has acted as a consultant to local government on a number of research projects related to sexual offending. Her first book, *The Shaming of Sexual Offenders: Risk, Retribution and Reintegration* (Oxford, Hart Publishing, 2007), examined the use of restorative justice as a response to child sexual abuse, and was awarded the *British Society of Criminology Book Prize* for 2008. She is currently working on a second monograph on the subject of sexual grooming to be published by Oxford University Press in 2012.

10.55am – 11.45am

KN2: Restorative Justice Balanced Model: Meeting the Needs of Victims and Offenders of Sexually Harmful Behaviour

Alice Chapman, Youth Justice Agency, Northern Ireland, UK

The art of the possible balancing the needs of victims and young offenders through the restorative youth conference, reducing offending, repairing the harm and making it right for those effected by the crime.

The Youth Conference is available in N. Ireland for referrals for 10-18 year olds, from the youth court and the Public Prosecution Service for serious and minor offences who admit guilt and consent to meet the victim of their crime. Referral crimes include sexually harmful offences. We are the only jurisdiction in Europe where it is mandatory to refer for the Youth Conference where there is a plea of guilt. Reoffending outcomes are low and better than other sentences of the court and victim satisfaction high

The presentation will describe the restorative justice philosophy compared to the traditional retributive justice model, Youth Conference process, the factors for its' success, including restorative shaming and the transferable learning for other offenders

Alice Chapman, Youth Conference Service, Youth Justice Agency, Northern Ireland, UK

Alice Chapman has worked in criminal justice for 30 years including youth justice for the last 7 years. She spent part of this period in the Probation Board for NI as a Probation Officer, moving to Community Safety 1996. Alice has been the Director of the Youth Conference Service in the Youth Justice Agency accountability for the implementation of the legislation for the Youth Conference and its outcomes.

She contributes to staff training and skills development with other sectors in restorative justice methods. In 2006 they received a National Training Award in Criminal Justice UK for the training of their Youth Conference Co-ordinators who have now received the first Diploma in Restorative Practices delivered by University of Ulster.

11.45am – 12.30pm

KN3: Does the British Public Believe in Redemption for Sex Offenders? Why it matters

Shadd Maruna, Queen's University Belfast / Institute of Criminology & Criminal Justice, Belfast, UK

This plenary talk will discuss the concept of "redemption" and its role in secular society. The philosopher Linda Radzik defines the word redemption (in a secular context) as "a restoration of status, standing or value -- An improvement in the deserved evaluation of the wrongdoer." Can a sex offender redeem him or herself? Does society allow this to happen? The talk will draw on empirical evidence about public opinion on criminal justice issues, and make a case for the cultural value of redemption beliefs.

Shadd Maruna, Queen's University Belfast, Institute of Criminology and Criminal Justice, Belfast, UK

Professor Shadd Maruna is the Director of the Institute of Criminology and Criminal Justice at the School of Law, Queen's University Belfast. Previously, he has been a lecturer at the University of Cambridge and the State University of New York. His research focuses on the reintegration of former prisoners into society. His book *Making Good: How Ex-Convicts Reform and Rebuild Their Lives* was named the "Outstanding Contribution to Criminology" by the American Society of Criminology in 2001. His other books include: *Rehabilitation: Beyond the Risk Paradigm* (2007, with Tony Ward), *The Effects of Imprisonment* (2005, with Alison Liebling), *After Crime and Punishment: Pathways to Ex-Offender Reintegration* (2004, with Russ Immarigeon), and *Fifty Key Thinkers in Criminology* (2010, with Keith Hayward and Jayne Mooney). He is currently working on a book on the role of redemption beliefs in society that emerged out of a Soros Justice Fellowship.

Thursday 23 September

9.45am – 10.45am

KN4: Child Pornography Offenders: Characteristics, Contact Victims, and Risk for Recidivism

Michael Seto, Royal Ottawa Health Care Group, Ottawa, Canada

There is increasing attention and concern about offenders who possess, download, trade or produce sexual images of children, but research is only beginning to emerge on this population. This presentation will provide an overview of recent work on the characteristics of these offenders, their contact offense histories, and the risk that they will subsequently have sexual contacts with children or commit more child pornography offenses. The implications of these findings for risk assessment and management will be discussed.

Michael Seto, Royal Ottawa Health Care Group, Ottawa, Canada

Dr. Seto received his Ph.D. (1997) in Psychology from Queen's University in Kingston, Canada. He is a registered clinical psychologist and is currently employed as a consultant with the Royal Ottawa Health Care Group. He has adjunct professor appointments at the University of Toronto, Ryerson University, Carleton University, and the University of Ottawa. Dr. Seto has published extensively on pedophilia, child pornography, sexual offending, and risk assessment, and regularly presents at scientific meetings and professional workshops on these topics. He recently authored a well-reviewed book on pedophilia and sexual offending against children, *Pedophilia and Sexual Offending Against Children: Theory, Assessment, and Intervention*, published by the American Psychological Association in 2008.

