



## ELEVENTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

# acjrd

# Minorities, Crime and Justice

**Date:** Thursday 9 and Friday 10 October 2008

**Venue:** Tower Hotel Dublin, Tallaght, Dublin 24

## MISSION STATEMENT

*ACJRD informs the development of policy and practice in justice.*

2008 is the European Year of Intercultural Dialogue (EYID), which aims to inspire Europeans to celebrate their own culture, connect with others in Europe and the wider world and foster tolerance and respect. The focus is on promoting cultural diversity, contributing to ensuring equal opportunities and non-discrimination and emphasising the cultural and educational dimensions of the Lisbon Strategy.

The Eleventh Annual Conference of the ACJRD, "Minorities and the Criminal Justice System", will provide an opportunity and a forum to reflect, consider, review and debate the presence or absence of 'tolerance and respect' for various categories of minorities who encounter the Irish Criminal Justice System as either victim or offender.

This conference will aim to mirror themes addressed at the ACJRD "Inaugural Martin Tansey" Memorial Lecture of May 21st 2008 (see [www.acjrd.ie](http://www.acjrd.ie)) and will endeavour to facilitate a comparative analysis through discussions on how other jurisdictions have engaged with minorities within their Criminal Justice Systems.

This two-day Dublin-based conference will bring together professionals, agencies, practitioners, academics and community workers from a wide range of disciplines within the Criminal Justice area, whose expertise, experience, work and energies are focused on ensuring equal opportunities and non-discrimination for all.

Plenary sessions and workshops, applying Chatham House Rules, will provide opportunities to exchange views and enhance knowledge with time to socialise, network, connect and dialogue with colleagues who engage in similar or complementary areas of our diverse society.

**For further details please contact:**

Geraldine Comerford, 01-6174864, [geraldine.comerford@acjrd.ie](mailto:geraldine.comerford@acjrd.ie) or

Linda Mooney, 01-6174878, [linda.mooney@acjrd.ie](mailto:linda.mooney@acjrd.ie)