

**IRISH SOCIAL POLICY ASSOCIATION**

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Welcome to the 33<sup>rd</sup> 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 33<sup>rd</sup> 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

### **Irish Social Policy Association AGM and Seminar**

The ISPA seminar recently held its AGM and a Seminar on Housing entitled *Getting it Right This Time – Housing and the Recovery*. The following presentations were made by Ronan Lyons (TCD) Housing – where we are now (is there another bubble?) Nat O'Connor (TASC) Housing – where should we be going, and Michelle Norris (UCD) Social and affordable housing and the recovery. Further details on this event and previous Seminars are available from our website [www.ispa.ie](http://www.ispa.ie)

**Queries regarding the newsletter, any comments, suggestions or submissions for future editions please email [newsletter@ispa.ie](mailto: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**

### **EMN IRELAND AND THE UNHCR IRELAND CONFERENCE**

**Theme:** Protection of Unaccompanied Minors and Separated Children in Ireland and Europe

**Date:** 27<sup>th</sup> November 2014, 8.30am – 1.15pm

**Venue:** Dublin Castle, Dublin 2

**Other Details:** Please email [emn.ireland@esri.ie](mailto:emn.ireland@esri.ie) for further information.

**JOINT CARDI/ IRISH NETWORK FOR RESEARCH IN DEMENTIA AND NEURODEGENERATION/ ALZHEIMER'S SOCIETY (NI) AND THE ALZHEIMERS SOCIETY**

## OF IRELAND NETWORKING AND INFORMATION EVENT

**Theme:** Future Directions and Collective Strengths in Dementia Research

**Date:** 12<sup>th</sup> December 2014

**Venue:** Best Western Academy Plaza Hotel, Findlater Street, Dublin 1

**Other Details:** For more information about this event please go to [www.cardi.ie](http://www.cardi.ie)

## GENIO ANNUAL DEMENTIA CONFERENCE

**Theme:** Three Themes: The Lived Experience, Value and Values and Collective Approaches to Change.

**Date:** 12<sup>th</sup> December 2014

**Venue:** O'Callaghan Alexander Hotel, Dublin 2

**Other Details:** For more information about this event and to register visit [www.genio.ie/dementia-conference-2014](http://www.genio.ie/dementia-conference-2014)

## GROWING UP IN IRELAND 6<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CONFERENCE

**Date:** 26<sup>th</sup> November 2014

**Venue:** Croke Park Conference Centre, Dublin 1

**Other Details:** Please see [www.esri.ie](http://www.esri.ie) for further details

## UPCOMING SEMINARS/ LECTURES

### TASC ANNUAL LECTURE

**Theme:** The Future of Banking in Europe and Ireland

**Speaker:** Brian Nolan, Director of the Employment, Equity and Growth Programme at INET Oxford and Professor of Social Policy, Oxford University

