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Welcome to the 42nd 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 42nd 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

IGS/ISPA JOINT SYMPOSIUM ON HOMECARE

Exploring the Establishment of a Statutory Homecare Scheme in Ireland
Presented by Irish Gerontological Society and Irish Social Policy Association
Education Centre, Our Lady's Hospice & Care Services, Harold's Cross, Dublin 6

Friday 26 May 2017, 9am -3.30pm

Registration online only, in advance of event
Cost: €65 including lunch
Registration closes on Monday 22nd May 2017
Limited number of places available.

The Irish Gerontological Society, in collaboration with the Irish Social Policy Association, is delighted to announce an interdisciplinary symposium.

The aim of this symposium is to have a purposeful discussion around reform in the provision of homecare in Ireland; specifically the development of an Irish statutory homecare scheme.

Key experts will discuss aspects of such a statutory homecare scheme from a number of perspectives including clinical, economic and policy. This multi-dimensional exploration of the future of homecare in Ireland will situate attendees firmly in this policy making process offering a unique opportunity to make an informed input during the consultative process of the scheme.

This symposium will be of interest to healthcare management personnel, academics, advocacy groups for carers and older people, doctors, nursing and health and social care professions, policy makers and home care providers.

Speakers: Brendan Courtney (RTE presenter), Elaine O Connor (Connolly Hospital & Irish Gerontological Society), Justin Moran (Age Action), Virginia Pye (Public Health Nursing, HSE), Maeve O'Brien (Department of Health), Dr. Rachel Kiersey (Health Research Board), Dr Catriona Murphy (Dublin City University/TILDA), Prof. Desmond O'Neill (Consultant Geriatrician, Tallaght Hospital), Pdraic Fleming (SPHeRE/NUI Maynooth), Prof Eamon O'Shea (Irish Centre for Social Gerontology), Dr Siobhan Kennelly (National Clinical Care Programme for Older People) and Michael Fitzgerald (HSE Services for Older People)

To register for the event or further information please see <http://www.irishgerontology.com/events/interdisciplinary-symposium-exploring-statutory-homecare-scheme-ireland>

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

IRISH AFTERCARE NETWORK ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Theme: "Young People – Mental Health – Addiction" Facing the Challenges

Date: 26th May 2017

Venue: Sheraton Hotel, Athlone, Co. Westmeath

Other Details: For more information, please see <https://aftercareconference2017.eventbrite.ie>

IRISH REFUGEE COUNCIL AND SCHOOL OF SOCIAL POLICY, SOCIAL WORK AND SOCIAL JUSTICE, UCD JOINT CONFERENCE

Theme: Responding to the Needs of Refugee Children

Date: 20th June 2017

Venue: UCD, Belfield, Dublin 4

Other Details: For more information, please see <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/world-refugee-day-conference-tickets-32294467622?aff=eac2>

IRISH DEVELOPMENT EDUCATION ASSOCIATION AGM AND ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Theme: Global Citizenship in a Time of Isolationism

Date: 8th June 2017

Venue: Wood Quay Venue, Dublin City Council Civic Offices, Wood Quay, Dublin 8

Other Details: For more information, please see <https://www.ideaonline.ie/latest/event-detail/idea-agm-and-annual-conference-2017>

ESRI BUDGET PERSPECTIVES 2018 CONFERENCE

Date: 9th June 2017, 8.30-12.45

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

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

- **UPCOMING SEMINARS/ LECTURES**

FOCUS IRELAND AND SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK AND SOCIAL POLICY TCD LUNCHTIME TALK

Theme: The regulation of the private rented sector: comparisons between England and Ireland

Speakers: Dr Tom Moore (University of Sheffield) and Dr Richard Dunning (University of Liverpool)

Date: 1-2pm, 24th May 2017

Venue: George's Hill Chapel, Halston Street, Dublin 7

Other details: A light lunch and refreshments are also provided. Please RSVP here or email sheridans@focusireland.ie to attend.

FRONT LINE DEFENDERS AND UCD CENTRE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS LECTURE SUPPORTED BY THE SCIENCE GALLERY

Theme: The shrinking space for European civil society – what can be done?

Speaker: Michael O'Flaherty, Director, EU Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA)

Date: 1-2pm, 26th May 2017

Venue: Science Gallery, Peares St, Dublin 2

Other details: For more details please

see <https://dublin.sciencegallery.com/events/2017/05/shrinkingspaceeuropeancivilsociety%E2%80%93whatcanbedone>

SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK AND SOCIAL POLICY TCD SYMPOSIUM

Theme: New Perspectives on Theory and Method in the Social Sciences

Date: 26th June 2017

Venue: Neill Hoey Lecture Theatre, Long Room Hub, Trinity College Dublin

Other details: For further information, please see <http://www.tcd.ie/swsp/news-events/>

ESRI SEMINARS

Theme: Brexit: Implications for the UK, EU and globalization

Speaker: Thomas Sampson, The London School of Economics

Date: 25th May 2017, 4pm

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

Other details: Please see www.esri.ie

Theme: The Economic Value of Attendance at a Museum with No Admission Fee

Speaker: Professor Vincent G. Munley, Lehigh University

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

Other details: Please see www.esri.ie

- **CALL FOR ABSTRACTS**

Call for Papers: Conference: Family Carer Research in Ireland, UCD, Dublin. Thursday 31 August 2017

You are invited to submit an abstract for the upcoming conference "Family Carer Research in Ireland".

