

## Conference Timetable 2018

Speaker Details are below.

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<b>Friday 16 February</b>		
12.30.1.45	Registration –Venue (coffee, tea and other refreshments will be available to purchase from the café in University Place).	
13.45	<b>Welcome</b> <b>Introduction:</b> what MJRCs/Innocence Projects do, purpose of conference Why bother doing this work?	Professor Toby Seddon –Head of the School of Law Claire McGourlay Andrew Green students from University Projects Sarah Magill
14.00-15.00	<b>Cell site analysis</b> how to understand and challenge mobile phone location evidence which features in an increasing number of prosecutions	Andy Townsend, Footprint Investigations Chair-Graham Smith
15.00-16.00	<b>The A to Z of Appeals</b> and how to get your fresh evidence admitted.	Mark Newby, Solicitor Advocate Quality Solicitors Jordans
16.00-16.15	Tea and Coffee	
16.15-17.00	<b>Disclosure:</b> Andrew Green/ Hannah Quirk The single most important topic facing case investigators and the criminal justice system today	<b>Surviving a Miscarriage of justice:</b> Michael O’Brien in break out room – copies of his books available - proceeds to the Dylan O’Brien Charity
17.00-17.30	<b>Special measures and vulnerable witnesses</b>	Brigid Baillie chair Andrew Green
17.30	<b>Can we really help investigate cases</b> and help those wrongly convicted -a system in crisis? Chair Mark George QC	Dennis Eady Philip Rule, Danny Kay, Dwaine George, Sarah Magill Henry Thompson
18.30-19.30	Drinks reception	
Christie’s Bar		

## Saturday 17 February

08.45	Registration (please note that most university coffee shops will be closed on Saturday).	
09.00-10.00	<b>Finding information about people on the internet</b>	Neil Smith
10.00-11.00	<b>CCRC – what it can do, and how it works</b>	Commissioner David James Smith and a case review manager
11.00-11.15	Coffee	
11.15-12.15	<b>CCRC workshop:</b> how to prepare an application that could succeed	
12-15-1.15	<b>Disclosure in Sexual offence prosecutions</b> Chair Hannah Quirk	Julia Smart
13.15	Lunch Served in ?	Showing of Say I'm Innocent in ?
14.15-15.15	<b>Understanding DNA Evidence</b> Chair James Perry	Allan Jamieson
15.15-15.45	Eric Allison- <b>persuading the media to support Miscarriage of Justice case investigations;</b> advice about interviewing prisoners Chair William Bevin-Nicholls	<b>The changing attitude of the appeal court towards criticisms of defence lawyers:</b> Andrew Green (Breakout room) Chair
15.45-16.00	Break	
16.00-17.00	<b>Dealing with Joint enterprise Cases</b> Chair Nicola Campbell	Felicity Gerry QC –Live Link from Australia Dwayne George Jan Cunliffe (JENGbA)
17.00-18.00	<b>The way forward:</b> panel Daisy Sproull and Gabrielle Healey	Julia Smart Nicola Campbell Danielle Manson Nazir Afzal
18.00	End	

## National Training Conference on investigating miscarriages of justice 2018

The 2018 National Training Conference for students in pro bono innocence projects, Miscarriages of Justice Review Centres, and independent case investigators will take place at the University of Manchester on Friday 16 and Saturday 17 February.

The students and other investigators give their own time to help with cases of people who claim to be innocent of crimes of which they have been convicted, and who cannot afford to pay lawyers to review their cases. This Conference gives them unique opportunities to hear and meet some of the UK's leading experts who can help them find out what might have gone wrong in police investigations and prosecutions, and what evidence can be found to support claims of innocence.

We are delighted to have a major contribution from the **Criminal Cases Review Commission**, an independent body which has the powers to obtain the fresh evidence needed to overturn wrongful convictions, and to refer cases to the Court of Appeal. The **CCRC** will explain in detail how it carries out its work and lead workshops for participants.

Experts giving presentations and leading discussions include:

**Professor Allan Jamieson**, Director of the Forensic Institute in Scotland. Allan is often called to give expert evidence about DNA in the UK and the USA. His evidence was of key importance in the Omagh bombing trial.

**Andy Townsend of Footprint Investigations**, leading experts on the analysis of phone call data which pinpoints where users are located.

**Eric Allison**, prisons correspondent of the Guardian who writes on miscarriage of justice cases.

**Neil Smith**, perhaps the UK's foremost expert on using the internet to trace people and find information about them.

We will debate and explore the problem of joint enterprise prosecutions, in which innocent people are convicted just because they were in the wrong place at the wrong time, with

**Felicity Gerry QC**, who contributed to rectifying the highly controversial law on joint criminal enterprise in the UK Supreme Court case of *Jogee*. She continues to work on joint enterprise cases and campaign for changes in the law on accessory liability. Felicity will speak via a video link from Australia;

**Dwaine George** who was himself wrongly convicted in a joint enterprise murder case. His conviction was overturned with the help of Cardiff Innocence Project. He now studies law at Manchester Metropolitan University.

The chaotic state of the disclosure system, responsible for many wrongful convictions because evidence gathered by the police which would help suspects is not passed on to them, will be explored through recent high profile cases, including those of

**Liam Allan**, who nearly went to prison for rape and was saved by the independent prosecutor and his defence barrister **Julia Smart** will be present to explain what happened.

**Danny Kay**, whose rape conviction was recently overturned thanks to the work of barrister Philip Rule who discovered important undisclosed material.

**Mark Newby**, solicitor advocate, possibly the UK's foremost criminal appeal lawyer and a long term active supporter of innocence projects MJRCs, will talk about his recent successes and the technicalities of putting together an appeal case.

**Mark George QC**, head of Garden Court North Chambers, who represented families at the Hillsborough, who will help students, as he has for many years, to understand cases make progress with them.

Finally students, experts, leading lawyers and MPs will come together to discuss how to take forward the campaign to eradicate the scourge of miscarriage of justice.

The Conference has been organised by Professor Claire McGourlay of the University of Manchester and Dr Andrew Green of the University of Sheffield.