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It has been a very busy summer for IRLI and I am delighted to be writing to you all to update you on what we have been doing since our last Newsletter in April.

A team of Irish lawyers traveled to Vietnam at the end of April for the second year of the Clinical Legal Education programme implemented in partnership with Bridges Across Borders South East Asia – Community Legal Education (BABSEA-CLE). Led by Freda Greal, the team also included solicitors Sean O'Reilly and Michelle Linnane who delivered workshops to students in Hanoi, Trade Union University (TUU) and Can Tho University (CTU) and Ho Chi Minh City, University of Economics and Law (UEL).

I had the opportunity to visit our project in Malawi in May together with one of IRLI's Directors Mary Keane, Deputy Director General of the Law Society. It was an incredible week where we truly saw the extent of the work being done by the IRLI lawyers in Malawi. You can read more about that trip in the News and Events section below. If you have not already seen, we are also currently recruiting a Programme Officer for Malawi and the deadline for applications is this Friday September 12th.

In June and August lawyers traveled with IRLI to Pretoria in South Africa as part of IRLI's Commercial Law Training Programme in partnership with the Law Society of South Africa. In June a team of 6 from Ireland traveled to deliver a Corporate Law Workshop while barrister Jarlath Ryan traveled in August to deliver sessions as part of a 3 day Drafting Course. One of the central elements of the programme is the placements which some of the participants have the opportunity to undertake to gain practical experience in the area of commercial law. I am delighted to welcome South African lawyers Sylvia Gertze, Alan Kissoon and Khumisi Kganare to Dublin who arrived at the weekend to take up their placements in Matheson, William Fry and Beauchamps Solicitors.

IRLI also held a dinner in the National Yacht Club in June for the annual 'Malawi by the Sea' fundraiser which was a great success. We are currently finalising teams for the Tag Rugby Blitz that is being held on September 20th as well as planning a Criminal Law & Evidence Update Seminar for November 8th. We hope you will join us at these events.

Thank you as always to all our donors, sponsors and friends who continue to support the work of IRLI.

Yours Sincerely,

IRLI Coordinator



About IRLI

Irish Rule of Law International is a joint initiative of the Law Society of Ireland and the Bar Council of Ireland, dedicated to promoting the rule of law in developing countries. IRLI seeks to harness the skills of Irish lawyers in using the law as a means of tackling global injustice and empowering all people to live in a society free from inequality, corruption and conflict.

Our e-Newsletter features items of interest to both members and partners. If you would like to submit something please [email us](mailto:info@irishruleoflaw.ie).

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Malawi, Access to Justice

This has been a very exciting year for the Malawi project as IRLI has now secured funding for the next three years from Irish Aid and the Human Dignity Foundation. This will allow the project to expand the scope of our current activities as well as providing new opportunities for additional volunteers. We are currently seeking a Programme Officer for the project (see Vacancy Announcement below) and expect to be recruiting new Programme Lawyers by the end of the year. We were also delighted that Jane O'Connell, who has been with the project since April 2013, accepted the position of IRLI's Project Coordinator in Malawi. Programme Lawyers Morgan and Sarah, who joined us in March, have been doing great work in the Legal Aid Department and Sarah has recently begun a project in the Office of the Director of Public Prosecution.

In addition to this, Emma Dwyer and IRLI Director Mary Keane traveled to visit the project in Malawi in May. It was an important time in the project to make the trip as the team was able to meet with some key partners to renew IRLI's commitments for the next three years. The schedule of the week was very full and it was a wonderful opportunity to see the extent of the work that is being done.

You can read more about the May visit on our [website](#).



(Clockwise from top: Magistrates Training and Sarah facilitating a Break-out session; IRLI team meet now former Malawi DPP Bruno Kalemba; Community Sensitisation Workshop in Chitugula Traditional Authority; Emma and Mary Meeting police officers Fanny and Chao; Jane in Maula with Peter from PASI and Monica from Legal Aid)

South Africa Commercial Training

It has been a busy summer for the South Africa Commercial Law Training Programme. A team of 6 from Ireland traveled to Pretoria in early June to deliver a one-week Commercial Law Workshop. The Irish team included IRLI Directors Michael Irvine and Cillian Mac Domhnaill; Michael Carrigan; Anna Hickey from Phillip Lee Solicitors; Brian Storan from the Law Library and IRLI Coordinator Emma Dwyer. Using material which was reviewed and compiled in Ireland with the help of solicitors Emma O'Hara, Avril Mollaghan and Katie Nolan from Mason Hayes & Curran, the programme included an introduction to commercial structures, share purchase agreements, sale/purchase of a business as well as looking at specific South African Commercial legislation. The Irish team was also joined by 5 South African lawyers who lectured on specific topics throughout the week.



