

ISPA E-NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to the 55th 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 55th 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

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

FIRST WEDS LIVE

Just Health: Challenges and Hope for Real Solidarity One Year into a Global Pandemic

Join Comhlámh and the Department of International Development in Maynooth continue their new season of [#FirstWeds](#) conversations (grateful for the support of Concern in organising our First Weds)

One year on, we have brought together a panel to explore their perspectives, knowledge and reflection. You'll hear their thoughts on the specific challenges and spaces and practices of hope for real solidarity in global health as the battle against COVID-19 continues to be central to all our lives.

Date: 3rd March 2021

Time: 7pm

Further details: <https://comhlamh.org/blog/just-health-challenges-and-hope-for-real-solidarity-one-year-into-a-global-pandemic/>

COMMUNITY FOOD INITIATIVE WEBINAR

Webinar – Delivering Community Food Projects Remotely – successes and learnings from 2020

Date: Wednesday, 10 March 2021 | Time: 9.30am to 11.00am

This webinar will explore how community organisations shifted from designing and delivering healthy eating programmes in-person to delivering programmes remotely in 2020.

For more details and to register for this online event, please go to www.safefood.net/events/CFI.

Please note you will receive a confirmation e-mail on registration. Please check all folders including junk e-mail folders for the confirmation email. If you add 'events@safefood.eu' to your contact list/safe sender list, it will prevent any future emails going into junk folders.

INVITATION TO DRINKAWARE SPRING 2021 RESEARCH BRIEFING

Alcohol use among teenagers: Evidence from the 3-year independent evaluation of the Junior-Cycle Alcohol Education Programme

Date: 9th March 2021

Time: 12 noon – 1pm

This event will take place online via Zoom

To mark the launch of the 3-year independent evaluation of the Junior-Cycle Alcohol Education Programme (JC-AEP), please join us for our Spring 2021 Research Briefing that will take a look at the importance and value of evaluation through key findings from this pre-post, mixed methods, longitudinal study. In so doing, it will provide a valuable example of the development of an evidence-informed preventative programme to generate positive behaviour change in young people aged 12-15 years.

Drinkaware commissioned Maynooth University to undertake a 3-year independent study to examine the effectiveness, acceptability and implementation of the JC AEP over a three-year delivery period (2018-2020). This study was led by Professor Sinéad McGilloway, Founder and Director of the Centre for Mental Health and Community Research at Maynooth University Department of Psychology, in collaboration with Dr John Weafer of Weafer and Associates.

Talk title: *Civil Society Engagement in Societal Challenge Research, Value, Barriers & Importance*

Speaker: Hugh O'Reilly, Director of Development, The Wheel
www.linkedin.com/in/hugh-o-reilly-31018b9/

Talk Title: *Key findings from the Evaluation of Drinkaware's Junior Cycle Alcohol Education Programme*

Speaker: Professor Sinead McGilloway, Founder and Director Centre for Mental Health and Community Research, Department of Psychology Maynooth University
<https://www.maynoothuniversity.ie/people/sin-ad-mcgilloway>

Attendance at this event is free. Register via Eventbrite by 5pm 5th March

2021: www.eventbrite.ie/e/drinkaware-spring-2021-research-briefing-tickets-142675346803

UCD SOCIAL IMPACT RECRUITMENT WEEK

Based on the success of last year's UCD Social Impact Recruitment Week we are hosting this event again for charities and not-for-profit organisations. This live virtual event will enable you to showcase currently available and upcoming opportunities, as well as offer you a chance to meet with students from the College of Social Sciences & Law and College of Arts & Humanities.

This event takes place from Monday March 29th to Thursday April 1st via Zoom with 30-minute lunchtime slots available to employers each day.

This event is the ideal opportunity to:

- Target highly motivated and skilled UCD students interested in working in your organisation.
- Source top talent to meet your recruitment needs
- Showcase the opportunities within your organisation and raise your brand at UCD

Social Sciences, Law, Arts and Humanities students have a diverse skill set including data analysis, research, creativity, problem solving and communication skills and could be an ideal match for your organisation's needs.

