

IRISH SOCIAL POLICY ASSOCIATION

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Welcome to the 29th 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 29th 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

Last week, on Tuesday 20th November, the ISPA held its AGM and a Symposium in DIT, Aungier Street.

The theme of the Symposium was “Balancing autonomy with protection for vulnerable adults”. Speakers at the event were Patricia Rickard Clarke and Shari McDaid.

At the AGM, the ISPA Committee for 2013-2014 was appointed: Micheal Collins (Chair), Lorna Roe (Vice Chair), Frank Mills (Treasurer), Caroline Fahey (Secretary), Ann Stokes (Newsletter Officer), Marcella McGovern (Postgraduate Officer), Martin Power (Website officer), Claude Delaney, Eithne Fitzgerald, Tony McCashin, Geoffrey Cook, Pdraig Rehill, Catherine Anne Field, Vivienne Byers, Sarah Craig, Michelle Murphy, Eoin Carroll and Eamon Murphy.

Further details on the event as well as presentations from the evening will be available shortly, please check www.ispa.ie for regular updates.

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**

FOCUS IRELAND ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Theme: Working to end homelessness – New Solutions to finding New Homes

Date: 27th November 2013

Venue: The Aviva Stadium, Dublin 4

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

ALCOHOL ACTION IRELAND CONFERENCE

Theme: Facing the Fear: Alcohol and Mental Health

Date: 20th November 2013

Venue: Royal College of Physicians, Dublin 2

Other Details: Please email admin@alcoholactionireland.ie for further details

NATIONAL YOUTH COUNCIL OF IRELAND ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Theme: Youth Development through the Arts

Date: 29th November 2013

Venue: National Museum of Ireland, Collins Barracks, Dublin 7

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

SOCIAL JUSTICE IRELAND SOCIAL POLICY CONFERENCE

Theme: A Future Worth Living For

Date: 19th November 2013

Venue: Croke Park Conference Centre, Dublin 1

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

EUROPEAN MIGRATION NETWORK CONFERENCE

Theme: Challenges and Responses to Identifying Victims of Trafficking

Date: 29th November 2013

Venue: Alexander Hotel, Fenian Street, Dublin 2

Other Details: Please see www.emn.ie/emn/nationalnetwork for further details

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL PROTECTION AND ESRI CONFERENCE

Theme: Social Transfers and Poverty Alleviation in Ireland

Date: 11th December 2013

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

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

GROWING UP IN IRELAND ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Date: 27th November 2013

Venue: Croke Park Conference Centre, Dublin

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

- **UPCOMING SEMINARS/ LECTURES/ WORKSHOPS**

NEVIN ECONOMIC RESEARCH INSTITUTE SEMINARS

Theme: Estimating the direct and indirect tax contributions of household in Ireland

Date: 20th November 2013, 4pm

Venue: INTO Learning Centre, 38 Parnell Square, Dublin 1

Other Details: Please see www.nerinstitute.net/events for further details

Theme: A job for everyone: What should full employment mean in the 21st Century?

Date: 27th November 2013, 4pm

Venue: Unite the Union, 26-34 Antrim Road, Belfast BT15 2AA

Other Details: Please see www.nerinstitute.net/events for further details

IRISH CONSORTIUM ON GENDER BASED VIOLENCE ANNUAL SEMINAR

Theme: Voices from the Frontline: Addressing gender-based violence in humanitarian crises – empowering survivors to influence prevention and response.

Date: 27th November 2013, 11am – 1.30pm

Venue: Royal Irish Academy, Academy House, 19 Dawson Street, Dublin 2

Other Details: This is a free, invite only event. Please RSVP by November 22nd to info@gbv.ie.

FOCUS IRELAND AND THE SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK AND SOCIAL POLICY, TCD MONTHLY LUNCHTIME TALKS

Theme: Every child needs a home: A review of the implementation of the Youth Homeless Strategy.

Speaker: Katie Burke and Aishling Sheenan, Centre for Effective Services

Date: 28th November 2013, 1 pm.

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

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

ESRI RESEARCH SEMINAR SERIES

Theme: Labour Market Transitions of Young Unemployed People in Ireland Pre and Post the Recession and Related Findings from the OECD Economic Survey of Ireland 2013

Speakers: Eilish Kelly (ESRI), Seamus McGuinness (ESRI), Philip O'Connell (UCD), David Haugh (OECD) and Alberto Gonzalez Pandiella (OECD)

Date: 21st November 2013, 1 pm.

