

## Online-Seminar-Programme

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13 March 2024 09:00 – 11:15 CET

### *Design Against Crime – Designing Out Crime*



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## **Content**

Design has an important role to play in preventing crime and reducing criminal activity without compromising the enjoyment and usability of products, places and services by legitimate users. The Design Against Crime approach aims to reduce the negative consequences of criminogenic affordances. It derives from CPTED – Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design – a crime prevention theory focusing on tactical design and the effective use of the built environment. It's a multidisciplinary approach of crime prevention that uses urban and architectural design and the management of built and natural environments. If designers consider the ways in which the object, systems or environments they are designing might be susceptible to crime – and do this early enough in the design process – they can prevent crime from occurring, or at least reduce the opportunities for offender behaviour.

This webinar deals with the question, how by researching abuser 'needs' such as loopholes and weaknesses in systems, situations, premises or environments designers can apply this creativity and innovation to developing sophisticated solutions that can prevent and ultimately pre-empt crime. The participants will learn, how this makes people and communities feel safer. Recognising that crime, vandalism and antisocial behaviour are issues of high public concern, and that the driving forces behind crime are numerous, good design can help tackle many of these issues. Through integrating simple crime prevention principles in the design process, it is possible to make residential environments much safer.

The aim of 'Designing Out Crime' is to reduce the vulnerability of people and property to crime by removing opportunities that may be provided inadvertently by the built environment. It also aims to reduce fear of crime and, in doing so, helps to improve people's quality of life. Most importantly the participants will study that the best solutions often result from a co-ordinated approach; bringing together the ideas and experience of the developer, the designer, the local authority, the police and the community and that by using design measures to increase natural surveillance and define ownership of public and private space, a sense of community can be fostered where potential criminals are made to feel unwelcome.

**Seminar Chair: May-Britt Rinaldo Ronnebro**, Expert in Crime Prevention Methods at the Center for Police Science and Development at Linnaeus University, Sweden. She is a ret. Superintendent and National Lead on Crime Prevention Education for the Swedish National Police with experience of policing in different roles on local, regional, and national level.

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## **Online – Seminar – Lectures**

### **DAY 1**

**09.00 – 09.05**

**Welcome to day 1 of CPTED**

#### **Lecture 1/4 | Tuesday, 12 March, 09:05 am – 10:00 am, CET**

##### **Introduction and Citizen Safety Review Walk**

This lecture will look at a Swedish method where the Municipality Safety Officers collaborate with the Police, stakeholders, citizens, and NGO to review the open space where people meet. The concept started in Gothenburg and is now adopted as a working method to increase safety and decrease social unrest and crime. The method is now one connected to CPTED and in this lecture we will look at the practical use of a pracademic developed method.

**May-Britt Rinaldo Ronnebro**, MSt – Crime Prevention Expert, Linnaeus University, Sweden

#### **Lecture 2/4 | Tuesday, 12 March, 10:00 am – 10:50 am, CET**

##### **An Garda Síochána's National Approach to Crime Prevention**

As Sergeant in Charge of the Garda National Crime Prevention Unit, Susan's presentation focuses on the national approaches to Crime Prevention taken by An Garda Síochána, the Republic of Ireland's Police Service. The presentation provides an overview of the methods utilised to reduce the occurrences of crime in Ireland. Such methods include engagement at a national level with key stakeholders and representative bodies while also encouraging more local engagement through the Divisional Crime Prevention Officers. In addition, this presentation will outline some of the campaigns and operations implemented nationally to tackle crime across the country. Such campaigns and operation involve the assistance of Corporate Communications and local Divisions where crime prevention advice and practices are shared online and in person and supplemented by proactive patrols and engagement with the public. The presentation will close with discussion around the challenges faced when rolling out national crime prevention campaigns in Ireland.

**Susan Lawlor**, Sergeant, Garda National Crime Prevention Unit Dublin, Ireland

#### **Break 10:50 am – 11:00 am, CET**

**Lecture 3/4 | Tuesday, 12 March, 11:00 am – 12:00 am, CET**

**Enhancing Crime Prevention through CPTED: Collaborative Efforts in Laois-Offaly, Ireland**

As the Crime Prevention Officer for Laois-Offaly, Ireland, this presentation outlines our approach to Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED). The focus is on strengthening community safety and reducing crime by designing urban environments that discourage criminal behaviour. This initiative involves close collaboration with various stakeholders, including law enforcement agencies, local government units, urban planners, and community groups across Ireland.