To book your 30-minute presentation slot or for more information, please email careersevents@ucd.ie. We look forward to your participation.

DCU AGE-FRIENDLY INFORMATION SESSION AND VIRTUAL WORKSHOP ON THE EU GREEN PAPER ON AGEING

DCU Age-Friendly is hosting a virtual information session on the Green Paper on Ageing on March 4th 10.30 - 11.30 on zoom.

This will be followed by a facilitated virtual workshop session on March 11th 10.30 - 12.30.

This is a key opportunity to make concrete steps towards a more inclusive future for all ages.

Register now with Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/consultation-on-the-eu-green-paper-on-ageing-tickets-140905898335?aff>

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY WITH SUICIDE OR SURVIVE GUEST WEBINAR

UN Women announces the theme for International Women's Day, 8 March 2021 as, "*Women in leadership*"

Join SOS as we talk with Síona Cahill about the importance of Women in Leadership, Activism, and her own journey with Mental Health.

This event will be 45mins and is free to attend thanks to our funding from the National Office for Suicide Prevention (NOSP)

Síona Cahill, 28, is a social-change activist, campaigner, and communications professional from Co. Longford. Síona graduated from Maynooth University in 2014 and was elected a Vice President for Welfare at her Students' Union, using the platform to mobilise and lead students on campaigns from marriage equality (coining the viral hashtag #MakeGráTheLaw) to student sexual health and consent, mental wellbeing, and access to education. She was awarded an NXF GALA for her work as an equality campaigner for the LGBTI+ community. In 2016, she was elected to the National position of VP for Equality and Citizenship for the Union of Students in Ireland (USI) and was later elected President. Ms. Cahill was recently short-listed alongside Greta Thunberg for a 'Women in Youth Activism' award with the European Movement for her focus on youth civic engagement and voter registration campaigning. In 2018, she spoke out publicly about her experiences with anxiety as part of Hotpress Magazine's 100 voices issue.

She is currently a board member of both the Irish Family Planning Association (IFPA) and the Dublin Rape Crisis Centre (RCC) and is the public affairs and communications manager for Gaisce - The President's Award, encouraging more than 20,000 young people a year to pursue challenges that are personal, physical, and in the community.

Register for this free event here <https://event.webinarjam.com/register/500/vyg78a55>

ESRI CONFERENCE

Theme: Irish hospital expenditure beyond the era of COVID-19

Date: 3rd March 2021 (online)

Other details: <https://www.esri.ie/events/irish-hospital-expenditure-beyond-the-era-of-covid-19>

ESRI SEMINAR

Theme: The pandemic one year on: Taking stock and charting an economic path forward for Ireland & Europe

Date: 4th March 2021 2-3pm (online)

Other details: <https://www.esri.ie/events/the-pandemic-one-year-on-taking-stock-and-charting-an-economic-path-forward-for-ireland>

NERI WEBINARS

Theme: The Future of the Irish Social Welfare System

Date: Wednesday 24th March, 2021, 15:00 - 16:30 (online)

Speaker: Dr Helen Johnston, Senior Social Policy Analyst, NESC

Other details: <https://www.nerinstitute.net/events/2021/neri-webinar-future-irish-social-welfare-system>

Theme: 'Four Case Studies on Just Transition: Lessons for Ireland'

Date: Wednesday 28th April, 2021, 15:00 - 16:30 (online) **Speakers:** Sinéad Mercier, consultant on Climate Change and Just Transition law

Discussant: Paul Goldrick-Kelly, economist at the NERI

Other details: <https://www.nerinstitute.net/events/2021/neri-webinar-four-case-studies-just-transition-lessons-ireland>

TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY DUBLIN GREEN WEEK 2021

Monday 8th to Friday 12th March 2021

TU Dublin Green Week is a celebration of innovation and partnerships, a chance to debate ideas and to showcase a living lab for environmental sustainability across Ireland's first Technological University. Events and all information on Green Week 2021 can be viewed at: <https://www.tudublin.ie/explore/about-the-university/sustainability/engagement/green-week/>

