

IRISH SOCIAL POLICY ASSOCIATION

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Welcome to the 38th 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 38th 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

NEW ISPA WEBSITE

A new ISPA website has been launched in recent weeks. The site includes details of membership, recent and forthcoming ISPA events, and membership details. It can be accessed at www.ispa.ie

ISPA RESEARCH CONFERENCE: CALL FOR PAPERS

Social Policy in Recession and Recovery, Dublin, July 1st 2016

The last decade has been one of dramatic change for Ireland. Through boom, bust, austerity and recovery, Irish society has experienced challenges, opportunities, successes and failures. Throughout the period, the impact of these experiences has been felt differently by people in different sectors, regions, age groups and socio-

economic categories. Given the dramatic nature of these changes, questions arise for all areas of policy, including social policy, as we look back and look forward.

The Irish Social Policy Association (ISPA) will host a research conference addressing these issues at the Carmelite Centre, Aungier Street, Dublin 2 on Friday July 1st 2016. The conference is intended to provide a forum for researchers in social policy and related academic fields.

We particularly welcome paper proposals that reflect on the conference theme, however interpreted, and aim to encourage debate around the following issues:

- Poverty, Inequality and Living Standards
- Housing and Homelessness
- Employment, Unemployment, Work and Migration
- Taxation, Social Security and Welfare Reform
- Gender and Family
- Health, Social Care and Ageing
- Disability
- The Community and Voluntary Sector
- Children
- Pensions
- Public Services/Public Service Reform
- Social Policy and the Justice System
- Dependency/Addiction
- Basic Income
- Rural Ireland

Potential participants should submit a title and abstract (150-200 words) of their paper by e-mail. We also welcome submissions for symposia (sets of 3 themed papers). Paper presentations will last for 15-20 minutes each, with 3 to 4 paper per themed session. Applications should be sent to conference@ispa.ie before 31st May 2016. A full conference programme will be circulated on the 10th June 2016.

Post-Graduate Students: A number of free places are available for full-time post-graduate students who are presenting a paper. Please indicate if you are a post-graduate student in your conference submission.

Further details are available on the ISPA website www.ispa.ie and via Twitter @IE_socialpolicy

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**

NERI LABOUR MARKET CONFERENCE

The fourth annual NERI Labour Market Conference is taking place in association with University of Limerick Department of Economics at the Kemmy Business School. The conference is intended to provide a forum for the presentation of research papers on labour market issues (North and South)

Date: 13th May 2016

Venue: University of Limerick Department of Economics at the Kemmy Business School.

Other Details: For more information, please see www.nerinstitute.net

INSTITUTE OF PUBLIC HEALTH IN IRELAND CONFERENCE

Theme: Knowledge 4 Health: This all-Island Conference will explore innovative and practical ways of providing knowledge support for the implementation of two public health frameworks. These are 'Healthy Ireland: A Framework for Improved Health & Wellbeing 2013-2025' in the Republic of Ireland and 'Making Life Better – A Whole System Strategic Framework for Public Health 2013–2023' in Northern Ireland.

Date: 25th May 2016

Venue: Royal Hospital Kilmainham, Dublin

Other Details: For more information, please visit the conference website www.knowledge4health.net

THE WHEEL NATIONAL CONFERENCE AND EXPO

Dates: 24th and 25th May 2016

Venue: Croke Park Conference Centre, Dublin

Other Details: For more information, please visit the conference website www.thewheel2016.wix.com/wheelconf16

NESC AND ISSP JOINT CONFERENCE

Theme: Which path ahead? Perspectives on Policy from Irish Social Science

Date: 11th May 2016

Venue: Atrium, Department of Justice, 76 St Stephens Green, Dublin 2

Other details: For more details please see www.nesc.ie

EXCHANGE HOUSE IRELAND CONFERENCE

Theme: National Traveller Mental Health

Date: 26th May 2016

Venue: Wynns Hotel, 36 Lower Abbey Street, Dublin 1

Other details: For more details please see www.exchangehouse.ie

10TH NORTH SOUTH IRISH CRIMINOLOGY CONFERENCE

Theme: Beyond the Penal State: Exploring the Boundaries of Punishment

Date: 23rd and 24th June 2016

Venue: NUI Maynooth, Maynooth, Co. Kildare

Other details: For more details please see www.maynoothuniversity.ie/news-events/10th-north-south-irish-criminology-conference

SOCIAL JUSTICE IRELAND'S SOCIAL POLICY CONFERENCE 2016

Theme: A new social and economic citizenship fit for the 21st century.