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

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

NATIONAL CENTRE FOR THE PROTECTION OF OLDER PEOPLE SEMINAR

Theme: Older people and sexual violence in Ireland – Evidence from Rape Crisis Centres

Speaker: Dr. Stacey Scriver, Researcher and Lecturer, School of Political Science and Sociology, NUI Galway

Date: 25th November 2013, 5.30 pm.

Venue: Room B109/110, UCD School of Nursing, Midwifery and Health Systems, UCD, Belfield, Dublin 4

Other Details: Please see www.ncpop.ie for further detail

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

- McGarrigle, C. and R.A. Kenny (TILDA) (2013) *Profile of the sandwich generation and intergenerational transfers in Ireland*. A Pdf copy of this publication is available to download from http://www.tcd.ie/tilda/assets/pdf/intergenerational_transfers.pdf
- O'Farrell, R. (2013) *Wages and Ireland's Economic Competitiveness*. NERI Working Paper no.7. A PDF copy of this publication is available to download from www.nerinstitute.net
- O'Farrell, R. (2013) Do the young unemployed need incentive of reduced social welfare? NERI Research Brief, no.8. A PDF copy of this publication is available to download from www.nerinstitute.net
- Nevin Economic Research Institute (2013) *Quarterly Economic Observer–Autumn 2013*. A PDF copy of this publication is available to download from www.nerinstitute.net
- Nevin Economic Research Institute (2013) *Quarterly Economic Facts –Autumn 2013*. A PDF copy of this publication is available to download from www.nerinstitute.net
- Kennedy, P. (2013) *Treated Differently? Evidence of Racism and Discrimination from a Local Perspective*. Further information on this publication is available from <http://www.ucd.ie/appsocsc/news>
- O'Nolan, C. (2013) *The Irish District Court: A Social Portrait*. Further information on this publication is available from www.socialwork-socialpolicy.tcd.ie/news

RECENT PUBLICATIONS FROM THE ESRI:

- [Evaluation of the Effect of the Power of One Campaign on Natural Gas Consumption](#) Diffney, Seán (Rubicon Infrastructure Advisors) / [Lyons, Seán](#) / [Malaguzzi Valeri, Laura](#) (ESRI) ESRI Research Bulletin 2013/3/1
- [Parenting and Infant Development](#) *Growing Up in Ireland - National Longitudinal Study of Children: Infant Cohort - Report 3* Nixon, Elizabeth (TCD) / Swords, Lorraine (TCD) / [Murray, Aisling](#) (ESRI)
- [Governance and Funding of Voluntary Secondary Schools in Ireland](#)

ESRI Research Series 34 [Darmody, Merike](#) / [Smyth, Emer](#)

- [Quarterly Economic Commentary, Autumn 2013](#) ESRI Forecasting Series [Duffy, David](#) / [FitzGerald, John](#) / [Timoney, Kevin](#) / [Byrne, David](#)

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)

- [The Passionate Economist](#): *How Brian Abel-Smith shaped global health and social welfare* by Sally Sheard. This is the first biography of Abel-Smith. It takes a historical perspective to analyse the development of health and social welfare systems since the 1950s, exposing the critical impact of long-running debates on poverty and state responsibility, especially in Britain. See more at: www.policypress.co.uk/#sthash.KzcFZTTz.dpuf
- [Education and social justice in a digital age](#) by Rosamund Sutherland. This book proposes an approach to changing the educational system in order to redress inequalities in society, whilst at the same time acknowledging the potential transformative role of digital technologies. See more at: www.policypress.co.uk/#sthash.KzcFZTTz.dpuf
- [Social work and poverty](#): *A critical approach* by Lester Parrott. This book provides a timely review of the key issues facing social workers and service users in working together to combat poverty, covering key areas including access to food, obesity and drug use. See more at: www.policypress.co.uk/#sthash.KzcFZTTz.dpuf
- [Education without schools](#): *Discovering alternatives* by Helen E. Lees. This topical book focuses on elective home education (EHE) in England and considers how the dominance of schooling has affected our ability to conceive of education as diverse and different. It highlights the lack of governmental interest in alternative education and also

considers the human rights issues, the relationship of the state to education and parental education choice. - See more at: www.policypress.co.uk/#sthash.KzcFZTTz.dpuf

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

SAMARITANS: POLICY AND CAMPAIGNS OFFICER

Samaritans Vision is that 'Fewer People will Die by Suicide'. We work to achieve this by making it our mission to alleviate emotional distress and reduce the incidence of suicidal feelings and suicidal behaviour. We do this by being available around the clock, working in partnership with other organisations, agencies and experts, influencing public policy and raising awareness of the challenges of reducing suicide.

