

## IRISH SOCIAL POLICY ASSOCIATION E-NEWSLETTER ISSUE 28, SEPTEMBER 2013

Welcome to the 28th 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 28th 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

The Irish Social Policy Association is currently busy organising details of our next seminar. Details will be available shortly, please check [www.ispa.ie](http://www.ispa.ie) for regular updates.

Queries regarding the newsletter, any comments, suggestions or

submissions for future editions please email [newsletter@ispa.ie](mailto:newsletter@ispa.ie)  
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## 2. UPCOMING EVENTS

- UPCOMING CONFERENCES

### AGE ACTION IRELAND POSITIVE AGEING WEEK CONFERENCE

Theme: Practical help when you need it most

Date: 27th September 2013

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

Other Details: Please see [www.ageaction.ie/care-and-repair-conference](http://www.ageaction.ie/care-and-repair-conference) for further details

### SCHOOL OF SOCIOLOGY, SOCIAL POLICY AND SOCIAL WORK, QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY BELFAST, ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE, AND THE GEARY INSTITUTE, UCD JOINT CONFERENCE

Theme: Poverty research in Ireland: North and South

Date: 3rd October 2013

Venue: Old Staff Common Room, Lanyon Building, Queen's University Belfast

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

### FORUM ON END OF LIFE IN IRELAND 2013

Theme: Length of Days – Quality of Life

Date: 24th October 2013

Venue: Dublin Castle, Dublin 2

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

### NATIONAL DISABILITY AUTHORITY CONFERENCE

Theme: Making public services accessible

Date: 2nd October 2013

Venue: Camden Court Hotel, Dublin 2

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

### NATIONAL DISABILITY AUTHORITY ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Theme: Supporting transitions for people with disabilities

Date: 6th November 2013

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

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

#### HEANET CONFERENCE

Theme: Strategies for e-Infrastructure Delivery

Date: 6th – 8th November 2013

Venue: Sheraton Hotel, Athlone, Co. Westmeath

Other Details: Please see [www.heanet.ie/conferences/2013](http://www.heanet.ie/conferences/2013) for further details.

- UPCOMING SEMINARS/ LECTURES/ WORKSHOPS

#### NEVIN ECONOMIC RESEARCH INSTITUTE SEMINARS

Theme: Reflections on an Irish Wealth Tax

Date: 25th September 2013

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

Theme: Post-Budget Seminar

Date: 23rd October 2013

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

#### NATIONAL TRAVELLER MABS SEMINAR

Theme: Illegal Moneylending

Date: 8th October 2013, 10.30am - 1pm

Venue: The Lighthouse Cinema, Smithfield, Dublin 1

Other Details: Please RSVP by Friday 27th September to [margaret\\_collins@mabs.ie](mailto:margaret_collins@mabs.ie) or telephone 0761 07 2230

#### CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE SEMINAR

Theme: Educational Innovation to Prevent Disadvantage

Date: 23rd September 2013, 4 - 6pm

Venue: Dublin West Education Centre, Blessington Road, Tallaght

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

#### THE BUILDING CHANGE TRUST SEMINAR

Theme: Cross-border learning for the Community and Voluntary Sector

Date: 18th October 2013

Venue: Canal Court Hotel, Newry

Other Details: For further details and to register for this event, please see <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/event/7391822139>

#### ESRI RESEARCH SEMINAR SERIES

Theme: Electricity Market Designs with Renewable Energy

Speaker: Steve Beuning, Director, Market Operations at Xcel Energy and President of the Utility Variable-Generation Integration Group).

Date: 23rd September 2013, 1 pm.

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

Theme: The HERMES-13 Macroeconomic model of the Irish Economy

Speakers: John FitzGerald, Thomas Conefrey (Central Bank of Ireland)

Date: 26th September 2013, 4 pm.

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

#### ESRI GEARY LECTURE

Theme: Early life conditions and later life outcomes

Speaker: John P. Smith, RAND Corporation

Date: 7th October 2013, 4 pm.