Date: 22nd November 2016

Venue: Croke Park Conference Centre, Dublin

Other details: For more details please see www.socialjustice.ie

• UPCOMING SEMINARS/ LECTURES

BASIC INCOME IRELAND SUMMER FORUM

Theme: Basic Income for Men and Women

Date: 11th June 2016

Venue: The Carmelite Community Centre, Aungier St, Dublin

Other details: For more details please see www.basicincomeireland.com

JOINT EMN IRELAND/ UNHCR IRELAND SEMINAR

Theme: Statelessness Determination Procedures: Policy Options, Practical Experiences and Challenges

Date: 9.30-12.30, 5th May 2016

Venue: Economic and Social Research Institute, Whitaker Square, Sir John Rogerson's Quay, Dublin 2

Other details: For more details please see www.esri.ie

ESRI RESEARCH SEMINAR

Theme: NEET youth in the aftermath of the crisis

Speaker: Claire Keane, OECD

Date: 4-5.30pm, 12th May 2016

Venue: Economic and Social Research Institute, Whitaker Square, Sir John Rogerson's Quay, Dublin 2

Other details: For more details please see www.esri.ie

2ND ANNUAL ADVANCED RESEARCH METHODS LECTURE, SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK AND SOCIAL POLICY TCD

Theme: The Rosary: The Object's Affect

Speaker: Patricia Clough, Professor of Sociology and Women's Studies at the Graduate Center and Queens College of the City University of New York (CUNY)

Date: 6pm, 30th May 2016

Venue: Long Room Hub, Trinity College Dublin

Other details: For more details please see www.tcd.ie/swsp

• **UPCOMING WEBSITE LAUNCH**

A New Website for Nonprofits at Benefacts.ie

The beta version of the Benefacts website is available at beta.benefacts.ie until May 18th when the full site goes live. Benefacts is a new, free online information service which will provide everyone with up to date facts and figures about Irish civil society organisations. The aim of introducing the site in Beta is to give listed non-profits a view of their own data before it goes live to the general public. For further information, or to attend one of our introductory events, please contact us at info@benefacts.ie

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

- MacFlynn, P. (2016) *Social Housing in Northern Ireland, NERI Research Brief (33)*. A PDF copy is available to download from www.nerinstitute.net
- Goldrick-Kelly, P. (2016) *The Fiscal Implications of Demographic Change in the Health Sector NERI Working Paper, 2016/33*. A PDF copy is available to download from www.nerinstitute.net
- MacFlynn, P. (2016) *The Economic Implications of BREXIT for Northern Ireland. NERI Working Paper (35)*. A PDF copy is available to download from www.nerinstitute.net
- Colgan, A., Rochford, S. and Burke, K. (2016) *Implementing public service reform : Messages from the literature*. Centre for Effective Services, Dublin. A PDF copy is available to download from www.effectiveservices.org
- Social Justice Ireland (2016) *Choices for Equity and Sustainability: Securing Solidarity and the Common Good*. Social Justice Ireland, Dublin. PDF copy is available to download from <http://www.socialjustice.ie/>
- Social Justice Ireland (2016) *Europe: A Union for the Powerless as well as the Powerful*. Social Justice Ireland, Dublin. PDF copy is available to download from <http://www.socialjustice.ie/>

RECENT PUBLICATIONS FROM THE ESRI:

- Morgan M., M. Thornton & C. McCrory (2016) *Growing Up in Ireland: Review of the Literature pertaining to the Second Wave of Data Collection with the Child Cohort at Age 13*
- Maître B., D. Watson & S. Cantillon (2016) *Who Earns, Who Shares and Who Decides: Does it Matter for Individual Deprivation in Couples?* ESRI Research Bulletin.
- Barrett A. & E. Kelly (2016) *Housing and Ireland's Older Population*, QEC Special Article.

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)

- *Understanding community: Politics, policy and practice* (Peter Somerville). This substantially revised edition of a highly topical text draws upon theory from Marx and Bourdieu to offer a clearer understanding of community in capitalist society.
- *Why we need welfare: Collective action for the common good* (Pete Alcock). Why we need welfare is a call for new forms of collective action to meet welfare needs in the 21st century. It offers a fresh perspective on the key issues involved, and is a great introduction to this important and topical debate.
- *Social policy in a cold climate Policies and their consequences since the crisis* (Edited by Ruth Lupton, Tania Burchardt, John Hills, Kitty Stewart and Polly Vizard). Social Policy in a Cold Climate offers a data-rich, evidence-based analysis of the impact Labour and coalition government policies have had on inequality and on the delivery of services such as health, education, adult social care, housing and employment in the wake of the greatest recession of our time.

