

# IRISH SOCIAL POLICY ASSOCIATION

## E-NEWSLETTER

### ISSUE 49, February 2019

Welcome to the 49<sup>th</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 49<sup>th</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

### ISPA AGM AND SEMINAR

The ISPA 2019 AGM, directly followed by a Seminar on: The Persistence of Institutional Ireland: A Question of Policy will take place on Thursday, 21st February 2019, 6:30pm to 8:00pm. Location: Wynn's Hotel, Lower Abbey Street, Dublin 1.

Presentations:

Eoin O'Sullivan – Trinity College Dublin on The use of Institutions, Past and Present (Asylums and Hospitals - Hotels, Hostels and Hubs)

Liam Thornton – University College Dublin on The Governance of Direct Provision: Between Rights and Control

Muireann Ní Raghallaigh – University College Dublin on From hostels to foster families: Care Provision for Unaccompanied Minors

To register for the Seminar go to: <https://ispaseminar2019.eventbrite.ie>

ISPA Annual General Meeting (AGM)

**Date & time:** Thursday, 21st February 2019, 5:30pm to 6:30pm.

**Location:** Wynn's Hotel, Lower Abbey Street, Dublin 1.

Current ISPA Members are eligible to vote in proceedings and to be elected to the Committee of the ISPA. The Committee consists of the following: Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, Newsletter Officer, Postgraduate Officer, Website Officer, Events Officer and Royal Irish Academy Representative. In addition, there are five ordinary Committee Members.

All nominations for Officer positions and ordinary Committee Membership should have a proposer and be seconded. Nominations may be submitted to the Secretary or from the floor of the AGM. For further information, please contact Marcella McGovern, [secretary@ispa.ie](mailto:secretary@ispa.ie).

ISPA Membership - <http://ispa.ie/membership>

New and renewal of membership will be available at both the AGM and Seminar. Membership fees cover costs incurred from the running of the ISPA.

Membership runs from AGM to AGM; membership categories are as follows:

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**

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## **2. UPCOMING EVENTS**

- **UPCOMING CONFERENCES**

THE EARLY CHILDHOOD IRELAND ANNUAL CONFERENCE, AGM, RESEARCH CONFERENCE, NATIONAL AWARDS AND GALA DINNER 2019

**Theme:** Providing Leadership to the First 5

**Date:** 12-13<sup>th</sup> April 2019

**Venue:** Friday 12 April 2019: National Early Childhood Research Conference (Croke Park Conference Centre); National Annual Awards & Gala Dinner (Alex Hotel, Dublin 2); Saturday 13 April 2019: Early Childhood Ireland AGM (Croke Park Conference Centre); Annual Conference (Croke Park Conference Centre). The keynote speakers will be Professor Cathy Nutbrown, B.Ed, M.Ed, PhD (Sheffield) and Independent Senator Lynn Ruane.

**Other Details:** For more information, please see

<https://bookings.earlychildhoodireland.ie/EventsPortal/Bookings/BookEvent?EventName=2019%20National%20Conference%20Weekend%2000459>

ST PATRICKS MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE AND PIETA HOUSE SELF-HARM AWARENESS CONFERENCE 2019

**Confirmed Speakers:** Professor Ella Arensman – Chief Scientist with the National Suicide Research Foundation, Ireland and Research Professor with the School of Public Health, UCC. Dr Eve Griffin – Researcher with the National Suicide Research Foundation, and manager of the National Registry for Deliberate Self-harm. Siobhan Leijn and Sinead Raftery, Pieta House Psychotherapists. Ellen Townsend - Professor of Psychology at University of Nottingham and Lead of the Self-Harm Research Group (SHRG). Moninne Griffith, Executive Director - BeLonG To.

**Date:** 1<sup>st</sup> March 2019, 9am – 4pm

**Venue:** St Patrick's University Hospital, James's Street North, D08 K7YW Dublin

**Other Details:** For more information, please see <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/self-harm-awareness-conference-2019-tickets-54595476540?aff=eac2>

ENVIRONMENT AND HEALTH CONFERENCE

**Theme:** Speakers from the ESRI and UCD will present the latest findings from research on the environment and health funded by the EPA and HSE. The conference will also include Dr Katharina Janke from the University of Lancaster who will provide an overview of research on the health and economic impacts of air pollution.

