

# Theme of the Plenary Session: Probation, Public Participation and Public Engagement

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## Biography

R Gerry McNally is President of the Confederation of European Probation (CEP).

Gerry McNally is also Assistant Director in the Probation Service in Ireland ([www.probation.ie](http://www.probation.ie)) with responsibility for research projects, international relations and projects and legislative matters. With the probation service since 1978, he has worked in prisons, courts and community supervision, as a probation officer and as a manager.

Gerry McNally is co-editor of the Irish Probation Journal (Published by the Probation Service and Probation Board for Northern Ireland). He has published and made conference and workshop presentations on probation related issues and topics over many years.

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## Steve Pitts

### Biography

Steve began his career as a Probation Officer in London. National positions followed including responsibility for partnerships, prisoner resettlement, and strengthening probation's quality and impact.

International roles included secondment to the European Commission as a Twinning Advisor on Probation development. He established the Prison and Probation Services International Team, leading multi-partner European effective practice research and development projects and the international justice assistance programme. He was involved from the outset in developing the World Congress on Probation concept and in bringing it to reality.



Independently and as an Ambassador to the European Organisation for Probation (the CEP), he is a strong advocate of international knowledge exchange and developing effective sustainable community-based justice.