

IRISH SOCIAL POLICY ASSOCIATION

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Welcome to the 27th edition of the Irish Social Policy Association (ISPA) e-newsletter. The newsletter is published four times a year and highlights upcoming conferences, events, publications and other developments in the broad social policy area. Contact details are included below.

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1. ISPA NEWS

This is the 27th e-Newsletter of the Irish Social Policy Association. There will be four e-newsletters throughout the year. The following are the scheduled dates which you will receive your copy via email:

Mid-September

Mid-November

Mid-February

Mid-May

ISPA SEMINAR ON CHILD INCOME SUPPORT

The ISPA recently held a seminar on Child Income Support policy in Ireland on 17th April 2013 in the O'Callaghan Alexander Hotel, Dublin 2. The conference was opened by Ms Joan Burton, TD Minister for Social Protection.

Speakers at the event were as follows: Professor Tony Fahey, School of Applied Social Science, UCD, Ms Camille Loftus, Research and Policy Analyst, Ms Ita Mangan, Chairperson, Advisory Group on Tax and Social Welfare and Professor Gerry Whyte, Professor, School of Law, TCD. Further details on the presentations from this event will be available on the members section of the ISPA website shortly, please see www.ispa.ie

Queries regarding the newsletter, any comments, suggestions or submissions for future editions please email newsletter@ispa.ie DISCLAIMER: The ISPA does not take responsibility for advertising events. If you would like an event to be advertised it must be received one week before publication

2. UPCOMING EVENTS

- **UPCOMING CONFERENCES**

NATIONAL DISABILITY AUTHORITY AND EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT INFORMATION OFFICE IN IRELAND JOINT CONFERENCE

Theme: Participation in public and political life by people with disabilities

Date: 24th May 2013

Venue: Croke Park Conference Centre, Dublin 1

Other Details: Please see www.nda.ie for more information

THE WHEEL ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Theme: Renew, rebuild, restore.

Date: 29th May 2013

Venue: Croke Park Conference Centre, Dublin 1

Other Details: Please see www.thewheel.ie for more information

CENTRE FOR HEALTH POLICY AND MANAGEMENT, TCD AND ESRI JOINT CONFERENCE

Date: 18th June 2013

Venue: ESRI, Whitaker Square, Sir John Rogerson's Quay, Dublin 2

Other Details: Please see www.esri.ie for more information

NATIONAL CENTRE FOR THE PROTECTION OF OLDER PEOPLE CONFERENCE

Theme: Celebration of World Elder Abuse Awareness Day

Date: 13th June 2013

Venue: Health Sciences Centre, UCD, Belfield, Dublin 4

Other Details: Please see www.ncpop.ie for more information

EUROPEAN MIGRATION NETWORK IRELAND CONFERENCE

Theme: Migration during and after the Economic crisis

Date: 14th June 2013

Venue: The Convention Centre, Dublin 1

Other Details: This European Migration Network (EMN) Ireland conference is an associated event of the Irish Presidency of the Council of the EU. Please email for further information emn.ireland@esri.ie or tel: +353/1/8632000.

UNESCO CHILD AND FAMILY RESEARCH CENTRE: 6TH BIENNIAL INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

Theme: Engagement and participation in family support

Date: 13th and 14th June 2013

Venue: Engineering Building, National University of Ireland, Galway.

Other Details: Please see

www.conference.ie/Conferences/index.asp?Conference=198 for further details.

CONFERENCE ON PRIMARY MENTAL HEALTH CARE

Theme: The job of de-medicalising Primary Mental Health Care across the EU: Can we afford to, can we afford not to?

Date: 30th and 31st May 2013

Venue: University of Limerick

Other Details: This conference is hosted by Nessa Childers MEP, in association with the Network for Psychotherapeutic Care in Europe (NICE). Please see

www.nessachilders.ie/events/2013/05/30/the-job-of-demmedicalising-primary-mental-health-ca/ for further details.

ESRI BUDGET PERSPECTIVES 2014 CONFERENCE

Speakers: Speakers will include Stuart Adam (Institute for Fiscal Studies), John FitzGerald and Tim Callan (ESRI) and Philip Lane (TCD).