**Date:** 4<sup>th</sup> April 2019, 8.30am-12.30pm

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

**Other Details:** For more information, please see [www.esri.ie](http://www.esri.ie)

UPCOMING SEMINARS/ LECTURES

UCD SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOAL SEMINARS

**Theme:** Goal 2, End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture

**Speakers:** Dr Aifric O'Sullivan, UCD – agriculture and nutrition; Prof. Jim Kinsella, UCD – investing in agricultural research; Paul Wagstaff, Self Help Africa – conservation agriculture; Prof. Dolores O'Riordan, UCD (chair)

**Date and Venue:** 19<sup>th</sup> Feb 2019 1pm; Intel Theatre, 1st floor, UCD Science Hub, Belfield

**Other details:** For more details please see <http://sdgseminars.ucd.ie/>

GLOBAL JUSTICE DAY SEMINAR

**Theme:** Each year *Social Justice Ireland* marks United Nations World Day of Social Justice with a free seminar looking at Ireland's progress in meeting our responsibilities under the Global Goals for Sustainable Development (SDGs). On

Friday February 22<sup>nd</sup> we will launch the Sustainable Progress Index for 2019. This index is based around the SDGs. It measures Ireland's performance on social, economic and environmental indicators, and compares Ireland with our peer countries in the EU-15.

**Speakers:** This launch will include a presentation from the authors of the Index, Professor Charles Clark of St John's University in New York and Catherine Kavanagh of University College Cork. Jennifer Thompson, Coordinator Coalition 2030, will respond to the Index, and there will be an open floor discussion.

**Date and Venue:** 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2019, 9.30am-12.30pm; Carmelite Community Centre, 56 Aungier Street, Dublin 2

**Other details:** For more details please see <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/measuring-progress-economy-society-and-environment-in-ireland-2019-tickets-54965213433>

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

**Theme:** Homeless young people making sense of 'family' and family relationships: Implications for service provision and practice

**Speakers:** Sarah Parker and Dr Paula Mayock, School of Social Work and Social Policy (TCD); Respondent: Neil Forsyth, Focus Ireland

**Date:** Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2019, 1-2pm

**Venue:** George's Hill Chapel, George's Hill, Dublin 7

**Other details:** To register to attend please go to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/VJX6HP7>

#### NATIONAL COLLEGE OF IRELAND SEMINAR

**Theme:** Negotiating Culture and Literacies Across Europe

**Speakers:** The seminar will have one keynote speaker, an address from a Minister, three short presentations from EU partners involved in the Making Literacy Meaningful project and a panel discussion to finish

**Date:** Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2019, 2-5.30pm

**Venue:** Kelly Theatre, National College of Ireland, IFSC, Dublin 1

**Other details:** To book your free ticket please register at <https://www.eventgen.ie/ELISeminar> Any queries should be directed to [eli@ncirl.ie](mailto:eli@ncirl.ie)

#### AKIDWA SEMINAR

**Theme:** To mark International Women's Day on Tuesday 12<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, AKIDWA will launch their strategic plan 2019-2021 and hold a seminar to support Migrant candidates for local elections. AKIDWA will have a panel discussion with local electoral candidates.

**Date:** Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2019, 9.30am-2pm

**Venue:** Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission, 16-22 Green Street, D07 CR20 Dublin 7

**Other details:** For further information please see <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/international-womens-day-shaping-the-future-tickets-56490733304?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>

#### THE CENTRE FOR GLOBAL HEALTH WITH THE SUPPORT OF THE TRINITY INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE (TIDI), AND THE SCHOOL OF PSYCHOLOGY TCD 2019 CONTEXT SEMINAR SERIES

**Theme:** Series 2: Mind The Gap: Traversing the divide between policy and practice when working with asylum-seekers living in direct provision in Ireland

**Speaker:** Natalie Flanagan, Doctoral Researcher, CONTEXT

**Date:** Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2019, 1-2pm

**Venue:** The Global Room, Watts Building, Trinity College

**Other details:** For further details please see <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/tidicgh-global-mental-health-series-2019-tickets-54816861709?aff=eac2>

**Theme:** Series 3: Rape as a Weapon of War: Assisting rape victim-survivors and the prevention of rape in conflict zones