REBOOT REPUBLIC PODCAST SERIES

Reboot Republic is the innovative Podcast that delves beyond the headlines and soundbites and pulls up the roots of our Social Crises to unearth progressive solutions. We talk to world leading experts, politicians, activists and everyday change-makers in the broad themes of social policy (including inequality, COVID, healthcare, mental health, racism, social work, education, housing and homelessness, social justice, deprivation). This not about tinkering around the edges. Hosted by Lecturer of Social Policy in Maynooth University and Social Justice Campaigner Dr Rory Hearne and independent podcast nerd Tony Groves, we look beyond the political speak for real, globally tried and tested solutions. Reboot Republic aims to be the podcast for an optimistic and inclusive future and not the polarised present. There is another way. Listen, share and join in our conversation as we start a new journey. You can listen to these on Spotify, or on I Tunes or off the Tortoiseshack.ie website

Ep. 52 Social Workers in COVID Crisis

This Reboot Republic talks to Sinead McGarry, Social Worker and advocate about the experience of those who are vulnerable, such as in nursing homes, those with disabilities, children and domestic violence, in COVID. Sinead criticises the absence of a holistic approach in the Government COVID strategy and the failure to include the voice of the vulnerable in planning COVID measures. She outlines the specific role of Social Workers as social and health care professionals trained in human rights and advocacy, that can bring the voice and issues faced by those vulnerable to the decision and policy making table. The Government needs to step up.

https://open.spotify.com/episode/67BxlC6p5KfbCXDEs8nrO?si=kPK6TSxGRh26RRAWU_h4ZA

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

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3. RECENT PUBLICATIONS

- <https://www.earlychildhoodireland.ie/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/Childcare-Barometer-2021-1.pdf>
- <https://www.esri.ie/publications>
- <https://www.nerinstitute.net/research/supporting-people-and-place-planning-just-transition-northern-ireland>
- <https://www.nesc.ie/publications/shared-island-projects-progress-policy-scoping-paper/>

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

- <https://policy.bristoluniversitypress.co.uk/pioneering-social-research>
- <https://bristoluniversitypress.co.uk/data-lives>
- <https://policy.bristoluniversitypress.co.uk/housing-shock>

Further details on the above publications are available from 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 **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

Age Action: Communications Officer

Age Action is Ireland's leading advocacy organisation for older people. Age Action works to ensure that older people's voices are heard at the highest level of Government and that the lived experience of older people informs policy responses to their needs.

Age Action values a strong work ethic and a dedication to bringing about real and meaningful societal change. The Advocacy and Communications team is central to informing and influencing that change. Reporting to the Head of Advocacy and Communications, the Communications Officer is part of a team made up of a Senior Public Affairs and Policy Officer, a Policy Stakeholder Engagement Officer and the Information Service. The successful candidate will be contributing to the development and implementation of Age Action's Advocacy and Communications strategy to inform and influence public policy and dialogue on ageing.

The successful candidate will be supporting the successful roll out of the brand and website refresh that is underway. The person will be responsible for generating awareness of Age Action's work through effective communications and public engagement activities and the dissemination of information to public representatives, the media and the general public.

Skills and Experience required:

- At least 4 years experience in communications, PR or journalism with successful track record relevant to the post
- Demonstrated commitment to human rights and equality
- Demonstrated experience in public policy advocacy including preparing briefing papers and submissions
- Proven ability to develop and implement communications strategies across multiple projects with tight deadlines
- Proven ability operate at a strategic and operational level and prioritise work programmes
- Have a keen knowledge of the national media landscape including demonstrable experience in dealing with the media and managing media queries, both traditional and new, in an effective manner
- Proven knowledge of marketing and communications principles, guidelines and best working practices
- Demonstrable experience in drafting, editing and proof-reading material to a publishable standard for diverse audiences
- Proven ability to effectively organise and manage multiple responsibilities
- Excellent IT skills and experience of creating digital content
- Excellent writing and research skills.