Date: 25th June 2013

Venue: ESRI, Whitaker Square, Sir John Rogerson's Quay, Dublin 2

Other Details: Please see www.esri.ie for further details

THE INTERGRATION CENTRE AND ESRI JOINT CONFERENCE

Theme: Monitoring Migrant Integration

Date: 26th June 2013

Venue: The Royal Irish Academy, Dawson Street, Dublin 2

Other Details: Please see www.esri.ie for further details.

CENTRE FOR LONGTITUDINAL STUDIES IN IRELAND CONFERENCE

Theme: The Long Shadow of Childhood Adversity on Health: Evidence From Ireland And Policy Implications

Speakers: Prof. Diana Kuh, Director of the 1946 Birth Cohort in Britain and Director of the MRC Unit for Lifelong Health and Ageing and Dr Dominic Richardson, an OECD social policy specialist on social spending in childhood.

Date: 27th June 2013

Venue: ESRI, Whitaker Square, Sir John Rogerson's Quay, Dublin 2

Other Details: For further details on this event please see www.esri.ie

- **UPCOMING SEMINARS/ LECTURES**

JOINT ESRI/GEARY INSTITUTE RESEARCH SEMINAR

Theme: Do initial endowments matter only initially? Birth weight, parental investments and school achievement.

Speaker: Prashant Bhardadwai, University of California, San Diego.

Date: 20th June 2013.

Venue: ESRI, Whitaker Square, Sir John Rogerson's Quay, Dublin 2

Other Details: Please see www.esri.ie for further details

PAVEE POINT SEMINARS

Theme: *Promoting Inclusion: Travellers and Roma in Ireland*

Dates: Kilkenny – 16th May, Donegal – 22nd May, Dublin – 25th June

Venues: TBC

Other Details: Please see www.paveepoint.ie for further information.

If you have a submission or suggestion on any upcoming events, seminars, presentations, launches or conferences and would like them to be included in a future edition, please email newsletter@ispa.ie **DISCLAIMER:** The ISPA does not take responsibility for advertising events. If you would like an event to be advertised it must be received one week before publication

3. RECENT PUBLICATIONS

- NERI (2013) *Quarterly Economic Observer – Spring 2013*. A PDF copy of the report is available to download from www.neriinstitute.net

- NERI (2013) *Quarterly Economic Facts – Spring 2013*. A PDF copy of the report is available to download from www.neriinstitute.net
- Scharf, T., V. Timonen, G. Carney and C. Conlon (2013) *Changing generations: Findings from new research on intergenerational relations in Ireland*. Social Policy and Ageing Research, TCD and Irish Centre for Social Gerontology, NUI Galway. A PDF copy of the report is available to download from www.socialwork-socialpolicy.tcd.ie/assets/pdf/Changing_Generations_Report_final2013.pdf
- Disability Federation of Ireland (DFI) and Not for Profit Business Association (NfPBA) (2013) *Living in the community: Services and supports for people with disabilities*. A PDF copy of the report is available to download from www.disability-federation.ie

RECENT PUBLICATIONS FROM THE ESRI:

[ESRI Review of Research 2012](#)

ESRI Dublin, 16/04/13.

This ESRI annual *Review of Research* report gives an overview of the research activities of the Institute during 2012.

["Immigrants and Welfare Receipt in Ireland"](#)

Barrett, A., Joyce, C., Maître, B., *International Journal of Manpower*, Vol 34, Issue 2, pp.142-24/04/13.

["Immigrant Welfare Receipt across Europe"](#)

Barrett, A., Maître, B., *International Journal of Manpower*, Vol. 34, Issue 1, 2013, pp.8-23, 15/04/13.

["Under Pressure: The Impact of Recession on Employees in Ireland"](#)

Russell, H., McGinnity, F., *British Journal of Industrial Relations*, Published online 27 March 2013, 27/03/13

For details on any of the above ESRI publications and a comprehensive list of all recent ESRI publications please see www.esri.ie

UPCOMING/RECENT PUBLICATIONS FROM THE POLICY PRESS (UK)

- [International community organising: Taking power, making change](#) by [Dave Beck](#) and [Rod Purcell](#). This book is the first to explore the diverse history of community organising, telling

stories of how it developed, its successes and failures, and the lessons that can be applied today.

