

VSE Annual Conference:

Advocates for Victims of Homicide (AdVIC), the Victims' Rights Alliance (VRA), Victims Support NI and Victim Support Europe are proud to host the Victim Support Europe (VSE) 2017 Annual Conference; *'Victims of Crime: Rights, Needs & Responses'*. The conference will take place 17 and 18 May 2017 at the Royal Hospital, Kilmainham, Dublin, Ireland.

This year's Conference will offer victim support organisations, police, government officials, policy makers, lawyers, state agencies and other key stakeholders an opportunity to learn how we can and are improving the way that policies, rights, services and criminal justice systems are developed and delivered to best meet the needs of victims. The Conference will focus on all victims of crime and will place a specific spotlight on victims of terrorism, hate crime, cybercrime and historical abuse.

The Victim Support Europe Conference offers delegates a unique opportunity to learn about and to share information and best practice with different stakeholders working with victims of crime. Each year the Victim Support Europe Conference welcomes around 200 key stakeholders working with victims of crime from different Government agencies and non-governmental organisations.

Knowing that your work for victims is greatly supported through personal contacts and networks, the Conference offers plenty of opportunity and space to meet new and old colleagues alike – whether during the day or at the conference dinners.

Victim Support Europe Conferences have helped forge lifelong relationships helping practitioners deliver services, share knowledge across jurisdictions and borders, and drive change forward victim oriented policies and laws.

The Victims' Rights Alliance, who is co-hosting this conference, comments:

"We know from experience that the networking and information sharing that goes on at this conference has changed the way we have advocated for a change in victims' rights in Ireland. People go home from the VSE Conference invigorated. They bring ideas and best practice shared at the conference to their Governments, Police and other stakeholders. Information we have learned at the VSE Conference has been feed into draft legislation in Ireland, which will transpose the Victims Directive."

We hope that you will be able to join us for one of the most important victims' rights event in your calendar this year.

We look forward to meeting old friends and new at the Conference. In the words of Irish poet William Butler Yeats

"There are no strangers here; Only friends you haven't yet met"



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