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

#### GROWING UP IN IRELAND WORKSHOP

Theme: Growing up in Ireland Data Workshop to promote and support the use of the Infant Cohort datasets (Wave 1 and Wave 2)

Date: 29th November 2013, 10 am – 1 pm

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 REPORT/ BOOK LAUNCHES

#### LAUNCH OF GROWING UP IN IRELAND REPORT – DEVELOPMENT FROM BIRTH TO THREE YEARS

Date: 20th September 2013, 11 am

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

Other Details: The report will be launched by Ms. Frances Fitzgerald T.D., Minister for Children and Youth Affairs. This report presents a

descriptive analysis of the findings from the second round of data collection with the Infant Cohort of Growing Up in Ireland, when the children were three years old. It provides a comprehensive picture of three-year-olds in Ireland today and describes how they are faring in various aspects of their lives. It also looks at how they have changed and developed in some key areas since they and their families were first recruited into Growing Up in Ireland at nine months of age. Please register on [www.esri.ie](http://www.esri.ie) by Wednesday 18th September.

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)  
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### 3. RECENT PUBLICATIONS

- Krings, M., E. Moriarty, J. Wickham, A. Bobeck and J. Salamonska (2013) New Mobilities in Europe: Polish migration to Ireland post-2004. Further information on this publication is available from [www.tcd.ie/ERC/news.php](http://www.tcd.ie/ERC/news.php)
- Nevin Economic Research Institute (2013) Quarterly Economic Observer – Summer 2013. A PDF copy of this publication is available to download from [www.nerinstitute.net](http://www.nerinstitute.net)
- Nevin Economic Research Institute (2013) Quarterly Economic Facts – Summer 2013. A PDF copy of this publication is available to download from [www.nerinstitute.net](http://www.nerinstitute.net)
- Swords, L., B. Merriman and M. O'Donnell (2013) Family wellbeing on a limited income: A study of families living a risk of poverty in Ireland. Children's Research Centre, TCD and Family Support Agency. A PDF copy of this publication is available to download from [www.socialwork-socialpolicy.tcd.ie/assets/pdf/Family\\_Wellbeing.pdf](http://www.socialwork-socialpolicy.tcd.ie/assets/pdf/Family_Wellbeing.pdf)
- Mayock, P. M. Corr (2013) Young people's homeless and housing pathways: Key findings from a 6-year qualitative longitudinal study. Department of Children and Youth Affairs. A PDF copy of this publication is available to download from

[www.socialwork-socialpolicy.tcd.ie/assets/pdf/homelessness%202013.pdf](http://www.socialwork-socialpolicy.tcd.ie/assets/pdf/homelessness%202013.pdf)

- NESc (2013) The social dimensions of the crisis: the evidence and its implications. Council Report 134. A PDF copy of this publication is available to download from [www.nesc.ie](http://www.nesc.ie)

#### RECENT PUBLICATIONS FROM THE ESRI:

- The Impact of the Recession on the Structure and Labour Market Success of Young NEET Individuals in Ireland  
ESRI Working Paper 465 Kelly, Elish / McGuinness, Seamus
- Transitions In and Out of Unemployment Among Young People in the Irish Recession  
ESRI Working Paper 466 Kelly, Elish / McGuinness, Seamus / O'Connell, Philip (UCD Geary Institute) / Haugh, David (OECD, Paris) / Pandiella, Alberto González (OECD, Paris)
- Negative Equity in the Irish Housing Market: Estimates Using Loan Level Data  
ESRI Working Paper 463 Duffy, David / O'Hanlon, Niall (CSO)
- Smoking Outside: The Effect of the Irish Workplace Smoking Ban on Smoking Prevalence Among the Employed  
ESRI Working Paper 459 Savage, Michael
- Educational Engagement Among Children with Special Needs in Mainstream Schools  
Banks, J., McCoy, S., ESRI Research Bulletin No. 2013/2/6, 8/8/2013.

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)

- Global social policy in the making: The foundations of the social protection floor by Bob Deacon. This book by the world's leading authority on global social policy examines why and how the Social Protection Floor became ILO, UN and G20 policy and how the World Bank and IMF took steps to lay its foundation.

- Negotiating cohesion, inequality and change: Uncomfortable positions in local government by Hannah Jones. Using original empirical data, this book explores how local government officers and politicians negotiate 'difficult subjects' linked with community cohesion policy: diversity, inequality, discrimination, extremism, migration, religion, class, power and change.
- Youth and community empowerment in Europe: International perspectives by Peter Evans and Angelika Krüger. This book provides the theoretical context for the Youth Empowerment Partnership Programme programme. It gives a full account of the process and outcomes of its unique development and reflects on the lessons learnt for future policy.