**Speaker:** Rachel Frost, Doctoral Researcher, CONTEXT

**Date:** Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2019, 1-2pm

**Venue:** The Global Room, Watts Building, Trinity College

**Other details:** For further details please see <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/tidicgh-global-mental-health-series-2019-tickets-54816861709?aff=eac2>

**Theme:** Series 4: Life After Exile: An exploration of psychosocial factors experienced by asylum seekers in a post-migration context

**Speaker:** Christina Gleeson, Doctoral Researcher, CONTEXT

**Date:** Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2019, 1-2pm

**Venue:** The Global Room, Watts Building, Trinity College

**Other details:** For further details please see <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/tidicgh-global-mental-health-series-2019-tickets-54816861709?aff=eac2>

#### NERI SEMINAR SERIES

**Theme:** What is behind aggregate productivity in Ireland? A granular approach

**Speaker:** Dr Javier Papa, Strategic Policy Division, Department of Business, Enterprise & Innovation

**Date:** 4pm, 6<sup>th</sup> March 2019

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

**Other details:** For more details please see [www.nerinstitute.net](http://www.nerinstitute.net)

**Theme:** Wives, Mothers, Workers: A brief history of women in social policy

**Speaker:** Laura Bambrick, Social Policy & Legislative officer, Irish Congress of Trade Unions (ICTU)

**Date:** 4pm, 20<sup>th</sup> March 2019

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

**Other details:** For more details please see [www.nerinstitute.net](http://www.nerinstitute.net)

#### ESRI SEMINAR SERIES

**Theme:** New developments in behavioural macroeconomics

**Speaker:** Dr. Yuemei Ji, School of Slavonic and Eastern European Studies, University College London

**Date:** 4pm, 21<sup>st</sup> February 2019

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

**Other details:** For more details please see [www.esri.ie](http://www.esri.ie)

**Theme:** US monetary and fiscal policies – conflict or cooperation?

**Speaker:** Campbell Leith, Professor of Macroeconomics, University of Glasgow

**Date:** 4pm, 28<sup>th</sup> February 2019

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

**Other details:** For more details please see [www.esri.ie](http://www.esri.ie)

**Theme:** Do lower minimum wages for young workers raise their employment? Evidence from a Danish discontinuity

**Speaker:** Daniel Reck, Department of Economics, London School of Economics

**Date:** 4pm, 21<sup>st</sup> March 2019

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

**Other details:** For more details please see [www.esri.ie](http://www.esri.ie)

**Theme:** Why do households re-leverage as house prices rise?

**Speaker:** Peter Levell, Institute for Fiscal Studies

**Date:** 4pm, 4<sup>th</sup> April 2019

**Other details:** Registration details will be available over the coming weeks. For more details please see [www.esri.ie](http://www.esri.ie)

- **UPCOMING LAUNCHES/ CALL FOR PAPERPS**

- 7th Annual NERI Labour Market Conference, 1<sup>st</sup> May 2019, Call for papers

The seventh annual NERI Labour Market Conference will be held on 1st May in association with Ulster University. The conference will run from 10:00-16.15 and will include research papers on various aspects of the labour market and labour market policy. Please note the date change of the conference to Wednesday 1st May, 2019. The NERI Labour Market Conference is intended to provide a forum for the presentation of research papers on labour market issues (North and South) and is held in May each year. Presentations from researchers, academics, and labour market practitioners are invited for this forthcoming conference. Those interested should submit a title and brief abstract (max 400 words) to [lisa.wilson@nerinstitute.net](mailto:lisa.wilson@nerinstitute.net)

Possible topics include but are not limited to:

- Employment and Unemployment
- Job quality and the nature of work
- Precariousness, insecurity and low pay
- The future of work, impact of automation technologies
- Earnings and Labour Costs
- Productivity and Human Capital
- Labour Market Participation, Demographics and Labour Supply
- Labour Market Institutions (Minimum wages and collective bargaining)
- Labour Market Transitions, Migration, Age and Gender
- Pensions and Pensions Policy
- Brexit and the labour market (employment regulation, working conditions)

Registration: The conference is open to all who are interested and is free to attend. However, you must register your intention to attend the conference by contacting [info@nerinstitute.net](mailto:info@nerinstitute.net)

- World Day of Social Justice - Launch of the "Corner Stones" Workshop Series

At the occasion of the 2019 World Day of Social Justice, All Together in Dignity Ireland invites you to join the launch of "Corner Stones", a creative project aiming to prepare a wall with the 700 decorated stones created during the "Your Rights Are Written in Stone" Campaign run in 2018 in the North East Inner City!