**Date:** 20<sup>th</sup> November 2014, 6.30 pm

**Venue:** Royal College of Physicians, Kildare Street, Dublin 2

**Other Details:** In order to register for this event, please email [sbyrne@tasc.ie](mailto:sbyrne@tasc.ie)

### NEVIN ECONOMIC RESEARCH INSTITUTE SEMINAR

**Theme:** Some Lessons from the Crisis: Spatial Justice, Uneven Development and Future Choices

**Speakers:** Gerry Kearns (Maynooth University) and David Meredith (Teagasc)

**Date:** 10<sup>th</sup> December 2014, 4pm

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

**Other Details:** Please see [www.nerininstitute.net/events](http://www.nerininstitute.net/events) for further details

### FLAC EIGHTH ANNUAL DAVE ELLIS MEMORIAL LECTURE

**Theme:** Access to Justice

**Speaker:** Bryan Stevenson Executive Director of the Equal Justice initiative

**Date:** 1<sup>st</sup> December 2014 6pm

**Venue:** The Pillar Room, Rotunda Hospital, Parnell Square, Dublin 1

### Other

**Details:** Please RSVP by e-mail to [events@flac.ie](mailto:events@flac.ie) or by phone to 01 887 3600

## IRISH CONSORTIUM ON GENDER BASED

## VIOLENCE ANNUAL SEMINAR

**Theme:** Moving Beyond Fear: Prioritising the Safety of Women and Girls in Societies

**Date:** 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2014,  
10.30am – 1.15pm

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

**Other Details:** Please see [www.gbv.ie](http://www.gbv.ie) for further details

## ESRI SEMINAR SERIES

**Theme:** The Impact of Childhood Adversity Across the Life Course: Challenges for Policy Makers and Professionals

**Speaker:** Professor Trevor Spratt, AIB Professor in Childhood Research and Director of the Children's Research Centre TCD

**Date:** 4<sup>th</sup> December 2014, 4pm

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

**Other Details:** Please see [www.esri.ie](http://www.esri.ie) for further details

## UPCOMING CALL FOR PAPERS

### CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

*Social Care and Social Policy in Ireland: Seeking Social Justice in the Era of Austerity and Beyond*

DIT Grangegorman Campus 13<sup>th</sup> February 2015

The aim of this conference is to provide a space where social care practitioners and those working in related fields such as community work, youth work and social work can come together with academics, researchers and activists to share ideas and experiences in exploring issues related to activism and policy advocacy from a social justice perspective. There will also be dedicated strands within the conference for students of social care and related fields.

This conference is a collaborative initiative of members of the social care programme teams in Dublin Institute of Technology, Institute of Technology Blanchardstown and Institute of Technology Tallaght. Organisers: Karen Smith & Anne Marie Shier (DIT), Kevin Murphy (ITB) and Margaret Fingleton (ITT).

Proposals are welcome for papers from practitioners, activists or researchers related to the conference theme of social care, activism and advocacy and social justice. (maximum 300 words). Also welcome are proposals (maximum 250 words) from students to deliver short presentations (10 minutes) on topics related to the conference theme. Alternatively students are invited to submit proposals for poster presentations to be displayed at the conference.

Papers could address issues related to policy in the broad domain of social care which includes, but is not limited to: children, young people and families; domestic and gender-based violence; poverty and social inclusion; housing and homelessness; mental health, substance abuse and addiction; educational disadvantage; disability; community development; asylum seekers and refugees. Papers could also address wider issues related to social care policy, advocacy/activism and social justice such as privatisation of social care work and the

implications for social justice; formal participation of social care-workers/service-users in national policy-making; barriers to activism and/or policy advocacy work faced by social care practitioners.

Closing date for Abstracts: Please forward abstracts, along with brief biographical details to [socialcarepolicyconference@gmail.com](mailto:socialcarepolicyconference@gmail.com) by 5pm December 15<sup>th</sup> 2014.

**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](mailto: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

- O'Donnell T. A. (2014) *Assessing Funding Models for Water Services Provision in Ireland, NERI Working Paper 2014/ No. 21*. A PDF copy of this publication is available to download from [www.nerinstitute.net](http://www.nerinstitute.net)
- Nevin Economic Research Institute (2014) *Quarterly Economic Facts –Spring 2014*. A PDF copy of this publication is available to download from [www.nerinstitute.net](http://www.nerinstitute.net)
- McCarthy D. & M. Collins (2014) *Ireland's Housing Crises: The Case for an Affordable Housing Provision Agency, NERI Research inBrief*. A PDF copy of this publication is available to download from [www.nerinstitute.net](http://www.nerinstitute.net)
- Burke E. et al (2014) *Advancing Years, Different Challenges: Wave 2 IDS-TILDA: Findings on the Ageing of People with an Intellectual Disability*. A Pdf copy of the report is available to download from [www.idstilda.tcd.ie](http://www.idstilda.tcd.ie)
- Mosca I. & A. Barrett (2014) *A New Look at the Recession and Ireland's Older People: The Emigration of Adult Children and the Mental Health of their Parents. (TILDA/ ESRI)* A Pdf copy of the report is available to download from [www.tilda.tcd.ie](http://www.tilda.tcd.ie)
- Care Alliance Ireland (2014) *Literature Review on the Relationship between Family Carers and Home Care Support Workers*. A Pdf copy is available to download from [www.carealliance.ie](http://www.carealliance.ie)