During the week IRLI had the opportunity to work with our partners in the Law Society of South Africa (LSSA) and visit some of South Africa's leading Commercial Law firms in Sandton, Johannesburg. Many of these firms are participating in the 2014 programme by providing placements to a number of the course participants, as well as supporting the Mentoring element of the programme. Irish firms Matheson, William Fry and Beauchamps are also participating in the placement programme this year.

In August, Irish barrister Jarlath Ryan, who has been involved with the programme in South Africa since 2006, traveled to deliver part of the second workshop which focused on drafting skills. The workshop was led by Ismail Hussein SC, former judge of the High Court, and solicitor Mariska Munnik.

Read more about the 2014 programme on our [website](#)



Vietnam, Clinical Legal Education



Freda Grealy and Linh Bear from BABSE-CLE ; Michelle Linnane and students from Hanoi Trade Union University

Following the success of the programme in 2013, Freda Grealy (Diploma Manager, Law Society of Ireland) together with solicitors Sean O'Reilly and Michelle Linnane traveled to Vietnam in April, to undertake a one week self-funded project in partnership with BABSEA-CLE.

During that week the team delivered workshops in three universities, teaching students about legal ethics and professional responsibility as well as addressing issues relating to access to justice and pro bono engagement. The workshops were developed and implemented in line with clinical legal education methodology which focuses on experiential learning. The trainings were skills-based and interactive, using role play scenarios that simulate real life situations which the students might find themselves in during their time in the law clinic.

Future Events!!

Tag Rugby Blitz, Sept 20th

Join us in Wanderers Rugby Club, Merrion Road, on Saturday 20th September for IRLI's Tag Rugby Blitz. We have a great day planned with teams from the law library, law society and Dublin law firms already confirmed to participate. See details [here](#).

To make this day a success we really need as many teams as possible so please, especially if you are working in a firm, get together a groups of friends and join us on the 20th to raise funds for our project in Malawi.

IRLI Criminal Law & Evidence Update, Nov 8th

On Saturday 8th November, IRLI will be holding a morning seminar in the Law Library's Distillery Building on Church Road from 10:00-12:30. Six substantive papers will be prepared in advance by junior counsel and solicitors who are experts in particular areas.

Eminent Senior Counsel have agreed to endorse these papers and will then introduce them with short presentations at the seminar. Further details about the event will be shared closer to the date.

Malawi by the Sea

We had a wonderful evening on the 20th June for IRLI's annual 'Malawi By The Sea' fundraising dinner in the National Yacht Club, Dun Laoghaire. Thanks in no small part to the beautiful summer we had, the Yacht Club was once again a perfect venue in which to hold this event which was a huge success.

I am delighted to say that the event raised €4,500 for our Project in Malawi. Thank you to everyone who supported us on the night and to our sponsors who donated prizes for the raffle. We were also delighted to have a painting by Paula Jennings, one of the solicitors who founded the Malawi Project, which she donated for the auction.



IRLI Director Mary Keane speaking about her recent visit to the project in Malawi in May and welcoming everyone to the event



Paula Jennings and IRLI Coordinator Emma Dwyer were also assisted on the night by IRLI volunteer Tessa White

Vacancy Announcement

IRLI seeks Programme Officer for Access to Justice Project in Malawi

Based in Lilongwe, Malawi, the placement is full time for one year, commencing early November 2014. Full job description is available [here](#).

To apply please send a CV and cover letter to Emma Dwyer at edwyer@irishruleoflaw.ie.