Following from a successful conference in 2015, Care Alliance Ireland, in partnership with UCD School of Nursing, Midwifery and Health Systems, invite you to submit a presentation for consideration for this research conference concentrating on past, current and prospective research on any topic of interest to Family Carers, and those involved in the sector. We encourage presentations from the not-for-profit and academic sectors. We also encourage student presentations and presentations from Family Carers

Abstracts can be submitted for either a poster or oral presentation.

-Oral presentations will be 20 minutes in length, with 5

-10 minutes for discussion and questions from participants.

-Poster presentations should be printed no larger than size A0.

Guidelines for abstract submission

- Abstracts should be no more than 300 words

- Include the following (not counted towards word limit):

- Name of presenter(s)

- Current affiliation (name of organisation/ University)

- Contact details (email & phone)

- Type of presentation preference (oral/ poster/ no preference)

- Please submit abstract via email to Policy & Research Officer Zoe

Hughes zoe@carealliance.ie by June 18. Successful applicants will be notified by July 10.

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

- Nugent, C. (2017) *A time-series analysis of precarious work in the elementary professions in Ireland*. A PDF copy of the report is available to download from www.nerinstitute.net
- Healy T. (2017) *Ireland's Housing Emergency - Time for a Game Changer*. A PDF copy of the report is available to download from www.nerinstitute.net
- Bresnihan, P. (2017) *Valuing Nature – Perspectives and Issues*. NESC Research Series Paper No. 11. A PDF copy of the report is available to download from www.nesc.ie

RECENT PUBLICATIONS FROM THE ESRI:

- Keegan C., C.Teljeur, B.Turner & S.Thomas (2017) *Addressing market segmentation and incentives for risk selection: How well does risk equalisation in the Irish private health insurance market work?*
- Smyth, E. (2017) *Social relationships and the transition to second-level education*.
- Siedschlag I., M. Lawless & M. Di Ubaldo (2017) *Investment in knowledge-based capital and its impact on productivity*.

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)

- *Building better societies: Promoting social justice in a world falling apart* edited by Rowland Atkinson, Lisa Mckenzie and Simon Winlow. What would it take to make society better? For the majority, conditions are getting worse and this will continue unless strong action is taken. This book offers a wide range of expert contributors outlining what might help to make better societies and which mechanisms, interventions and evidence are needed when we think about a better society. The book looks at what is needed to prevent the proliferation of harm and the gradual collapse of civil society. It argues that social scientists need to cast aside their commitment to the established order and its ideological support systems, look ahead at the likely outcomes of various interventions and move to the forefront of informed political debate. Providing practical steps and policy programmes, this is ideal for academics and students across a wide range of social science fields and those interested in social inequality. See more at: <http://policypress.co.uk/building-better-societies#sthash.z02EwaUy.dpuf>
- *Living on the margins: Undocumented migrants in a global city* by Alice Bloch and Sonia McKay. Living on the margins offers a unique insight into the working lives of undocumented (or 'irregular') migrants living in London, and their employers. Breaking new ground, this topical book exposes the contradictions in policies, which marginalise and criminalise these migrants, while promoting exploitative labour market policies. However, the book reveals that the migrants can be active agents in shaping their lives within the constraint of status. Taking an interdisciplinary approach, this fascinating book offers an international context to the research and provides theoretical, policy and empirical analyses. It will appeal to undergraduate and postgraduate students, researchers and academics, as well as policy makers, practitioners and interested non-specialists. - See more at: <http://policypress.co.uk/living-on-the-margins#sthash.Zgnxoaw5.dpuf>

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.ieDISCLAIMER: 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

JIGSAW: RESEARCH AND EVALUATION OFFICER

Jigsaw is a community based, early intervention mental health service for Young People aged 12-25. We are looking for passionate, suitably qualified staff to implement Jigsaw's Vision.

Applications welcome from applicants with a bachelor's degree (masters preferred) in psychology or social science and who have minimum of two years' work experience in a role where research/evaluation were key responsibilities. For further information please go to www.Jigsaw.ie to view a detailed job description.

Application is by way of CV and cover letter. Please send your application via e-mail to recruitment@jigsaw.ie stating the role you are applying for in the subject line of the e-mail.

The closing date for applications is Friday 2nd June 2017 at 1 pm.

NESC: EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FOR SUSTAINABILITY RESEARCH 2017

As part of its focus on sustainability issues, NESC is seeking an experienced post-graduate researcher to work alongside NESC staff for 12-18 months on a project, 'Governance for Low Carbon Transition'.