Key aspects of the presentation include an overview of the CPTED principles and their application in local contexts, showcasing successful case studies from Laois-Offaly and other regions. It emphasizes the role of strategic design in public spaces, such as improved lighting, effective surveillance, and territorial reinforcement, to create environments less conducive to criminal activities. Significantly, the presentation highlights the importance of engaging external stakeholders in the design process. This collaborative approach ensures that the diverse needs and perspectives of community members are incorporated, fostering a shared responsibility for crime prevention. The strategies developed aim to not only deter crime but also enhance the quality of life for residents, thereby contributing to the creation of safer, more resilient communities.

The session concludes with a discussion on the challenges faced in implementing CPTED, potential solutions, and future directions for this initiative in Ireland. Attendees will gain valuable insights into the practical aspects of designing out crime and the benefits of a collaborative approach to crime prevention.

**Graham Kavanagh**, Sergeant | An Garda Síochána, Crime Prevention Officer/ Accredited Designing Out Crime Officer, Portlaoise Garda Station

**Lecture 4/4 | Tuesday, 12 March, 12:00 am – 12:30 am, CET**

**Secured Environments**

Martin Gill and Charlotte Howell will discuss a police-led initiative to support businesses to achieve good security - Secured Environments. They will discuss a scheme that encourages businesses to adopt best practices and show that they are ready to respond to any eventuality. It has been running since 2008 and has national support.

**Charlotte Howell**, Criminologist, Research manager & **Professor Martin Gill**, Criminologist, Director of Perpetuity Research, University of Leicester

## **DAY 2**

**09.00 – 09.05**

**Welcome to day 2 of CPTED**

### **Lecture 1/3 | Wednesday, 13 March, 09:05 am – 10:05 am, CET**

#### **Planning and shaping security together with the police - The Competence Center for Urban Security of the State Criminal Police Office of Lower Saxony, Germany**

The Competence Center for Urban Security (KURBAS) supports local stakeholders such as the police, municipalities, housing companies and other stakeholders in the field of urban crime prevention and thus brings security-relevant and crime prevention aspects into planning processes and construction projects. Since its foundation in 2017, methods and manuals have been developed for all levels of spatial planning in new and existing building processes. Focused on the needs of users and the requirements of those responsible for security, the aim is to identify and prevent crime-enabling structures and to strengthen citizens' feelings of security. The presentation will introduce the Competence Center for Urban Security as part of the Research / Prevention / Youth Department of the State Office of Criminal Investigation of Lower Saxony. The core tasks will be presented and in particular, the approaches and methods for consultation will be discussed.

**Melanie Schlüter**, Competence Center for Urban Security, LKA Lower Saxony

### **Lecture 2/3 | Wednesday, 13 March, 10:05 am – 11:05 am, CET**

#### **Designing in Crime**

This case study explores a residential development with extraordinarily high levels of burglary and how this affected the community residing there. It also demonstrates how the design of the physical environment can facilitate crime, or alternatively reduce it significantly.

**Michael Brooke**, Deputy Chief Operating Officer, Police Crime Prevention Initiatives

### **Conclusion | Wednesday, 13 March, 11:05 am – 11:15 am, CET**

**May-Britt Rinaldo Ronnebro**, MSt – Crime Prevention Expert, Linnaeus University, Sweden

## The Speakers



**Michael Brooke** is a retired detective who served 30 years with West Yorkshire Police and has worked for Police Crime Prevention Initiatives (Police CPI) in a number of different roles for the last thirteen years. His current position of Deputy Chief Operating Officer sees him with day to day responsibility for the operation of a number of national crime prevention schemes including the Police Crime Prevention Academy (PCPA), Licensing Security & Vulnerability Initiative (Licensing SAVI), the Park Mark Safer Parking Award and Secured by Design (SBD). He is a member of the University of Huddersfield's Applied Criminology Centre where his experience is welcomed by academics and students. Michael is a contributor and author of designing out crime guides and papers, and sits on a variety of subject related committees and panels including the Home Office's Safer Streets Fund and Places of Worship (POW) Protective Security Funding schemes.