From February 20th to April 20th 2019, a series of workshop will be held in the North East Inner City to design and eventually build the "Corner Stones Wall" in the NEC Farmer's Hill Community Garden! This project is supported by a grant from the 2018 NEIC local grants round 2 Programme.

**Date:** Wednesday 20th February 2019 - 6.30pm to 8pm

**Venue:** ATD Office, 26 Mountjoy Square East, Dublin 1 - 01 855 81 91

Programme of the gathering:

- Getting to know each other
- Discovery of the 700 Stones
- First brainstorming about the design of the "Corner Stones" Wall
- Drafting a NEIC Community Public Message for World Day of Social Justice

Visit [www.facebook.com/events/549899335517714/](http://www.facebook.com/events/549899335517714/) to register via Facebook

More about the "Your Rights Are Written in Stone" Campaign:

[www.atdireland.ie/wp/stone2018/](http://www.atdireland.ie/wp/stone2018/)

- Book Launch - 'An Ireland worth working for - towards a new democratic programme'

**Speaker:** Dr Tom Healy, Director, NERI

**Date:** 15th April, 2019, 5pm book launch followed by a reception

**Venue:** Liberty Hall Theatre, 1 Eden Quay, Dublin 1

**Other details:** For more details please see [www.nerinstitute.net](http://www.nerinstitute.net)

- Launch of FEPS-TASC Report, "Cherishing All Equally"

Despite the Dáil and the International Labour Organisation (ILO) both turning 100 years old this year, inequality in Ireland and Europe is as pressing an issue today as it has ever been. Rising social tensions and declining public services suggest that the gap between the 'haves' and the 'have-nots' is growing ever wider. Join us for the launch of the FEPS-TASC flagship report, "Cherishing All Equally", to find out why this is the case and how we can fix it.

**Date:** 19th February 2019, 3:00-5:30 p.m.

**Venue:** European Parliament Liaison Office, 12 Mount St. Lower, Dublin 2

**Details:** Opening speakers: Damian Grimshaw, Director Research ILO, Pearse Doherty, Finance Spokesperson, Sinn Fein. Panel: Hanna Szymborska, Lecturer in Economics, Open University. Robert Sweeney, FEPS-TASC Researcher on Inequality, Robert Watt, Secretary General of the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform, Chair: Marie Sherlock, Economist, SIPTU

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

- Launch of Two Growing up in Ireland Reports

'The Effects of Economic Recession and Family Stress on the Adjustment of 3-year-olds in Ireland' & 'Growing Up in Ireland: The Lives of 5-Year-Olds'

**Date:** Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2019, 9:30am to 11:15am (tea/coffee and sign-in from 9:00am)

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

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

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

- McDonnell, T. (2019) *New Ideas and Growth: Some Policy Implications*, NERI Research In Brief, No. 62. A PDF copy of the report is available to download from [www.nerinstitute.net](http://www.nerinstitute.net)
- Goldrick-Kelly, P. (2019) *Affordability in the Housing Market of the Republic of Ireland for different groups of workers* NERI Research In Brief, No. 61. A PDF copy of the report is available to download from [www.nerinstitute.net](http://www.nerinstitute.net)
- Sweeney, R. (2019) *The state we are in: inequality in Ireland today*. A PDF copy of the report is available to download from [www.tasc.ie](http://www.tasc.ie)
- Mayock, P., S. Butler & D. Hoe (2018) *'Just maintaining the status quo?' The experiences of long-term participants in methadone maintenance treatment*. A PDF copy of the report is available to download from <http://www.dlrdrugtaskforce.ie/web-version-of-report.pdf>

#### RECENT PUBLICATIONS FROM THE ESRI:

- Coyne, B., S. Lyons & D. McCoy (2019) *How social housing tenants respond when their homes are made more energy efficient*, ESRI Research Bulletin.
- Dempsey, S., S. Lyons & S. McCoy (2019) *Later is better: Mobile phone ownership and child academic development, evidence from a longitudinal study*, ESRI Research Bulletin.
- McCoy, S., D. Byrne, J. O'Sullivan & E. Smyth (2019) *The early impact of the revised Leaving Certificate grading scheme on student perceptions and behaviour*, 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](http://www.esri.ie)