Closing Date: Friday 12 September, 5pm

First Conviction in Malawi's "Cashgate" Corruption Scandal

A Malawi court has made the first conviction of a senior official in the so-called "Cashgate" scandal that led to the suspension of foreign aid and helped push a government from power. "Cashgate" became news in 2013 immediately after Malawi's budget director was shot under circumstances which are still being investigated, and huge sums of cash in both local and foreign currency were found in the vehicles and homes of some civil servants. Top tourism ministry official Treza Namathanga Senzani pleaded guilty to stealing around \$150 000 (63 million kwacha) from state coffers, part of a broader swindle worth at least \$30 million.

Senzani was arrested last year after a probe found she issued two government cheques to her own company even though it did not provide any services. She was convicted on August 28th and is due to be sentenced on September 15th.

Read more [here](#)...

The 3 L's of women's empowerment

"The global economy is struggling to generate the growth that can provide a better life for all, and all can contribute, yet women remain blocked from contributing their true potential. This has a huge cost: In some countries, per-capita incomes lag significantly because women are denied equal opportunity. They represent half the world's population, but contribute far less than 50 percent of economic activity. Indeed, the gap between men and women in terms of measured economic activity ranges from 12 percent in the OECD countries to 50 percent in the Middle East and North Africa.

What is needed to change this picture is a concerted effort to open the door to opportunity with what I call the "3 L's" of women's empowerment: learning, labor and leadership." Christine Lagarde, managing director of the International Monetary Fund

Read more [here](#)...

International concerns about amendment to India's Juvenile Justice Act

UNICEF and Amnesty International have expressed serious concerns about amendments made to India's Juvenile Justice Act in early August. The Union Cabinet approved the Juvenile Justice Act amendment to empower the Juvenile Justice Board to decide whether a juvenile above the age of 16 years involved in a heinous crime is to be tried in a regular court. However, the offender will not be handed either life imprisonment or capital punishment.

Under international law, anyone under the age of 18 is a child. This amendment that serves to lower the age at which juvenile justice rules would be applicable to below 18 years is a violation of India's international legal obligations. The proposed changes in the law come against the backdrop of public outrage over the lighter punishment of three years in a reform home given to a minor convicted in the December 16, 2012 Delhi gang-rape case.

Read UNICEF Press Release [here](#) and Amnesty International's earlier Press Release [here](#)

New Zealand Government's first reported charges for human trafficking

The first human trafficking charges have been laid in New Zealand with two men appearing in court on August 28th. Both men are jointly charged with 11 charges of trafficking by deception. A third man was also arrested on the same day. The defendants have been charged under the Crimes Act 1961 for arranging by deception the entry of 18 Indian nationals into New Zealand. Trafficking in persons is punishable under the Crimes Act with imprisonment for up to 20 years, a fine of \$500,000 or both.

Three men have pleaded not guilty to the charges and have requested a jury trial which is expected to be held in November.

Read Human Rights At Sea article [here](#) and New Zealand Herald article [here](#)

World Congress on Juvenile Justice

World Congress on Juvenile Justice – Geneva (Switzerland) – 26th to 30th of January 2015. The Government of Switzerland and the Terre des hommes Foundation announce the organisation of the World Congress on Juvenile Justice at the International Conference Center of Geneva – CICC.

See more details [here](#).

Trin Talks – Development in Action

- 9 October: The impact of mobiles phones & internet technology and the implications of changing gender roles in horticultural farming in Kenya and Tanzania. Speaker: Dr. Peter Dannenberg, Department of Geography, Humboldt-University at Berlin
- 6 November: LGBT Rights in the Developing World.

Both talks will take place from 12.30-2.30pm in the Global Room, 1st Floor, Biotechnology Building, TCD. Further information available from tidi@tcd.ie.

TIDI Research Seminar Series

- 17 October: Climate Resilience: Permaculture & Farmer Managed Natural Regeneration. Speaker: Sarah Franklin. Venue: seminar Room A, Museum Building, TCD.
- 31 October: The Ebola Crisis in West Africa. Speaker: Prof. Sam McConkey, RCSI. Venue: The Global Room, TCD.
- 14 November: The Ethics of Volunteering in Developing Countries. Speaker: Comhlámh. Venue: The Global Room, TCD.
- 28 November: Ian White, Violent Conflict Management Specialist and Trainer and Capacity Builder and Director at Miller White Training and Consulting. Venue: The Global Room, TCD.