11.15am – 12.00pm

KN5: Female Sexual Offenders: Key Developments Over the Past Two Decades

Theresa Gannon, Keynes College, University of Kent, UK

Most forensic professionals hold a good understanding of the characteristics, offence styles, and treatment needs of *male* sexual offenders. However, many of these issues are

relatively unclear in relation to female sexual offenders and research knowledge is only just beginning to develop. In this address, I will outline some of the key research developments that have occurred over the past two decades in relation to understanding female sexual offenders and their treatment needs. I will focus some of the discussions around core areas of my own work with female sexual offenders which includes the development of a model of the offence chain for female sexual offenders (the Descriptive Model of the Offence Chain for Female Sexual Offenders), as well as studies examining the key cognitive characteristics of female sexual offenders. In this address, I will also examine some of the key factors that appear to differentiate female from male sexual offenders and provide an overview of useful future research directions.

Theresa A. Gannon, Senior Lecturer in Forensic Psychology, Director of the MSc in Forensic Psychology, Keynes College, University of Kent, UK
Theresa A. Gannon, DPhil, CPsychol (Forensic) is Director of the MSc in Forensic Psychology and Senior Lecturer in Forensic Psychology at the University of Kent, UK. Theresa also works as a Chartered Consultant Forensic Psychologist specialising in sexual offenders at Kent Forensic Psychiatry Services, Kent and Medway NHS Partnership Trust, UK. Theresa has published widely in the areas of both male and female-perpetrated sexual offending and is lead editor of the book *Aggressive Offenders' Cognition: Theory, Research, and Treatment* (John Wiley & Sons) along with Co-Editors Professor Tony Ward, Professor Anthony Beech, and Dr Dawn Fisher, and lead editor of the book *Female Sexual Offenders: Theory, Assessment, and Treatment* (Wiley-Blackwell) along with Co-Editor Dr Franca Cortoni. Theresa also serves on the editorial boards of *Aggression and Violent Behavior*, *British Journal of Forensic Practice*, *International Journal of Offender Therapy and Comparative Criminology*, and is Associate Editor of *Journal of Sexual Aggression*.

12.00pm – 12.30pm

KN6: 'As I Grow, So Does It...' Understanding the Developmental Impact of Sexual Abuse

Marcella Leonard, Marcella Leonard Consultancy, Northern Ireland, UK

Marcella's keynote aims to bring the victim to the conference in looking at the impact of sexual abuse throughout the developmental stages, the importance of not seeing one victim of sexual abuse is the same and has the same impact as the next but the fundamental differences of gender, age, type of abuse, duration, environment, reaction, stages of disclosure and responses are all core to understanding the ongoing impact of sexual abuse.

Marcella Leonard, Marcella Leonard Consultancy, UK
Marcella Leonard BSC (Hons), C.Q.S.W., MSc. AASW., PG Dip ATSO., ASW., PTA is an Independent Social Work Consultant who specialises in the area of sexuality. Marcella undertakes risk assessments for social services, educational and criminal justice departments, religious leaders and the legal profession. She provides a range of training packages which include understanding normal sexuality to understand sexual deviancy, understanding childhood trauma, risk assessments, understanding Stable 2007 for child protection teams, child protection within prison setting, sexuality and learning disability as well as providing training to the personnel within the Public Protection Arrangements of

Northern Ireland on the Stable 2007 and sexuality. Marcella has developed alongside programmes for partners and significant others who have committed sexual offences. Marcella works throughout the UK and Ireland and has enjoyed the experiences of working and training in New Zealand and Australia. Marcella's website provides more information and can be accessed on www.leonardconsultancy.co.uk. Marcella as a therapist continues to provide therapeutic intervention for those who have experienced childhood traumas as she fundamentally believes in holding the victims close to assist in fully understanding the impact of sexual offending and it is the victims whom she has learnt and continues to learn the most from.

Friday 24 September

9.35am – 10.00am

KN7: Public Health Model in Action. Tackling Sexual Violence and Abuse: A Regional Strategy 2008 -2013

Olive Buckley, Sexual Assault Referral Centre (SARC), Northern Ireland, UK

The strategy sets out a series of robust measures under four key strategic strands which seek to:

- ensure a joined-up, targeted approach by all government departments, agencies and partner organisations (Leadership and Direction strand);
- reduce risk and prevent sexual violence and abuse; (Prevention strand);
- build confidence in the criminal justice system, through an appropriate professional and sensitive approach to reported crime (Protection and Justice Strand); and
- provide and deliver easily accessible, co-ordinated, quality support services for victims, survivors and their families (Support strand).

A victim focussed strategy which adopts a public health approach in working to prevent sexual violence and abuse happening in the first instance and where it does happen, delivers an effective response for victims and calls perpetrators to account.

Since the introduction of the strategy there have been major achievements such as a media campaign, Directory of services, Handbook for Victims, changes to Sexual Offences legislation and the Regional Sexual Assault Referral Centre proposed to open early 2012.

The challenges for us all remain.

How do we overcome the barriers to talking about sex, both the good and the bad and the beautiful in a deep and meaningful way!?

In Northern Ireland do our cultural attitudes and beliefs help or hinder the tackling of sexual violence and abuse?