As a result of funding obtained we are looking for a Communications & Policy Officer with research and project management skills. Samaritans Ireland is at a very exciting time with the advent of the roll out of the new Freecall number 116 123 and the implementation of our Strategic Action Plan 2014 – 2016.

You would need to be able to demonstrate a track record in communications, policy, and research, and if possible project management. You should have excellent communications and interpersonal skills, an ability to establish and maintain positive relationships with colleagues and volunteers at all levels, the capacity to develop an in-depth knowledge of particular policy areas and at the same time be able to quickly turn around relevant facts and figures for press releases and media inquiries.

The position is based in Dublin. However due to the nature of the role there will be a requirement to travel to the Central Charity in England to liaise with the communications, policy, research and development departments.

If you are interested in the position please send a covering letter outlining how and why you would be a good fit with us as well as a brief two page CV to c.brogan@samaritans.org. Deadline for application is 25th November 2013.

RESEARCH ASSISTANT, NUI MAYNOOTH

An Foras Feasa and the School of English, Media and Theatre Studies, NUI Maynooth wish to recruit a Research Assistant to work on a research project – the Media Envelope Project – in conjunction with the Digital Repository of Ireland (DRI). The Media Envelope Project is a Demonstrator Project carried out under the DRI framework, whose aim is to explore the possibilities for bringing together existing and emerging digitised Irish media (print and broadcast) through a single interface so as to allow researchers to re-create the media envelope in a given place in

Ireland at a given moment.

The successful candidate will be required to carry out a range of duties, including but not exclusive to, the following:

- Project management of Digital Humanities based AFF research projects;
- Consultancy on Digital Humanities based AFF research projects;
- High-level management of Digital Humanities technical resources, e.g. sakai, mediasite, kaltura;
- Administration e.g. report writing, staff meeting attendance, travel arrangements, etc;
- Consultancy to projects within faculty cluster on Digital Humanities and Digital Humanities Education;
- Consultancy to include delivery of knowledge workshops and advice regarding best practice within Digital Humanities;
- Development of theory and methodology surrounding specialised areas of Digital Humanities;
- Development and participation within funding and collaboration structures related to same;
- Dissemination of same through publication, presentation, peer-reviewed conference,

Etc

Development and delivery of undergra

duate, masters and doctoral modules;

- Complete necessary administrative tasks within the Institute and appropriate

University bodies;

- Act as a member of such appropriate committees as may be required and as delegated by the Director;

- Promote the development of the Institute and the University (e.g. through participation at Open Days);

- Where necessary provide technical support to research within the Department;

- Maintain the highest professional standards so that the reputation of the University is enhanced;

- Undertake such other duties as requested by the Director.

The Ideal Candidate

Essential Skills

- PhD in Media Studies, or Sociology of Media, preferably in the areas of Irish media

law or media policy; or in the area of Law, Legal Studies or Business with a specialism in Irish media law or policy;

- Excellent knowledge of the Irish media;

- Strong verbal and written communication skills with the capability to work well (i) as a team player in a cross-functional research team and (ii) with individual researchers on problem solving;

- Demonstrated ability to work in a team environment focussed on media and or policy.

Desirable Skills

- Good computer skills are required, and some experience of working with databases would be a valuable asset;
- Experience of working in the media could be an asset, but is not required.
- Strong analytical and problem solving skills;
- Capability to plan and schedule own work accurately;
- Ability to work in a multi-skilled team environment and to communicate effectively with peers;
- Ability to co-ordinate with DRI engineers and partners;
- Ability to cope with changing priorities and multiple assignments;
- Ability to present complex ideas in a clear and comprehensible manner;
- Ability to work on your own initiative.

Applications should be made by sending the following information to recruitment@nuim.ie

- A Curriculum Vitae, including all qualifications and experience, and a covering letter addressing your interest and suitability for the post;
- The names, email addresses, correspondence addresses, fax and telephone numbers of three referees whom the University may contact.

The completed application documents should be forwarded by email to arrive no later than Midnight, Sunday 24th November 2013

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 Lorna Roe: 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 The ISPA Committee for 2013-2014 is as follows: Micheal Collins (Chair), Lorna Roe (Vice Chair), Frank Mills (Treasurer), Caroline Fahey (Secretary), Ann Stokes (Newsletter Officer), Marcella McGovern (Postgraduate Officer), Martin Power (Website officer), Claude Delaney, Eithne Fitzgerald, Tony McCashin, Geoffrey Cook, Pdraig Rehill, Catherine Anne Field, Vivienne Byers, Sarah Craig, Michelle Murphy, Eoin Carroll and Eamon Murphy.

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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