- [Transitions to parenthood in Europe](#): *A comparative life course perspective* by [Ann Nilsen](#), [Julia Brannen](#), and [Suzan Lewis](#). This book takes a life course perspective, analysing and comparing the biographies of mothers and fathers in seven European countries in context.

[Understanding crime and social policy](#) by **Emma Wincup**. Understanding crime and social policy encourages readers to reflect upon the close connections, and sometimes tensions, between crime reduction and social policy agendas.

Further details on the above publications are available from www.policypress.org.uk

If you wish to have a recently published book/paper listed in this section of future newsletters please e-mail details formatted as above to newsletter@ispa.ie DISCLAIMER: The ISPA does not take responsibility for advertising events. If you would like an event to be advertised it must be received one week before publication

4. CAREERS IN SOCIAL POLICY

IRISH PENAL REFORM TRUST: RESEARCH AND POLICY OFFICER (MATERNITY LEAVE)

Applications are invited for the post of Research and Policy Officer (Maternity Leave) with the Irish Penal Reform Trust (IPRT). The successful candidate will be responsible for developing the policy base for IPRT's campaigning work, including carrying out research and engaging with key stakeholders in the Irish penal system.

The Irish Penal Reform Trust Ltd (IPRT) is Ireland's leading non-governmental organisation campaigning for respect for rights in the penal system with prison as a last resort. IPRT is committed to progressive reform of the penal system based on evidence-led policies. IPRT will achieve these goals through:

- Conducting and disseminating high quality research and policy work
- Raising awareness of our work and of penal reform issues more generally
- Campaigning and building alliances through constructive engagement with all key stakeholders in the penal system

IPRT is a small organisation with four full-time posts: an Executive Director who reports to a voluntary Board of Directors; a Campaigns and Communications Officer; a Research and Policy Officer; and an Office Manager.

This position is to cover Maternity Leave and will be of fixed duration of five months from 1st June to 1st November 2013.

For details of how to apply for this position, please contact Mary Gaffney at IPRT at info@iprt.ie

The Closing Date for Applications will be 5pm on Friday, 24th May 2013.

UNHCR ASSOCIATE PROTECTION OFFICER

The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees Office in Ireland is seeking a motivated and flexible team player to fill the following vacancy: Associate Protection Officer (NOB/P2 equivalent)

Under the supervision of the Head of Office and in close co-operation with other members of the team, the incumbent will perform the following duties:

- Promote international law and standards relevant to the protection of refugees, asylum seekers and stateless persons and foster their consistent interpretation and application
- Advise on developments in national jurisprudence and legislation
- Facilitate the participation of persons of concern in the work of the Office
- Design and deliver training, advice and other supports to the national authorities and key stakeholders
- Oversee and manage individual cases including those relating to SGBV and child protection
- Promote and contribute to measures to identify, prevent and reduce statelessness
- Maintain and develop networks with key partners in Ireland and with protection colleagues under the UNHCR Regional Representation for Western Europe
- Stay abreast of relevant political, social, economic and cultural developments
- Undertake international travel on mission as required
- Perform other duties as required

This is a National Professional Officer Post. Candidates must be Irish Nationals.

Essential minimum qualifications and professional experience required:

- University degree in law, international law, political sciences or related field
- Minimum 4 years (2 years with advanced university degree) relevant professional experience
- Excellent knowledge of English and working knowledge of another UN language
- Very good knowledge of local institutions

Remuneration: EUR 73,378 Gross per annum (approximately)

Interested candidates should send a cover letter and a completed P 11 form to: Mr Said Hadjami, Admin/Finance Associate by email to hadjami@unhcr.org

P 11 form available to download at www.unhcr.ie/how-to-help/careers-and-recruitment

Deadline for receipt of applications: 5pm, 22 May 2013

VLM: RESEARCH INTERNSHIP – DUBLIN AND ETHIOPIA

VLM seeks a research intern to join their team this summer for a three month internship in Dublin with travel to Ethiopia. VLM is offering this unique opportunity to a motivated individual who is willing to design and carry out a piece of research focused on measuring and evaluating the outcomes of VLM's work overseas and at home.

The ideal candidate should be a graduate (NFQ Level 8/Honours Bachelor degree) in the field of development, social science or a related discipline, with experience in research and report writing from employment or education. Previous experience of living or working in a developing country is desirable.