## RECENT PUBLICATIONS FROM THE ESRI:

- FitzGerald, John (Ed.) / Malaguzzi Valeri, Laura (Ed.) / Curtis, John / Devitt, Niamh / di Cosmo, Valeria / Farrell, Niall / FitzGerald, John / Hyland, Marie / Lynch, Muireann / Lyons, Seán / McCoy, Daire / Malaguzzi Valeri, Laura / Walsh, Darragh (former ESRI) *Irish Energy Policy: An Analysis of Current Issues: ESRI Research Series 37*
- Duffy, David / FitzGerald, John / McQuinn, Kieran / Byrne, David / Morley, Ciara *Quarterly Economic Commentary, Autumn 2014, ESRI Forecasting Series*
- Keane, Claire / Callan, Tim / Walsh, John R *Gender Impact of Tax and Benefit Changes: A Microsimulation Approach* (The Equality Authority and the ESRI)

For details on any of the above ESRI publications and a comprehensive list of all recent ESRI publications please see [www.esri.ie](http://www.esri.ie)

## UPCOMING/RECENT PUBLICATIONS FROM THE POLICY PRESS (UK)

- *Good times, bad times: The welfare myth of them and us* by John Hills. This groundbreaking book uses extensive research and survey evidence to challenge the myth that the population divides into those who benefit from the welfare state and those who pay into it. It shows that all of us rely on the welfare state throughout our lifetimes, not just a small 'welfare-dependent' minority.
- *Father and Daughter: Patriarchy, gender and social science* by Ann Oakley. Father and daughter provides an unique 'insider perspective' on two key figures in twentieth-century British social science, combining biography of Richard Titmuss and autobiography by his daughter Ann Oakley.

Further details on the above publications are available from [www.policypress.co.uk](http://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](mailto: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

### SOCIAL JUSTICE IRELAND: COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER

Social Justice Ireland is seeking to recruit a Communications Officer. The Communications Officer will coordinate Social Justice Ireland media activity in print, electronic and social media

and will work to increase and develop Social Justice Ireland's presence across national, local and social media within a wider communications strategy.

Principal duties include:

- Developing and implementing the organisation's communications strategy
- Preparing and disseminating press releases
- Responding to media queries, organising media interviews and monitoring the organisation's profile in the media
- Developing and promoting the organisation on social media
- Assisting with the media strategy for particular events and post event follow up
- Tracking media coverage
- Identifying gaps in media coverage and devising strategies to improve coverage in these areas
- Developing a strategy for disseminating research material across a variety of platforms
- Communicating the organisation's positions and publications with different sectors.

Social Justice Ireland is looking for a suitable candidate who has:

- A relevant postgraduate qualification in journalism or equivalent;
- Experience of working in the media or related position;
- Excellent verbal and writing communication skills;
- In-depth knowledge of the Irish media and platforms;
- Practical experience of and skills across digital and social media platforms and web content management systems;
- Ability to work under pressure;
- Good time management skills;
- Interest in social justice;
- Ability to work as part of a small team;
- Share our vision of a just society and a commitment to our mission and values;

- Willing to multitask;
- Willing to take on any task, big or small

To apply please send a CV, together with an email letter of application and send it to [brigid.reynolds@socialjustice.ie](mailto:brigid.reynolds@socialjustice.ie)

Closing date for applications: 5pm, Friday 28th November 2014.

