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Welcome to the 40th 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 40th 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 NOTICE

Theme: Cherishing all the children equally?

Speaker: James Williams, ESRI

Date: Monday, 5th December 2016, 7:00 pm to 8:15 pm

Venue: Management House, Dublin Institute of Technology, Aungier St., D 2.

Speaker: James Williams (ESRI). James Williams is a Research Professor at the Economic and Social Research Institute (ESRI) and is Principal Investigator and Co-director of the National Longitudinal Study of Children in Ireland (NLSCI). Full bio:

<https://www.esri.ie/person/?userid=133>

Details: The seminar will consist of a presentation from James with an opportunity for questions and debate. The seminar is free to ISPA members. A cover charge of €5 will apply to all non-ISPA members. Membership forms will be available on the night.

To register your interest in attending and for further details please contact the ISPA Secretary, Eoin Carroll at secretary@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**

CREATIVE SPARK CONFERENCE

Theme: Conference on Ethnic & Minority Entrepreneurship

Date: 2nd December 2016

Venue: Dundalk, Co. Louth

Other Details: To book a place please follow the link to register:

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/conference-on-ethnic-minority-entrepreneurship-tickets-29144723653?aff=es2>

PARENTING NETWORK CONFERENCE

Theme: Commissioning for Change in Child and Family Services

Date: 2nd December 2016

Venue: Dublin Castle, Dublin 2

Other Details: For more information, please see

www.effectiveservices.org/work/article/the-parenting-network

CHILDREN'S RESEARCH NETWORK CONFERENCE

Theme: Building Resilience, Enhancing Social Support: What research tells us

Date: 6th December 2016

Venue: Chartered Accountant House, Dublin 2

Other Details: For more information, please see www.childrensresearchnetwork.org

DIT REGENERATION CONFERENCE

Theme: Regeneration 16: Adapting to new realities, human settlement in an uncertain climate

Date: 9th December 2016

Venue: DIT Grangegorman, Dublin 7

Other details: You can find out more on <https://ditregeneration.wordpress.com> or book your place on <http://regeneration16.eventbrite.ie>

ESRI CONFERENCE

Theme: 50th Anniversary of Social Research at the ESRI

Date: 29th November 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 CONFERENCE

Theme: Ireland's Economic Outlook: Perspectives and Policy Challenges

Date: 8.30am-1pm, 5th December 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

IRISH COUNCIL FOR CIVIL LIBERTIES SYMPOSIUM

Theme: Surveillance & Democracy: Privacy Rights in the Digital Age

Speakers: This event will be led by Prof. Joseph Cannataci, UN Special Rapporteur on Privacy

Date: 2-5pm, 7th December 2016

Venue: The Westbury Hotel, Grafton Street, Dublin 2

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

EUROPEAN MIGRATION NETWORK IRELAND CONFERENCE

Theme: Responding to the Refugee Crisis

Date: 15th December 2016

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

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

7TH WORLD CONGRESS ON WOMEN'S MENTAL HEALTH

Dates: 6-9th March 2017

Venue: RDS, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4

Other details: For more details please see www.iawmh2017.org/wp

• UPCOMING SEMINARS/ LECTURES

2016 IRISH AID PROFESSOR FATHER MICHAEL KELLY LECTURE ON HIV AND AIDS

Theme: Hands up for #HIVPREVENTION: Leaving no-one behind

Speakers: Shaun Mellors, Director of Knowledge & Influence at the International HIV/AIDS Alliance; and Robbie Lawlor, Ireland- and UK- based HIV advocate and activist

Date: 5-.730pm, 5th December 2016

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

Other details: Please visit <http://fmklecture2016.eventbrite.ie> to register

IRISH CONSORTIUM ON GENDER BASED VIOLENCE: "MASCULINITIES IN TRANSFORMATION SERIES

These talks are co-hosted by Irish Consortium on GBV, Irish School of Ecumenics, Trinity College, Trinity Centre for Gender and Women's Studies, Trinity International Development Initiative and Trinity Long Room Hub

Theme: Engaging men and boys in preventing men's violence against women: Progress and Challenges

Speaker: Dr Michael Flood - associate professor in Sociology at the Univeristy of Wollangong

Date: 2-4pm, 12th December 2016

Venue: Trinity Long Room Hub, Trinity College Dublin, Dublin 2

Other details: For more details please see <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/engaging-men-boys-in-preventing-mens-violence-against-women-tickets-28458135048>