The internship will start in early June and conclude at the end of August, during which time the intern will travel to Ethiopia to meet with VLM's partners and visit projects supported by VLM as part of the research. All costs of this trip are covered and the intern will receive expenses to the value of €600 upon submission of the final report.

Since its establishment eleven years ago by the Irish Vincentian Fathers, VLM has aimed to support the building of a future for those in the most disadvantaged communities in Ethiopia. VLM is primarily a volunteer sending organisation, placing ten to fifteen volunteers in various projects across Ethiopia every year, also supporting the development of a range of projects directly through fundraising.

The overall aim of the research is to establish a comprehensive picture of the outcomes of VLM's work in both Ethiopia and Ireland over the past eleven years.

Applicants are asked to visit www.vlm.ie/vacancies for further information on the skills and experience sought for the position. Applicants are also asked to contact Mary Anne Stokes at info@vlm.ie for full details of the research specification and information on how to submit a research proposal.

Applications should be submitted via email to info@vlm.ie or to VLM, St. Peter's Parish Offices, Phibsborough, Dublin 7 by 5pm, Monday 20th May. Interviews will be held later that week. Complete applications should include:

- A research proposal outlining planned research methodologies and approaches, key proposed areas of focus and associated timeframes for each element of the work.
- CV to include key research experience to date.
- The name and contact details for two referees who are able to articulate research experience of each candidate.

GENERAL CAREERS INFORMATION

The following websites are a good source of information on career opportunities in the social policy and research/social policy related area:

www.activelink.ie/ce

www.publicjobs.ie/ce

www.irishjobs.ie

Also, many of the main third level institutions offer a wide range of social policy and research opportunities. We hope that future editions of the ISPA e-Newsletter will contain further lists of current vacancies in the field of social policy.

If you have a submission or suggestion on any current vacancies and would like them to be included in a future edition, please email newsletter@ispa.ie DISCLAIMER: The ISPA does not take responsibility for advertising events. If you would like an event to be advertised it must be received one week before publication

5. CONTACTING THE ISPA

The following are the contact details of the association. We strongly encourage communication by e-mail.

ISPA Secretary: secretary@ispa.ie

Newsletter: newsletter@ispa.ie

Treasurer: treasurer@ispa.ie

PLEASE NOTE that all submissions, suggestions, events and job vacancies should be sent to the newsletter@ispa.ie address. The closing date for receipt of submissions for the next issue is the 1st of the month.

6. MEMBERSHIP OF ISPA

If you or your organisation would like to become a member of ISPA, please complete the [membership registration form](#) (return address on the document). Alternatively, contact the ISPA secretary at secretary@ispa.ie

7. ISPA HISTORY AND CURRENT COMMITTEE

The Irish Social Policy Association, which was established in 1997, aims to provide a forum for the analysis, discussion and development of social policy in Ireland, North and South. The inspiration to form a cross border Association dedicated to social policy in Ireland came from Dr Patricia Kennedy and Dr Nessa Winston from the Department of Social Policy and Social Work, University College Dublin.

The Association endeavours to broaden the debate on social policy by providing a forum for discussion that embraces the views and opinion of a wide range of relevant actors. ISPA brings together professionals and non-professionals with an interest in social policy, academics, policy makers, officials in the civil service and public service bodies, employer and trade union organisations as well as organisations and groups in the not-for-profit sector. Through the Association, discussions and debates have been stimulated on a variety of contemporary social policy issues.

CURRENT ISPA COMMITTEE

The current ISPA committee are: Claude Delaney (Chairman), Micheal Collins (Vice-Chairman), Caroline Fahey (Secretary), Frank Mills (Treasurer), Ann Stokes (Newsletter Officer), Martin Power (Website Officer) Catherine Anne Field (Postgraduate Officer), Lorna Roe, Eithne Fitzgerald, Pdraig Rehill, Geoffrey Cook, Tony McCashin, Sarah Craig, Vivienne Bryers.

8. JOINING/LEAVING THE ISPA MAILING LIST

If you wish to have your details added to the ISPA mailing please e-mail the following address with the word "ADD" in the subject line: mailinglist@ispa.ie

To have your details removed from the ISPA mailing please e-mail the following address with the word "REMOVE" in the subject line: mailinglist@ispa.ie

The ISPA updates our mailing list approximately once every six weeks.

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