

Alcohol: Where's the Harm? Conference

Exploring the public face and
hidden harm of alcohol-related
crime in Ireland



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Conference will be opened by Minister of State for
Health, Minister Róisín Shortall

Royal College of Physicians, Dublin 2
Tuesday, 15 November 2011

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When it comes to alcohol, crime and anti-social behaviour, it is individuals, families and communities that are left picking up the pieces. Alcohol Action Ireland's upcoming conference, 'Alcohol: Where's the Harm?' will examine the relationship between alcohol and "public" crime in Ireland. It will also seek to explore "hidden" crime - sexual violence and domestic violence – and the link with alcohol.

Alcohol Action Ireland will also be launching the results of specially commissioned research on people's experience of alcohol-related crime.

Alcohol Action Ireland is the national charity for alcohol-related issues. It works to create awareness of alcohol-related harm and reduce the damage caused by alcohol through campaigning, research and advocacy.

Free to participants. The conference will be free to allow a maximum number of participants to attend. We would ask participants who are in a position to do so, to make a donation to Alcohol Action Ireland via our website www.alcoholireland.ie in order to help us cover our costs.

For more information, to have a stand at the conference or to register for the conference, please email info@alcoholactionireland.ie. Please include 'Conference' in the subject line or call us on 01 878 0610. or www.alcoholireland.ie

Action Ireland also runs www.drinkhelp.ie, an on-line guide to alcohol services in Ireland searchable by location and age of person looking or help.

Programme

9.30am	Registration and coffee
10am -10.20am	<p>Welcome</p> <p>Alcohol Action Ireland Chairperson <i>Norah Gibbons (Director of Advocacy, Barnardos)</i></p> <p>Opening of Conference</p> <p>Minister of State for Health, Roisin Shortall officially opens conference</p>
10.20am - 11.15am	<p>Session 1: Alcohol and Crime in Ireland: Counting the Costs <i>Chair: Norah Gibbons</i></p> <p>New Research</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alcohol Action Ireland will present newly commissioned research on experiences of alcohol-related crime in Ireland <p>Alcohol and Crime: National and International context</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> International research expert on alcohol-related harm, Dr Ann Hope will provide a national and international context for alcohol, crime and harm to others <p>Economic Costs of Alcohol-related Crime</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dublin Institute of Technology economics lecturer Sean Byrne, author of <i>Costs to Society of Problem Alcohol Use in Ireland</i> will outline just how much alcohol-related crime costs the economy and Government every year
11.15am -11.30am	Coffee Break
11.30am	<p>Session 2: Exploring Responses to Alcohol and Crime</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Director of the Garda Juvenile Diversion Programme, Superintendent Colette Quinn on how the programme is dealing with the issue of alcohol HSE South, Health Promotion Officer, Sandra Coughlan on projects happening in the area Head of the Crime Reduction Branch, Safer Communities Directorate of the Northern Ireland Department of Justice, Martine McKillop will discuss how Northern Ireland is tackling alcohol-related crime in conjunction with Stevie Lavery from the Belfast Community Safety Partnership
1pm -1.30pm	General Discussion
1.30pm - 2.30pm	Lunch
2pm - 3.30pm	<p>Session 3: Hidden Harm – sexual and domestic violence and alcohol <i>Chair: Dr. Joe Barry</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rape Crisis Network Ireland, Policy and Communications Director Cliona Saidléar SAFE Ireland Director, Sharon O'Halloran - SAFE Ireland is the national organisation for 39 frontline domestic violence services Christine Toft of the Alcohol Concern UK children, families and domestic abuse project Embrace Men Overcoming Violence, CEO Thomas Bibby
3.30pm - 4pm	Panel discussion and close to conference