Do we believe that a victim focussed strategy can influence the pathway of the perpetrator by effecting change and empowering perpetrators to stop?

Dr Olive Buckley. GP, Forensic Medical Examiner and Chair of Sexual Assault Referral Centre Steering Group.

Olive Buckley, Chair of Northern Ireland SARC, UK

Dr. Olive Buckley: MB ChB, DRCOG, MRCGP, DFM. Olive qualified at Sheffield Medical School in 1986. Since 1991 she has been working as a GP in Co. Antrim, Northern Ireland. The practice provides a sexual health clinic for teenagers and vulnerable adults, which includes a SMS text service. From 2004 Olive has been working as a Forensic Medical Examiner with the Northern Ireland PSNI Rape Enquiry Unit. She is a member of the Inter-departmental Steering Group on Sexual Violence, which in 2008 publicised a five-year strategy to tackle sexual violence and abuse in Northern Ireland. Olive is chairperson of the working group established to set up the regional Sexual Assault Referral Centre (SARC) at Antrim, a specialist "one-stop" centre for victims of sexual violence which is proposed to open early 2012. For many years she has been a member of the Executive Committee of NEXUS, a voluntary organisation that provides counselling for adult survivors of sexual violence.

10.00am – 10.30am

KN8: *The Response to Clerical Abuse in Ireland*

Ian Elliot, National Board for Safeguarding Children in the Catholic Church, Republic of Ireland

The Catholic Church in Ireland has been subject to four state inquiries into its handling of child abuse allegations. This intense public scrutiny has caused significant change in the responses that are made to allegations when they emerge today. In this address these responses will be described and the factors that shape them will be discussed. The Irish Church is seeking to move from its previous parlous state to being seen as an exemplar for best practice in the field of safeguarding children. Developments in Ireland are relevant to emerging crises in several other countries in the world today

Ian Elliot, National Board for Safeguarding Children in the Catholic Church, Republic of Ireland

Ian Elliott is a graduate of Trinity College and the University of Ulster, with a Master of Business Administration from the Open University Business School. He was appointed director of NSPCC in June 2001, which involved responsibility for leading services, influencing and campaigning for child protection policies within Northern Ireland. In September 2005 he was seconded to the DHSSPS (Department of Health, Social Services and Public Services) to the role of lead child protection advisor. This role was further expanded by the Minister to design and implement a major reform programme for child protection services within the region. He was appointed Chief Executive Officer to the National Board for Safeguarding Children in the Catholic Church in Ireland in July 2007.

10.55am – 11.50am

KN9: *It May Not Be Your Fault, But it is Your Responsibility – How Compassion Can Help in Work with Relentless Shame and Self-Criticism*

Deborah Lee, Berkshire Traumatic Stress Service, UK

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Dr Deborah Lee, Consultant Clinical Psychologist, Honorary Senior Lecturer at University College London, Head of Berkshire Traumatic Stress Service, UK

Dr Deborah Lee is a Consultant Clinical Psychologist and Head of Berkshire Traumatic Stress Service. She is also an honorary Senior Lecturer at University College London. Dr Lee has worked in the field of trauma for 16 years and specialises in the treatment of PTSD and Complex Trauma. Her particular area of clinical and research interest is in shame based PTSD and self-criticism. She has developed the use of compassion based treatments including the use of compassionate imagery in shame based flashbacks to enhance clinical practice in this field. She has widely contributed to the dissemination of her clinical knowledge through writing and delivering clinical workshops. She has authored many papers and book chapters on this topic.

11.50am – 12.50pm

KN10: *Incorporating Healthy Sexuality Programming in Sex Offender Treatment*

Lloyd Sinclair, Sand Ridge Secure Treatment Center, Mauston, Wisconsin, USA

Sex offender treatment focuses on eliminating some aspects of sexuality, including deviance, preoccupation, and sexual exploitation. As a result, sex offender treatment can become sex-negative. But healthy sexual attitudes and interactions enhance life satisfaction, and for offenders, can reduce re-offense risk. This presentation addresses the role of positive sexuality in sex offender treatment. It offers content and methods for incorporating healthy sexuality programming for youth and adults.

Lloyd Sinclair, LCSW, is the Associate Treatment Director at Sand Ridge Secure Treatment Center, a 300-bed inpatient civil commitment treatment program for high-risk sex offenders. He has specialized in the assessment and treatment of persons with sexual disorders for over 30 years. He is certified by the American Association of Sexuality Educators, Counselors and Therapists as a Sexuality Educator, a Diplomate in Sex Therapy, and a Sex Therapy Supervisor. He was the 2007 recipient of the Distinguished Practitioner Award by the Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers (ATSA). Throughout his career, Mr. Sinclair has sought to bring together two allied fields—the sex-positive world of sex education and therapy, and the often sex-negative world of sex offender treatment. His keynote address—*Incorporating Healthy Sexuality Programming in Sex Offender Treatment*—will discuss the role of healthy sexuality programming in sex offender treatment, how adult sex offenders and youth with sexual behavior problems can benefit from healthy sexual attitudes and accurate information, and how they can have hope for fulfilling, positive sex lives.