TCD MEDICAL HUMANITIES AND HEALTH INITIATIVE SEMINAR SERIES

Theme: Qualitative Explorations of Loneliness in Irish Older Adults

Speaker: Joanna McHugh, Trinity College Institute of Neuroscience

Date: 17th January 2017

Venue: All seminars will be at 1pm in the Neill Lecture Theatre, Trinity Long Room Hub, Dublin 2

Other details: Please see www.tcd.ie/trinitylongroomhub/events/details/2017/2016-17medical_humanities_series.php

NERI SEMINAR

Theme: A discursive institutionalist approach to understanding the changes to the Irish social partnership policy after 2008

Speaker: Nicola Timoney, Dublin Institute of Technology

Date: 30th November, 2016, 4pm

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

Other details: Please see www.nerinstitute.net

NERI ANNUAL DONAL NEVIN LECTURE

Theme: Measuring what matters: Alternative measures of progress

Speaker: Professor Diane Coyle, University of Manchester

Date: 12th December 2016, 5.30-7.30pm

Venue: Great Hall, Lanyon Building, Queen's University Belfast, Belfast

Other details: Please see www.nerinstitute.net

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

- Moran, R (2016). *Proposals for an Enabling Data Environment for Health and Related Research in Ireland*. A PDF copy is available to download from www.hrb.ie
- Care Alliance Ireland (2016) *The Wisdom of Family Carers*, Discussion Paper 4. A PDF copy is available to download from www.carealliance.ie

RECENT PUBLICATIONS FROM THE ESRI:

- Duffy D., K. McQuinn & N. Mc Inerney (2016) *Macroprudential Policy in a Recovering Property market: Too much too soon?* ESRI Research Series.
- McGuinness S., A. Bergin & A. Whelan (2016) *An Exploration of (Area-based) Social Inclusion and Community Development Training Programmes in Ireland*. ESRI Research Series.
- Russell H., B.Maître & D. Watson (2016) *Work-related Musculoskeletal Disorders and Stress, Anxiety and Depression in Ireland: Evidence from the QNHS 2002–2013*. ESRI Research Series.

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 short guide to aging and gerontology* by Kate de Medeiros. As the field of aging and gerontology grows worldwide, this exciting guide introduces students to key issues and concepts. It covers topics related to the phenomena of advancing aging, including how older age has been defined historically, cultural myths related to advanced age, health and function in later life, how older age is financed throughout the world, and other key questions. Taking a multiple-perspective approach (including humanities,

social and behavioral sciences and policy studies), the book's features include further reading for each chapter, a glossary of key terms, and tables that provide easy reference points.

- *Transforming probation: Social theories and the criminal justice system 2nd Edition* by Philip Whitehead. Written by an established author in the field, this book explores the politics of modernisation and transformation of probation in the criminal justice system. It is unique in drawing upon innovative social theories and moral perspectives to analyse changes in the probation service by including data from quantitative and qualitative empirical research. This highlights the challenges to, but also support of, the platform of modernisation that culminated in the transformative Rehabilitation Revolution. Providing critical tools for the reader to use in their own work and studies, it makes a timely contribution to criminal justice and probation theory and uniquely provides insights into what representatives of other organisations think about probation – from the outside looking in.

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

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4. CAREERS IN SOCIAL POLICY

BRAIN TUMOUR IRELAND: NATIONAL COORDINATOR

In 2012, Brain Tumour Ireland (BTI) was founded by a small group of people who had cared for a family member, who sadly lost her fight with a Brain Tumour earlier that year. Since then, this small charity has grown into a national voluntary body to fight the battle against the condition in her honour.

Our Goals are to:

Raise awareness of and promote education about Brain Tumours.

Provide information and support to Brain Tumour patients and their families, friends and carers.

Promote and fund medical research on the topic of Brain Tumours in Ireland and abroad.

To provide strategic direction in meeting these goals, our Board comprises those who have direct experience with a brain tumour either as a patient or carer. The Board is advised in its approach and strategy by a small number of professional medical and other advisers.

In recognition that BTI was moving forward to a new phase of growth and development, it recently commissioned a Strategic Plan to help inform and guide its work over the next three years[2]. The Plan is available at our website:

<http://braintumourireland.com/bti/>. The Plan recommended the appointment of the post advertised here: a National Coordinator.

Person Specification and Job Description

We are seeking a person with proven experience in delivering/managing frontline services, excellent communication skills and the capacity for effective engagement with a range of stakeholders. We are looking for someone who has the energy, initiative and drive to build and help us grow our programme of services.