Skills desired:

- Knowledge of the Irish political landscape
- Experience of running effective campaigns
- Strong written, verbal, problem-solving and listening skills.

Location: Dublin/Remote

Contract: Permanent, Full Time

Salary details are available on application. Please forward your CV (max 2 pages) with a brief covering letter outlining why you consider yourself to be the ideal candidate for the role to recruitment@ageaction.ie by **6 pm on Friday 12 March**. In line with current COVID-19 restrictions interviewing of shortlisted candidates will be held virtually on 22 and 23 March.

Age Action: Senior Public Affairs and Policy Officer

Reporting to the Head of Advocacy and Communications, the Senior Public Affairs and Policy Officer is part of a team made up of a Communications Officer, a Policy Stakeholder Engagement Officer and the Information Service. Age Action values a strong work ethic and a dedication to bringing about real and meaningful societal change. The Senior Public Affairs and Policy Officer is central to informing and influencing that change in the performance of their role to;

- Lead Age Action's advocacy through monitoring and contributing to the policy context and political landscape in Ireland with particular reference to how this relates to ageing in Ireland
- Produce policy positions in appropriate formats by collecting, organising and interpreting quantitative and qualitative information (internal and external) ensuring the positions are grounded in the lived experience of the diversity of older people in Ireland, highlighting good national and international practice experience
- Manage relationships with relevant stakeholders including local TDs, Senators and their staff, Government Departments and agencies, and other bodies as appropriate to work
- Assist colleagues in the team to develop and roll-out an engagement strategy to motivate advocates and others to be involved in Age Action's policy formulation and public affairs work
- Support Age Action's spokespersons and represent the organisation in stakeholder fora including press
- Contribute to an internal Age Action approach towards coherent advocacy across all functions.

Key Competencies, Skills and Experience

- Excellent understanding of public policy development and how it can be influenced with a proven track record in seizing opportunities to inform and influence policy makers to improve laws, policies and services for people
- Demonstrated aptitude for applying an equality and human rights-based framework to social policy
- Demonstrated aptitude for accurate and evidence-based writing as well as the ability to present to key decision makers through a range of communications methods
- Working knowledge of the policy context and political landscape in Ireland with particular reference to how this relates ageing in Ireland
- Excellent communicator with proven written, verbal and presentation skills
- Strategic thinker with capacity to see big picture
- Creative, dynamic person with ability to work on own initiative

- Strong team player with good negotiation, collaborative and leadership skills
- An ability to work on multiple projects, reprioritise, meet deadlines and secure results.
- High level of IT competency.

Essential requirements:

- Masters level qualification in gerontology, social policy, human rights, law, economics or a related discipline
- At least 5 years experience in a policy development or research role
- Proven experience of planning and producing own research and policy documents
- Proven record of producing accurate and high-quality work to tight deadlines
- Proven experience of effective project management
- Experience of advocacy work at a national and/or local level
- Experience of nurturing relationships with a broad range of stakeholders.

Location: Dublin/Remote

Contract: Permanent, Full Time

Salary details are available on application. Please forward your CV (max 2 pages) with a brief covering letter outlining why you consider yourself to be the ideal candidate for the role to recruitment@ageaction.ie by **6 pm on Friday 12 March**. In line with current COVID-19 restrictions interviewing of shortlisted candidates will be held virtually on 22 and 23 March.

St Dominic's Community Response Project: Research and Data Officer

St Dominic's Contact Centre, Tallaght, Dublin 24

Tel: (01) 4148632 / 4620624 Fax: (01) 4148633

Email: info@dominics.ie Web: www.dominics.ie

This position is a 12 month fixed term position based in HSE National Social Inclusion Office, Stewarts Care, Mill Lane, Palmerstown, Dublin 20.