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

##### COMHLAMH POLICY AND RESEARCH OFFICER

Comhlámh is the Irish Association of Volunteers and Development Workers. Our mission is to foster good practice and critical engagement in volunteering and action for development. Comhlámh is committed to being the leading independent voice and source of information on volunteering for development in Ireland, and the coordinator and advocate for good practice in this area. We work to promote and support volunteers and development workers to critically engage in volunteering and action for development, and to create societal and attitudinal change on development issues.

We are now seeking to recruit a Policy and Research Officer, who will play a key role in supporting our staff and members to achieve our aims and objectives. The ideal candidate will have a background in international or community development, experience of both undertaking

and commissioning qualitative and quantitative research, and the ability to ensure that key research findings inform policy development. This is a 2.5 day a week role, which will be subject to ongoing sustained funding. It is offered on a contract basis for one year, at the Project Officer scale ranging from €30,000 up to €45,000 pro-rata.

**Application Procedure:**

Please apply with a covering letter (max one page) outlining how you meet the criteria and a CV to [recruitment@comhlamh.org](mailto:recruitment@comhlamh.org), entering PO – Research and Policy in the subject line. Closing date for receipt of applications is September 18th at 17:00 GMT. Interviews will take place on Thursday October 3rd.

**AGE ACTION IRELAND SENIOR POLICY OFFICER**

Age Action Ireland is the leading advocacy organisation on ageing and older people in Ireland. Our mission is to achieve fundamental change in the lives of all older people by eliminating age discrimination, promoting positive ageing and securing their right to comprehensive and high quality services. Our vision is that Ireland becomes the best country in which to grow older.

We wish to appoint a Senior Policy Officer to support the Head of Advocacy & Communications in planning and managing all aspects of our policy development and research and to manage a small policy team of staff and volunteers.

Candidates should have a relevant postgraduate qualification and substantial experience in research and policy development, preferably in a management role and ideally in relation to ageing and older people. Knowledge of the health and social care systems in Ireland would be essential and experience of working with volunteers would be desirable. The person appointed will be self motivated, an effective team leader, with a demonstrable ability to assess complex information and communicate it clearly to different audiences.

This is a full time post, subject to a probationary period, and is based in Dublin. The salary will be between €39,070 and €47,436 per annum depending on qualifications and experience.

Applications by letter, CV and two referees preferably by email to: [recruitment@ageaction.ie](mailto:recruitment@ageaction.ie) or fax to 01 4756011 or post to 30/31 Lower

Camden Street, Dublin 2 by 5pm on Monday 30 September 2013.

Further details of this post are available on [www.ageaction.ie](http://www.ageaction.ie).

Informal enquiries are welcome to Eamon Timmins, Head of Advocacy & Communications on 01 4756989

#### VOLUNTEER SOCIAL RESEARCHERS OVERSEAS WITH VSO IRELAND

We need experienced market or social researchers to enable NGOs and other organisations to become more responsive to the needs of the communities they serve.

Roles are generally longer term, ranging from one to two years, but we also have occasional short-term assignments for up to six months.

You'll either have a degree in social science or be an economist with a strong research background. You'll also need three years' work experience in social research (five years' experience for placements shorter than six months). You'll have strong analytical and networking skills, and practical experience of advocacy work and monitoring and evaluation systems. Experience in the area of disability and HIV and AIDS is desirable.

Further information is available from [www.vso.ie](http://www.vso.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](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.

If you have a submission or suggestion on any current vacancies and would like them to be included in a future edition, please email

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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 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.

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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

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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 current ISPA committee are: Claude Delaney (Chairman), Micheal Collins (Vice-Chairman), Caroline Fahey (Secretary), Frank Mills (Treasurer), Ann Stokes (Newsletter Officer), Martin Power (Website Officer) Catherine Anne Field (Postgraduate Officer), Lorna Roe, Eithne Fitzgerald, Padraig Rehill, Geoffrey Cook, Tony McCashin, Sarah Craig, Vivienne Bryers.

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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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