**Professor Martin Gill** is a criminologist and Director of Perpetuity Research which started life as a spin out company from the University of Leicester. He holds honorary/visiting Chairs at the Universities of Leicester and London. Martin has been actively involved in a range of studies relating to different aspects of security, private policing and business crime on topics including: organised crime and fraud; why offenders offend; the (in)effectiveness of different security measures; and the scope of security management. Martin has been extensively involved with evaluation research and with the offender's perspective looking at how they target certain people and premises and aim to circumvent security measures. He has published 15 books including the third edition of the 'Handbook' of Security' which was published in 2022. He is the organiser and Chair of the Security Thought Leadership webinar series. Martin is a Fellow of The Security Institute, a member of the Company of Security Professionals (and a Freeman of the City of London). He is a Trustee of the ASIS Foundation. In 2002 the ASIS Security Foundation made a 'citation for distinguished service' in 'recognition of his significant contribution to the security profession'. In 2009 he was one of the country's top 5 most quoted criminologists. In 2010 he was recognised by the BSIA with a special award for 'outstanding service to the security sector'. In 2015 and 2016 he was nominated and shortlisted for the Imbert Prize at the Association of Security Consultants and in the latter he won. In 2016 ASIS International awarded him a Presidential Order of Merit for distinguished service. In 2022 he was recognised by Security Magazine as one of the 'Most Influential People in Security' and also received the Mervyn David Award from the ASIS UK Chapter 'for his significant contribution to the security

profession'. In 2016 he was entered onto the Register of Chartered Security Professionals. Martin is the Founder of the Outstanding Security Performance Awards (the OSPAs and Cyber OSPAs); the Tackling Economic Crime Awards (the TECAs); and the Security and Safety Entrepreneurial Awards (The SSEAs).



**Charlotte Howell** is Research Manager at Perpetuity Research, responsible for managing the running of the Secured Environments scheme (on behalf of Police CPI). Charlotte has conducted a wide range of research projects on crime and security including consulting offenders, victims, security professionals and police. Charlotte holds a first class LLB (Hons) degree in Law and an MSc in Criminology.



**Graham Kavanagh** is the current Garda Crime Prevention Officer and an accredited Designing Out Crime Officer for Laois and Offaly. He has over 28 years' experience within An Garda Síochána having previously been a beat officer (the most enjoyable part), part of a busy West Dublin drugs Unit, a Detective investigating all aspects of crime from Burglary to Murder, a Unit Sergeant, a Community Policing Sergeant, a Courts Presenter in the Circuit Courts. As a Crime Prevention Officer he has a role that requires him to effect positive changes to the security and safety of the public he serves by working with communities and businesses to reduce harm.



**Susan Lawlor** is a member of An Garda Síochána, the Republic of Ireland's National Police Service and holds a Masters in Criminology. She is Sergeant in Charge of the Garda National Crime Prevention Unit based in Dublin, Ireland. During her career she has been involved in serious criminal investigations at both local and national level. Her last position prior to promotion was in the country's busiest district, Pearse Street. The main goal of Susan's endeavours is to prevent and reduce crime while making people feel safe. Currently, she focuses on crime prevention using various approaches, from policy and

procedures to national campaigns and operations. These methods involve liaising with local, national and international stakeholders along with law enforcement colleagues in Ireland and abroad. As a Crime Prevention Officer in the National Unit, Susan liaises regularly with her counterparts based across the country and provides training, guidance and support to the Divisional Crime Prevention Officers who are 'on the ground'. Susan also assists stakeholders, e.g. local authorities, media outlets and retail groups amongst others, by opening lines of communication with local points of contact. Susan simultaneously holds the role of Programme Coordinator of the CCTV Advisory Committee and provides advice and assistance nationally in relation to CCTV. Overall, the national approach focuses on the reduction of crime in all areas and the empowerment of individuals and groups to make them feel safer in both their work and personal environs.



**May-Britt Rinaldo Ronnebro** is an Expert in Crime Prevention Methods at the Center for Police Science and Development at Linnaeus University, Växjö, Sweden. She is a ret. Superintendent and National Lead on Crime Prevention Education for the Swedish National Police with 46 years' experience of policing in different roles on local, regional, and national level. She is a Fitzwilliam graduate at Cambridge University, England, UK and holds a master's degree in Applied Criminology and Police Management. In 2015 she developed the Swedish Crime Harm Index for violent crimes against person in public places. May-Britt V. R. Ronnebro is Secretary General of the International Executive Board of the International Police Association. May-Britt maintains partnerships with other international associations related to the police profession including the International Education Centre Gimborn, Germany, the London West University/London Policing College, the World Association of Detectives, the International Association of Women Police, and the Society of Evidence Based Policing – UK, and the UNESCO. She is a member of the Policing Insights Advisory Board and the Advisory Board of the Cambridge Police Executive Program.



**Melanie Schlüter** is a sociologist and educational scientist by training. She works as a research assistant in the Department of Research, Prevention and Youth as well as in the Competence Center for Urban Security (KURBAS) at the State Office for Criminal Investigation of Lower Saxony. In addition to conducting research in national and international research projects, she advises local stakeholders on topics of urban security, urban crime prevention and subjective (in)security in public spaces.