#### UPCOMING/RECENT PUBLICATIONS FROM (BRISTOL UNIVERSITY) POLICY PRESS (UK)

- *Age-Friendly Cities and Communities: A Global Perspective*, Edited by Tine Buffel, Sophie Handler and Chris Phillipson. As the drive towards creating age-friendly cities grows, this important book provides a comprehensive survey of theories and policies aimed at improving the quality of life of older people living in urban areas. In this book, part of the Ageing in a Global Context series, leading international researchers critically assess the problems and the potential of designing age-friendly environments. The book considers the different ways in which cities are responding to population ageing, the different strategies for developing age-friendly communities, and the extent to which older people themselves can be involved in the co-production of age-friendly policies and practices. The book includes a manifesto for the age-friendly movement, focused around tackling social inequality and promoting community empowerment.
- *Dealing with Welfare Conditionality: Implementation and Effects* Edited by Peter Dwyer. This edited collection considers how conditional welfare policies and services are implemented and experienced by a diverse range of welfare

service users across a range of UK policy domains including social security, homelessness, migration and criminal justice. The book showcases the insights and findings of a series of distinct, independent studies undertaken by early career researchers associated with the ESRC funded Welfare Conditionality project. Each chapter presents a new empirical analysis of data generated in fieldwork conducted with practitioners charged with interpreting and delivering policy, and welfare service users who are at the sharp end of welfare services shaped by behavioural conditionality.

Further details on the above publications are available from [www.policy.bristoluniversitypress.co.uk](http://www.policy.bristoluniversitypress.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**

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#### **4. CAREERS IN SOCIAL POLICY**

##### **JIGSAW: RESEARCH MANAGER**

We are Jigsaw, the National Centre for Youth Mental Health. Formerly known as Headstrong, we were set up in 2006 and to this day, we remain committed to leading a nationwide transformation in the area of youth mental health. By joining the Jigsaw Team, you will help us to create an Ireland where every young person's mental health is valued and supported. In Jigsaw, we intervene early to support young people's mental health. We are the only mental health service in the country with an exclusive focus on 12-25 year olds.

We have 13 Jigsaw services in communities across Ireland providing mental health support to young people, and we are continuing to grow year on year. Our Jigsaw services provide young people aged 12-25 with a place they can visit for free and receive confidential support from trained mental health professionals. We educate and equip communities to help young people. Our research is the foundation on which we build our workshops for adults and young people alike. We believe that future resilience is based on early intervention and mentoring. We are changing the way Ireland thinks about and responds to young people's mental health.

The closing date for applications is 5pm 1st March 2019. Full job description, benefits package and an application form is available on:

<https://www.jigsaw.ie/workwithus> For further information contact us on (01) 4727010 or [recruitment@jigsaw.ie](mailto:recruitment@jigsaw.ie)

##### **THE LABOUR PARTY: POLICY RESEARCH OFFICER**

An exciting opportunity has arisen for an experienced professional to join Labour's team.

We are looking for a highly motivated and committed individual who can work on their own initiative and as part of a team. If you are qualified with relevant qualifications and experience, then we would love to hear from you.

Annual salary will be based on the Houses of the Oireachtas Secretarial Assistant scale for reference. The role may require flexible working, including evenings and weekends, and travel. The role is based in Dublin. Labour is an equal opportunities employer.

Should you feel you are suitably qualified and experienced, please see the Job Description below and then forward a short CV (max 2 pages) and letter of motivation (max 2 pages) to [recruit@labour.ie](mailto:recruit@labour.ie) by 12 noon Monday, 4th March 2019.

## 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 [newsletter@ispa.ie](mailto: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 email.

ISPA Secretary Marcella McGovern: [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)

[Membership rates for 2016 are:](#)

- **Individual members: €30 per year**
- **Student/unwaged: €10 per year**
- **NGO: €60 per year**
- **Corporate membership: €100 per year**
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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 2017-2018 is as follows: Eoin Carroll (Chair), Eithne Fitzgerald (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, Nat O'Connor and Justyna Szewczyk.

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## **8. JOINING THE ISPA MAILING LIST**

We are working on our online sign up form, in the meantime, please email [Secretary@ispa.ie](mailto:Secretary@ispa.ie) if you would like to be added to our mailing list.

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