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

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4. CAREERS IN SOCIAL POLICY

IMPLEMENTATION SPECIALIST: CES

The Centre for Effective Services now wishes to recruit an Implementation Specialist to support the implementation of the Nurture Programme-Infant Health and Wellbeing

Programme. This Programme aims to support the strategic reform of universal health and well-being services in the HSE for infants and their families.

The successful candidate will have an established reputation in their field, which may be in any one of a number of disciplines of health and social sciences, including sociology, psychology, public health, occupational therapy, speech and language therapy etc. Candidates should demonstrate experience and knowledge of supporting change processes and a strong interest in the development and promotion of evidence-informed services.

The closing date for applications is Monday 9th May 2016 at 5.00 pm. Interviews will take place the week commencing 23rd May 2016. Completed application forms and queries should be addressed, in confidence, to: Bernie Gray by email to: recruitment@effectiveservices.org

DATA AND INFORMATION SPECIALIST (IMPLEMENTATION): CES

The Centre for Effective Services now wishes to recruit a Data and Information Specialist (Implementation) with expertise in applying and using data and information, to work across a range of projects with a particular focus on supporting the implementation of the Nurture Programme-Infant Health and Wellbeing. This Programme aims to support the strategic reform of universal health and well-being services in the HSE for infants and their families.

The successful candidate will have an established reputation in their field as a researcher/data and information manager, which may be in any one of a number of disciplines including health and social sciences, library services, economics etc. Candidates should demonstrate a strong interest in the development and promotion of evidence-informed services and an ability to apply their research skills in a cross disciplinary context.

The closing date for applications is Monday 9th May 2016 at 5.00 pm. Interviews will take place the week commencing 30th May 2016. Completed application forms and queries should be addressed, in confidence, to: Bernie Gray by email to: recruitment@effectiveservices.org

POLICY AND ADVOCACY OFFICER: CESCO

'Cork Equal and Sustainable Communities Alliance' (CESCA) represents the coming together of 15 diverse community and voluntary organisations, with the support of the HSE Social Inclusion Services Cork, to create a new way of working to address issues of inequality, disadvantage and social exclusion in Cork city.

CESCO now invites applications for the new position of part-time Policy and Advocacy Officer. The successful candidate will work on a part-time basis to support the Cork Equitable and Sustainable Communities Alliance to advance the social justice and equality agenda through research, policy development and advocacy. This is a new position and the nature of the role may evolve over time. Essential requirements include: a clear and proven commitment to social justice and equality; a minimum of three years' post graduate experience in research, policy analysis or advocacy – including influencing policy and decision-making through advocacy; a good understanding of social policy (particularly relating to social inclusion and equality); a good understanding of advocacy and campaigning work; expertise in and

experience of undertaking research; and the ability to build effective working relationships with a variety of stakeholders.

Closing date for receipt of applications: Wednesday, 18th May 2016. Proposed Interview Date: Wednesday, 1st June

For informal enquiries please contact Jim Sheehan, Director, The Social and Health Education Project (SHEP) jim.sheehan@socialandhealth.com (021) 4666180

For an application form, job specification and additional candidate information, please visit www.cesca.ie

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
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5. CONTACTING THE ISPA

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

ISPA Secretary Eoin Carroll: 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

Membership rates for 2016 are:

- **Individual members: €30 per year**
- **Student/unwaged: €10 per year**
- **NGO: €60 per year**
- **Corporate membership: €100 per year**
- **Life member: Once off fee of €350**

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 The ISPA Committee for 2016-1017 is as follows: Micheál Collins (Chair), Lorna Roe (Vice Chair), Eoin Carroll (Secretary), Michelle Murphy (Treasurer), Ann Stokes (Newsletter), Marcella McGovern (Post Grad Officer), Eamon Murphy (Website), Vivienne Byers, Geoffrey Cook, Sarah Craig, Catherine-Anne Field, Eithne Fitzgerald, Tony McCashin, Frank Mills, Nat O'Connor, Ciaran O'Donnell, Pdraig Rehill and Justyna Szewczyk.

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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