



Invitation to Tender

Making Rights Real for those with Disabilities in Detention

About IPRT and Our Work

The Irish Penal Reform Trust is Ireland's leading independent charity campaigning for a penal system that is just and humane; protects and promotes human rights, equality and social justice; and uses prison as a last resort. Our work is underscored by the recognition that prison is inherently damaging in itself, and impacts disproportionately on marginalised and disadvantaged groups. Our goal, therefore, is to shift the focus of Ireland's penal system away from its current emphasis on punishment towards approaches based on prevention, early intervention, diversion, and the integration of criminal justice policy with wider social policy.

The Project Objectives

In Ireland, there is a deficit of research on the prevalence and experience of disability in the criminal justice system yet international research suggests that people with/experiencing disabilities are over-represented in detention settings. **IPRT has secured funding from the Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission to pursue a research project exploring the issue.**

The project aims, in the short term, to create a sound evidence base and raise awareness of intersectional discrimination and human rights breaches against people with/experiencing disabilities in detention. In the medium term, we wish to build capacity among civil society organisations and state bodies to recognise and address these challenges. Our ultimate aim is to make rights real; eliminate discrimination against this population, and ensure individuals with severe disabilities receive appropriate care in alternative rehabilitative settings where appropriate.

The research should include the following:

- Description of the **rights, needs and experiences** of those with/experiencing disabilities (including intellectual disability) in the prison system;
- A **literature review** that provides an up to date analysis of current issues for people with/experiencing disabilities in the penal system;
- An **examination of international approaches** to making rights real for those with/experiencing disabilities in detention including reduction of the use of detention in these cases;
- Proposals for **evidence-informed policy recommendations**, in line with international best practices, including analysis of how the **Public Sector Duty** might be effectively implemented in the area of disability in detention

The successful tender will include the following outputs:

- A **detailed report** on disability in prison (c.15-20k words)
- A **short chapter** on disability for IPRT's updated *Know Your Rights as a Prisoner* booklet, ahead of relaunch in 2019 (c.800 words)
- A **training brief** on disability in detention to be shared with the Irish Prison Service Training College to build capacity and understanding of disability issues among new recruit prison officers (c.2000 words)

Requirements

- Postgraduate degree in a relevant discipline;
- Demonstrated knowledge of disability and criminal justice policy
- Solid grounding in international and European human rights standards as they relate to disability
- Experience in producing high quality documents to agreed deadlines, within strict word-counts to publication standard;
- First-rate drafting abilities, exceptional writing skills, attention to detail and ability to adhere to budgetary requirements.

Tendering Process and Timeline

Tendering individuals or organisations must submit a brief tender document as soon as possible or by 30 November at the latest. Each tender should be no more than 800 words (2 pages) and should include:

- Profile of the individual making the proposal (with CV as attachment);
- Details of previous relevant work in this area;
- Approach/methodology proposed to achieve the key deliverable;
- Costing (fixed price);
- Estimated number of days for completing the work.

The planned duration and expected completion of this project is **9 months**.

Assessment of Tender

Each tender received will be assessed on the basis of:

CRITERIA	SCORE
Demonstrated knowledge and understanding of the brief	25
Track record in production of relevant work	25
Approach/methodology	25
Value for Money	25
TOTAL	100

Indicative budget €10,000 (inclusive).

PLEASE NOTE:

Additional information may be sought at the assessment phase.

- Before final decision, a number of the most competitive tenders may be invited for further discussions on their proposals for the purpose of elaboration, clarification and/or aiding mutual understanding.
- IPRT shall not be liable for any costs and/or expenses incurred in respect of the preparation or the submission of any tender documents or associated material.
- A valid Tax Clearance Certificate is to be supplied with the tender and is to be valid when invoice is being submitted for payment. Details of VAT registration are to be supplied with the tender.
- Lowest tender is not a guarantee of success. IPRT reserves the right to reject any or all of the proposals submitted and will not be obliged to accept the lowest or any tender.

Tenders should be submitted by e-mail to tenders@iprt.ie by noon on 30 November at the latest.

Queries should be directed to Senior Research and Policy Projects Manager Michelle Martyn at mmartyn@iprt.ie



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