Meeting our energy targets and effectively transitioning towards a carbon-free society represents a huge economic and societal opportunity for the country (EPA, 2016:184). However, there are considerable governance challenges in moving towards a low carbon society, given the complexity and uncertainty of climate change policy and the scale and speed of the changes required at multiple levels of the economy and society. NESC is seeking to probe particular aspects of this public governance challenge to identify practices of learning, engagement, problem-solving and innovation, drawing from Ireland and abroad, at national and local levels. Particular focus will be placed on key sectors for climate mitigation: agriculture, transport, energy and the built environment.

The research will be primarily desk-based but will require qualitative interviews and would need to be completed by the end of 2018. While the recruitment process to be used will be in accordance public procurement guidelines and include competitive tendering, it is anticipated that the remuneration of the Researcher(s) will be in line with the current range for Post-doctoral

candidates. Please see Proposed Terms of Reference for further information. Reasonable research expenses will be paid (not to be included in the quoted price).

To submit an expression of interest please put in writing by post or email to Richard Holland NESD (and NESDO), 16 Parnell Square, Dublin D01 E7C1 (Richard.Holland@nesdo.ie) before noon on 23rd May, 2017 outlining the following:

- a) your interest in undertaking this research work;
- b) your availability between June 2017 to December 2018; and
- c) confirmation that you have the appropriate skills and experience as outlined in the Proposed Terms of Reference.

Any questions on the research, in the interim, should be directed to Dr Jeanne Moore (Jeanne.Moore@nesc.ie / 01 8146336)

CENTRE FOR EFFECTIVE SERVICES GRADUATE INTERN PROGRAMME

Our Graduate Intern Programme recruits recently qualified graduates or post-graduates and provides them with a full time structured training programme. The programme combines professional and personal development and work experience, over a period of 12 months.

The aim of the programme is to develop a new generation of graduates with specialist experience of implementing evidence informed services, and the translation of evidence into policy and practice to improve outcomes for communities, children and young people in Ireland and Northern Ireland. The graduate interns will have the potential to work in a wide range of settings, including government departments and service providing agencies and organisations in Ireland, Northern Ireland and further afield.

We are currently accepting applications for the 2017 / 2018 Graduate Intern Programme. Applicants are requested to download and complete the Graduate Intern Programme Application Form and send to recruitment@effectiveservices.org by Friday June 9th 2017.

Successful applicants will be invited to interview the week commencing 24 July and 31 July 2017. The Programme will commence on Monday 2 October 2017.

Download additional details of CES Graduate Intern Programme and the application form from <http://www.effectiveservices.org/about/careers#graduateinternprogramme>

- **Education/ Training**

MA IN SOCIAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC POLICY

Part time programme commencing Sept 2017 in Dublin

Social Justice Ireland has entered into a consortium with Waterford Institute of Technology to offer a part-time MA programme in Social Justice and Public Policy from September 2017. The

programme is specifically designed for people with some experience of working in a voluntary or paid capacity with an organisation involved with social policy.

Key features of the programme include the opportunity to

Gain a well-recognised qualification which will facilitate your personal and career development in Social Justice and Public Policy

Study and network with other students and professionals from a wide range of experiences and disciplines

Study in a convenient Dublin City Centre location

Balance your study with work or other commitments. The MA is embedded in flexible self-directed learning with a contact time of approximately two days per month over 2 years.

Develop a variety of practical skills from communications to strategic management to critical analysis. These skills can be applied both work and voluntary settings.

Learn with a range of lecturers, both academics and practitioners, using case studies from Irish and International contexts.

Further information and the application procedure is available at: https://www.wit.ie/courses/school/humanities/department_of_applied_arts/ma-in-social-justice-and-public-policy

For specific queries about the programme, please email us at secretary@socialjustice.ie

ALLIANCE FOR USEFUL EVIDENCE

Alliance for Useful Evidence: Open Invitation to Join Network

Are you interested in evidence and public policy? Consider yourself a data and evidence enthusiast? Then please join our growing network of over 3,000 individuals and cross-sector organisations from government, universities, charities, business and local authorities in the UK, Ireland and internationally.

As an ally, you can help promote useful evidence in decision making across social policy, connect to a global community of individuals and organisations from a range of sectors and backgrounds, whilst gaining access to stimulating debate, publications and events.

You can join the Alliance for Useful Evidence here: <http://www.alliance4usefulevidence.org/join>

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 Marcella McGovern: 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 2017-2018 is as follows: Eoin Carroll (Chair), Nat O'Connor (Vice-Chair), Marcella McGovern (Secretary), Michelle Murphy (Treasurer), Ann Stokes (Newsletter), Megan Curran (Post Grad Officer), Eamon Murphy (Website), Micheál Collins, Lorna Roe, Vivienne Byers, Geoffrey Cook, Sarah Craig, Catherine-Anne Field, Eithne Fitzgerald, Marie Keenan, Frank Mills, Padraig 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.

A pdf copy of this and previous newsletters is available on the ISPA website at www.ispa.ie

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