Essential Criteria:

- A National Framework of Qualifications (NFQ) level 9 (or higher) academic award (which has included a research dissertation) in public health, epidemiology, (health-related), social science, or an equivalent discipline.
- Experience managing and analysing data to inform decision making and developing information management processes for outcomes measurement
- Experience of working within a performance management role and / or functioning within a multidisciplinary team
- Knowledge and understanding of the nature and principles of Social Inclusion and its interaction within the wider health system and externally to the HSE
- Knowledge of the Health Information and Quality Authority (HIQA) Standards as they relate to the role and HSE protocols relevant for implementing and maintaining these standards as appropriate to the role.
- Experience working in a health/social science/behavioural research role that has involved a number of research projects and included the following:

- Completing surveillance, research and evaluation studies including participation in peer reviewed research publications
- Experience validating, analysing and presenting data from surveillance, research and evaluation studies
- Systematic searching for evidence, assessing level and quality synthesising findings and limitations

Key Responsibilities Include:

- Development and coordination of national evaluation frameworks
- Work closely with team members across various remits to support regular reporting requirements including monitoring and reporting of national programme outcomes.
- Design and coordination of research projects, including preparation of applications for Ethics Committees
- Writing of research and evaluation reports

Each candidate must possess the requisite knowledge and ability (including a high standard of suitability) for the proper discharge of the duties of the office. They must have the competencies outlined in job specification under ‘skills, competencies and knowledge’.

A detailed job specification is available (attached)

Salary: Grade VII, HSE Clerical Officer Pay scale.

Applications will only be accepted via email to info@dominics.ie with Cover Letter and CV.

Candidates will be short listed based on information supplied in their C.V. to be received no later than **Thursday 11th of March 2021 at 5.00pm.**

Interviews will be held on the week of the **15th of March 2021.** A successful candidate would ideally be available to start shortly thereafter.

St Dominic’s is an Equal Opportunities Employer. This job offer will be made subject to Garda Vetting and reference checks. The position is funded by Health Service Executive.

TASC: Project Coordinator (Climate Justice Centre)

TASC is looking to hire a Project Coordinator to increase the capacity of the TASC Climate Justice Centre as we advance several new climate justice initiatives. This unique roll will give the successful candidate the opportunity to work on both local and multilateral climate justice initiatives. If you care about people and their rights, understand the gravity of the catastrophe we face in terms of climate breakdown and wish to work on solutions that address inequality, empower people and accelerate climate action, we’d love to hear from you!

This is a fixed-term contract of 7 months which, subject to funding, may be extended. The Project Coordinator is based in Dublin, Ireland – though working conditions during COVID-19 are flexible.

For further information on the position and details on how to apply, please see www.tasc.ie

National Youth Council of Ireland: Skills Summary Project Co-ordinator

The Skills Summary project provides a framework to better recognise the value and learning young people gain by participating in youth work and volunteering opportunities so that they can better communicate the acquisition of these essential skills to future employers. The primary audiences for this project are young people who are involved in the youth/non-formal education sector in Ireland.

Supported by the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth in 2021, the project aims to perpetuate and sustain the usage of Skills Summary among new and existing cohorts of young people aged 16-25 and youth organisations who support these young people. A key element of the Project in 2021 will be to introduce Skills Summary to employers.

NYCI is now seeking an experienced Project Co-ordinator to deliver the third phase of this exciting project. The post holder will work in collaboration with a wide range of stakeholders including young people, youth organisations, youth employability projects, organisations supporting the unemployed, employers and other organisations. The role is multifaceted, and the successful candidate will be required to have a range of skills to deliver this project.

This is a partnership project between the National Youth Council of Ireland, Accenture and SpunOut.ie.

Full details including the job description, person specification, and application process are available at www.nyci.ie **The deadline for applications is 12pm on 11th March 2021.** Interviews are expected to take place on **18th March 2021**. Queries should be emailed to skillssummary@nyci.ie.