#### RESEARCH ASSISTANT DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY MAYNOOTH UNIVERSITY

We are now seeking to recruit a part-time Research Assistant and Data Co-Ordinator to join a large research team which will be undertaking an exciting five-year, HRB-funded research programme called ENRICH (Evaluation of wRaparound in Ireland for CHildren and Families) which focuses on the development, implementation and evaluation of novel early intervention and prevention services for vulnerable children and their families in Ireland. This important multidisciplinary research programme is being led by Dr Sinéad McGilloway (Senior Lecturer, and Director, Mental Health and Social Research Unit, Department of Psychology) and involves a team of senior academics from Queen's University Belfast, the University of Ulster, NUI Galway and the University of York in England. The study is funded as part of the HRB's new Collaborative Applied Research Grant scheme.

The successful candidate will:

- Have at least a 2.1 (Hons) degree and/or a Masters in a social science or health-related discipline;
- Have a minimum of two years' experience of working in an applied research setting;
- Demonstrate good experience of managing and analysing quantitative data and handling large data sets; some experience of working with qualitative data would also be an advantage;
- Have a strong interest in, and some experience of undertaking, applied 'real world' research preferably in a child/family-related field;
- Be an effective and highly motivated team player as well as possessing initiative and the ability to work independently;
- Possess strong oral, written and analytical skills;
- Have well developed interpersonal and organisational skills;
- Have a high level of computer literacy including proficiency in using SPSS (or similar);
- Demonstrate a strong commitment to developing rigorous, policy-relevant and child-centred mental health research in Ireland;



Be willing to work unsociable hours when required and have access to a car and a clean driving licence.

Other duties will include, but are not limited to the following:

- To contribute to data collection at all research sites;
- To set up and maintain all project databases;
- To undertake data entry, regular screening/cleaning and data manipulation procedures including the quality control of the data (eg. performing routine checks and data validation);
- To assist in the management of clients' files, providing data and administrative support, collating data documents, and maintaining forms and records;
- To undertake literature and internet searches as and when necessary and to help maintain the project website;
- To conduct data analyses in collaboration with the Research Programme Manager;
- To assist in the preparation of research reports, drafting of research papers (where applicable) and any other forms of dissemination;
- Liaise effectively with participants and a wide range of stakeholders including, in particular, community-based service provider organisations;
- Work to tight deadlines and have an ability to cope with simultaneous tasks/activities;
- Contribute to the drafting of regular progress reports and other research outputs as well as assisting with the preparation of papers for publication in high quality peer-reviewed journals etc. and engaging in other forms of dissemination as and when required;
- Attend research team and stakeholder/collaborator meetings and contribute to the overall activities of the research team as and when required;
- Demonstrate a willingness to contribute as and when required, to seminars, workshops etc. and other activities within the Department of Psychology.

Please ensure that you USE THE FOLLOWING REFERENCE 'RA\_Psychology' in the subject line of your application email. This will clarify which role you are applying for. Applications should be made by sending the following information as attachments to [recruitment@nuim.ie](mailto:recruitment@nuim.ie)

Please include the following: a Curriculum Vitae, including all qualifications and experience, and a covering letter addressing your interest and suitability for the role; the names, email addresses, correspondence addresses and telephone numbers of three referees whom the University may contact.

Completed application documents should be forwarded by email to arrive no later than midnight, Sunday, 7th December 2014

#### 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](http://www.activelink.ie/ce)

[www.publicjobs.ie/ce](http://www.publicjobs.ie/ce)

[www.irishjobs.ie](http://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.

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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](mailto:secretary@ispa.ie)

Newsletter: [newsletter@ispa.ie](mailto:newsletter@ispa.ie)

Treasurer: [treasurer@ispa.ie](mailto:treasurer@ispa.ie)

**PLEASE NOTE** that all submissions, suggestions, events and job vacancies should be sent to the [newsletter@ispa.ie](mailto:newsletter@ispa.ie) address. The closing date for receipt of submissions for the next issue is the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month.

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## **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](mailto:secretary@ispa.ie)

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## **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 2014-2015 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, Padraig Rehill and Justyna Szewczyk.

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## **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](mailto: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](mailto:mailinglist@ispa.ie)

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

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