This post will provide an exciting opportunity for an energetic and focused individual to make a real difference, and help grow BTI, under the direction of the Board. Specifically we are seeking someone with the following skills:

- A relevant degree or professional equivalent

- Experience of working in and knowledge of the voluntary & community sector and a desire to actively contribute to the development of a small NGO

- At least two years' experience in the delivery of social or human services

- At least one year's experience in a management or programme development role

- Experience in day to day management and administration of a small office

- Excellent inter-personal communication skills

- Excellent writing skills and experience in using Excel, Word, PowerPoint or equivalent

- An ability to collate information on good / evidence based practice and to use this to develop service user focused programmes and services

- Experience of, or an ability to, manage volunteers

- Experience of, or an ability to, assist with fundraising / writing grant proposals etc.

- A full clean drivers licence

This part time post has a significant focus on the development of service delivery (website information, support groups in person and online, care and information events and small grants management), as well as volunteer management and fundraising, which is supported by a fundraising committee of the Board. Specifically the role entails:

- Forging strong links with other stakeholders in order to develop partnerships particularly in relation to service provision

- Developing new programmes and services, including practice manuals / guidebooks to support others to run these under the guidance of the national co-ordinator

- Developing and managing an annual schedule of events

Undertaking specific tasks under the guidance of the fundraising committee, including writing grant letters and proposals

Managing volunteers effectively and appropriately

Keeping the website updated

General administration or supervision of a volunteer working in this role

Developing organisational policy and practice where required

Developing an outcome framework and collecting data to show the outcomes and impact of our work

Other jobs as assigned by the Board.

The organisation will support access to training for up-skilling in relation to specific tasks where this is required.

Based on the success of the position there is the potential for this role to grow with the organisation. Subject to proven satisfactory performance over the first six months since appointment, the contract is for a one-year period and is for 20 hours a week. It is envisaged that the staff member will work from the Carmichael Centre in Dublin. Day to day supervision and support will be provided by a nominated member of the Board.

Brain Tumour Ireland seeks to be an equal opportunities employer. This is a fixed-term part-time post for one year initially. Salary will be commensurate with experience, qualifications and sector norms.

To apply for this position, please submit a full and up-to-date CV and cover letter detailing why you believe you would be suited to this role to info@braintumourireland.com

Closing date for receipt of applications is 5pm on Friday 16th December 2016.

10 POSITIONS FOR EARLY-STAGE RESEARCHERS

The Bremen International Graduate School of Social Sciences (BIGSSS) invites applications for its PhD program BIGSSS-departs (doctoral education in partnerships). It is part of the COFUND scheme funded by the European Commission under the Framework for Research and Innovation Horizon 2020. BIGSSS is an international Social Science inter-university graduate school, located at the University of Bremen and Jacobs University Bremen, Germany.

Description

BIGSSS-departs provides close supervision of dissertation work in a demand-tailored education and research environment. It supports doctoral fellows in achieving early scientific independence, and provides funds for conducting, presenting, and publishing their research. The language of instruction is English. Successful applicants will pursue a topic in one of BIGSSS' research areas that are organized in three thematic fields:

- A. Global Governance and Regional Integration
- B. Welfare State, Inequality, and Quality of Life
- C. Changing Lives in Changing Socio-Cultural Contexts

BIGSSS-departs Early-Stage Researchers dedicate themselves to:

- conducting a specific dissertation project,
- following a 42-month structured curriculum, including a six-month stay abroad at an external academic partner institution or with an external non-academic partner.

For the stay abroad, BIGSSS has established a network of prestigious international social science partner organizations (Duke University, Manipal University, Moscow Higher School of Economics, Institut d'études politiques de Paris/Sciences Po, Taras Shevchenko University, Università degli studi di Milano, University of Edinburgh, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Bertelsmann Stiftung, Edna Pasher PhD & Associates).

Conditions

The duration of the time-limited work contract is 42 months, with no possibility for extension in the program context. The employment is governed by the Fixed Term Research Contracts Act, §2 (Wissenschaftszeitvertragsgesetz – WissZeitVG), with a pay rate according to the regulations of the COFUND program. The salary includes social insurance and health insurance with a monthly income of €2250 (before deductions). Funds for additional research costs such as travel, conference participation, in-house events, and outreach events will be available.

Fellows commit themselves to their own dissertation projects and the full academic program of the BIGSSS curriculum. Additionally, BIGSSS encourages all accepted fellows to dynamically integrate in research activities at various Bremen Social Science institutes.