WATERFORD INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY RESEARCH POSITION

https://www.wit.ie/future_students/postgraduate_studies/funded_opportunities

Research Assistant - Growing Up in Ireland (12-month, fixed-term contract)

The Economic and Social Research Institute, founded in 1960, is located in Dublin's South Docklands area. Our mission is to produce high quality research, relevant to Ireland's economic and social development, with the aim of contributing to knowledge and informing policymaking and public debate. We over 100 staff including economists, sociologists, psychologists, social scientists, support and technical staff.

The ***Growing Up in Ireland*** team is a busy research group leading one of the major national research studies. The study has been following the development of nearly 20,000 children

and young people around the country since 2006. The core team oversees all aspects of design, data collection and preparation, in addition to issuing research reports.

The team is seeking to recruit a skilled and enthusiastic individual for the role of **Research Assistant** on the *Growing Up in Ireland* study. The main duties for the role include assistance with the following responsibilities:

- Engaging with stakeholders to collect and curate their input into future waves of the study using an array of methods including focus groups, workshops, surveys and literature searches
- Enhancing the communication and dissemination stream of the study through (a) digital platforms such as social media and (b) in-person or virtual events including the annual research conference
- Contributing to the production of written outputs from the research stream through proof-reading, formatting, and literature reviews
- Contributing to the data and analysis outputs of the study through basic descriptive analyses (using SPSS), data visualisation, and writing technical documentation
- Supporting the data and fieldwork functions of the study including interviewer training, data checking, and data entry
- Other duties as required by the project

This role represents an excellent opportunity for an individual to expand their research and dissemination skills, and gain valuable experience as part of a team on a major research project. The successful candidate will receive dedicated supervision and appropriate additional training.

Key Criteria – Qualifications, Experience and Skillset

The successful candidate will have:

Essential

- A Master's Degree in a Social Sciences related discipline such as psychology, sociology or economics;
- An excellent knowledge of spoken and written English;
- Excellent communication and dissemination skills including social media platforms;
- A good working knowledge of MS Word and MS Excel;
- An excellent working knowledge of SPSS (syntax preferred);
- Experience of engaging directly with stakeholders such as policy-makers and participants;
- Experience of working effectively as part of a team;
- Proven ability to work successfully to tight deadlines, with keen attention to detail.

Desirable

- Experience of working with surveys;
- Experience of conducting and reporting on focus group activities;
- Experience of organising research events;
- Experience of working as part of a research team.

Terms & Application Procedure

This appointment will be on a 12-month fixed-term contract basis and starting salary will be €33,053. The role is full-time (37 hours per week). The ESRI is following Government guidelines regarding COVID-19 and its office building is currently closed. Therefore, each stage of the selection process will be held via videoconference (MS Teams) and the successful candidate will be expected to work remotely in the Republic of Ireland for a temporary period until the office reopens.

To apply for this position please see www.esri.ie The closing date for applications is **5pm 1st March, 2021 with interviews likely to take place the following week on Tuesday 9th March.** Candidates must be available to start no later than April 12th, 2021. All applications will be acknowledged. Late or incomplete applications will not be processed.

The ESRI may form a panel from this recruitment phase from which other similar vacancies may be filled.

The ESRI is an equal opportunities employer and is committed to accommodating the needs of people with disabilities to enable them to participate in the selection process. Please let us know if you have any particular requirements should you be invited for assessment/ interview or that you wish us to take into account when considering your application.

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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: 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 2021 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 ISPA Committee for 2020-2021 is as follows: Eithne Fitzgerald (Chair), Vivienne Byers (Vice-Chair), Angela Palmer (Secretary), Michelle Murphy (Treasurer), Ann Stokes (Newsletter), Eamon Murphy (Website), Micheál Collins, Eoin Carroll, Odran Reid, Lorna Roe, Geoffrey Cook, Sarah Craig, Catherine-Anne Field, and Justyna Szewczyk.

8. JOINING/LEAVING THE ISPA MAILING LIST

We are working on our online sign up form, in the meantime, please email Secretary@ispa.ie if you would like to be added to our mailing list. If you would like to be removed, please click unsubscribe at the bottom of this email.

A pdf copy of this and previous newsletters is available on the ISPA website at www.ispa.ie

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