Seminars take place at 1pm. Further information available from tidi@tcd.ie.

Kimmage Development Studies Centre

Understanding Development: 6 October (20 Weeks – over two terms – Monday's), 7-9pm, Kimmage Development Studies Centre, Whitehall Road, Dublin 12. Want to know more about Development Issues? Introductory evening course on a full range of development theories, policy and practice issues. Course fee: €240. Read more [here](#). Closing date: 29 September.

Applications invited for Simon Cumbers Media Fund

Journalists and media professionals with an interest in reporting on issues in the developing world are invited to apply for funding under the Winter 2014 round. Full details available [here](#) or by emailing info@simoncumbersmediafund.ie. Closing date: 31 October, 5pm.

Youth Justice Transformation - Association for Criminal Justice Research and Development annual conference, Dublin

The 17th Annual ACJRD Conference titled "Youth Justice Transformation" will take place on Friday 17th October 2014 in the Camden Court Hotel, Dublin 2.

This one day conference will see international and national experts address "Youth Justice Transformation" in a number of plenary and workshop sessions. See more information and registration details [here](#).

Call for Applications for UN Youth Volunteer Programme

The programme aims to create enabling environments for youth engagement in global peace and sustainable human development through volunteerism. It presents the opportunity for successful applicants to develop and apply their skills, knowledge and capacities in promoting sustainable development as volunteers within UN agencies in regional and developing country offices over a period of 12 months.

To find out more, visit Irish Aid's website [here](#). Closing date: 14 September.

Internship UNWOMEN: Constitutional & Access to Justice

Current enrollment or recent completion of a Master's or PhD degree required (law, human rights, international relations, politics, gender or other relevant disciplines).

For more details visit website [here](#). Deadline for applications is September 30th.

Lawyer – linguists for the European Parliament and the Council of the European Union

For lawyers with Finnish, French, Portuguese, Romanian or Slovak as a first language.

Apply between 6th October – 9th December 2014 at lawyer-linguists.eu-careers.eu

Competition Lawyers for the European Parliament and the Council of the European Union

Apply between 23rd October – 25th November 2014 at jobs.eu-careers.eu.

Christian Aid- Middle East Programme Officer, Economic and Social Rights

Working together with local partners from across the Middle East (including Egypt, Lebanon, Israel and the occupied Palestinian territory) the role will support the implementation of an innovative and effective programme which results in significant impact on the lives of people living in poverty. It will also support partners in the region to develop effective approaches to uphold their economic and social rights- such as labour standards- in their contexts and support them to demonstrate and communicate the changes that result.

See [website](#) for more information.

Amnesty International - Human Rights Education Coordinator

This role, based in Beirut, leads on the development and implementation of Amnesty International's human rights education and capacity building strategy and activities for the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region.

See [website](#) for more information.

Judicial Affairs Officer – UN Department of Peacekeeping Operations (DPKO)

Within delegated authority, the Judicial Affairs Officer will be responsible for providing advice, guidance and support to DPKO on judicial and legal systems issues. A minimum of seven years experience as a practicing lawyer, prosecutor, judge, legal consultant, or international legal assistance advisor is required.

See [here](#) for more information.

Professional Volunteering Opportunities in Human Rights, Cambodia

Volunteer opportunities available through 'Projects Abroad' for Human Rights Officer in Cambodia you, working with a Non Government Organisation – the Housing Rights Task Force (HRTF) who promotes the right to adequate housing and works to end the practice of forced evictions.

See more information [here](#). Project runs all year.

Concern Worldwide – Vacancies in Ireland and Internationally

For a full job description for each position go to <https://www.concern.net/jobs>.

Amnesty International Ireland seeks Social Media Intern

Based in Dublin. 20 hours per week for 6 months. Main tasks will involve maintaining and updating Amnesty's social media presence (including Facebook and Twitter) as a communications and campaigning tool; Daily monitoring of the organisation's social media content, including responding to comments on Facebook and Twitter and directing queries to relevant staff; etc.

Full details available [here](#). Closing date 10th September.

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If you are an interested in supporting a particular project, please don't hesitate to contact IRLI's Coordinator, Emma Dwyer, who can discuss this with you in more detail.

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