Requirements

For the program starting in September 2017, we seek candidates with strong academic abilities and a Master's degree (or equivalent) in political science, sociology, or psychology. Potential candidates with a degree in related social science disciplines are also welcome.

Applicants must be in the first four years (full-time equivalent research experience) of their research careers and not yet have been awarded a doctoral degree. All accepted researchers are asked to move to Bremen for the program as presence at the institution is required. Applicants must not have resided or carried out their main activity (work, studies, etc.) in Germany for more than 12 months in the 3 years prior to the date of their recruitment. Compulsory national service and/or short stays such as holidays are not taken into account. All nationalities are welcome to apply.

Applications have to demonstrate a thematic fit between the dissertation proposal and the potential supervisor's research area. Applicants are requested not to contact

faculty members directly but to consult the BIGSSS-departs admissions website for a list of recent research areas and supervisors, as well as detailed guidelines for research proposals.

More information on the Bremen faculty and research areas, the international network of BIGSSS-departs and application guidelines can be found at www.bigsss-bremen.de.

Application

Applications must be submitted online at <https://admissions-departs-2017.bigsss-bremen.de>

The call is open until January 31, 2017.

BIGSSS strives to increase the share of women in the university and hence also strongly encourages women to apply. Disabled persons will be given preferential treatment in case of otherwise equal qualification.

For additional inquiries, please check the online FAQ and feel free to contact our admissions officer (admissions-officer@bigsss-bremen.de).

UP TO 3 POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIPS & 2 PhD FELLOWSHIPS

The Bremen International Graduate School of Social Sciences (BIGSSS) invites applications to its Postdoctoral and Ph.D. program. BIGSSS is an inter-university institute of the University of Bremen and Jacobs University Bremen and is funded by the German Excellence Initiative.

BIGSSS is part of an international network of highly acknowledged graduate programs. It supports its doctoral and postdoctoral fellows in achieving early scientific independence and provides funds for the conduct, presentation, and publishing of their research. The language of instruction is English. Fellows are expected to choose Bremen as their place of residence.

Up to three Postdoctoral Positions

BIGSSS offers up to three postdoctoral positions. The BIGSSS Postdoc Program provides Postdocs with the opportunity, resources, and support to

- present their research at international conferences and build up international networks,
- disseminate their research finding in scientific publication outlets
- write grant proposals,
- organize a conference or workshop,
- teach and supervise,
- participate in transferable skills training (e.g., didactics, media, career) and establish a mentoring relationship with senior faculty.

BIGSSS expects their Postdocs to

- engage with the BIGSSS PhD-fellows (discussion, mentoring, supervision),
- actively participate in BIGSSS courses (doctoral colloquium, lecture series) as well as academic and social events,
- produce a significant scientific output (e.g. to publish a journal article or book, write a grant proposal, organize a conference or workshop).

Postdoctoral positions are paid in line with TV-L E13 and may be taken up for a period up to 24 months. We expect our candidates to conduct English-language research projects and to have full professional proficiency. Competition is open to candidates who have received a doctorate in political science, sociology, psychology, or related social science disciplines within the last three years. Applicants need to have graduated prior to commencing their postdoctoral stay and have to apply to one of BIGSSS' three Thematic Fields:

- A. Global Governance and Regional Integration
- B. Welfare State, Inequality, and Quality of Life
- C. Changing Lives in Changing Socio-Cultural Contexts

Two Ph.D. Stipends/Fellowships

BIGSSS offers two fellow positions in its Ph.D. program. Successful applicants will pursue a topic in BIGSSS' Thematic Field:

- C. Changing Lives in Changing Socio-Cultural Contexts

We seek candidates with innovative, interdisciplinary research topics who are interested in the interplay of individual attitudes, capabilities, and behavior with changing demographics, cultures, and institutions. BIGSSS seeks candidates with strong academic abilities and a Master's degree (or equivalent) in psychology, sociology, political science, or a related social science discipline. We offer Ph.D. stipends of € 1300/month for 36 months, contingent on successful completion of each year.

Application

More information and lists of required application materials can be found at www.bigsss-bremen.de. For additional inquiries, please check the online FAQ and feel free to contact our Admissions Officer at admissions-officer@bigsss-bremen.de.

Postdoctoral positions and Ph.D. fellowships will start on September 1, 2017. Non-German students are strongly encouraged to apply. As an equal opportunity employer, BIGSSS particularly encourages applications from women and persons with disabilities.

Applications must be submitted online at <https://admissions.bigsss-bremen.de> until January 31, 2017

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, 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.

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