

**E-NEWSLETTER
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Welcome to the 50th 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 50th 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

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2. UPCOMING EVENTS

- **UPCOMING CONFERENCES**

THE PENSION POLICY RESEARCH GROUP CONFERENCE

Theme: Pension Reform in Ireland: Policy Considerations relating to Adequacy, Coverage, Taxation and Automatic Enrolment

Date: 21st June 2019

Venue: TCD (Building and room tbc)

Other Details: Research presentations: include: Dr. Emer Mulligan, School of Business and Economics, NUI Galway; Dr. Micheál Collins, School of Social Policy, Social Work and Social Justice, UCD; Dr. Michelle Maher, Department of Sociology, Maynooth University. Please register for the conference

here: <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/pension-policy-research-group-annual-conference-2019-tickets-61996635606>

ESRI PENSIONS AND RETIREMENT CONFERENCE

Date: 29th May 2019

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

Other Details: For more information, please see www.esri.ie

EUROFRAME 16TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Theme: Greater cohesion in an increasingly fractured world: where now for the European project?

Date: 7th June 2019

Venue: Institute of Banking, 1 North Wall Quay, North Dock, Dublin 1

Other Details: For more information, please see www.esri.ie

ESRI BUDGET PERSPECTIVES 2020

Date: 13th June 2019

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

Other Details: For more information, please see www.esri.ie

IDEA ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2019

Theme: Stories of Change: creating active global citizens

Date: 6th June 2019

Venue: DCU All Hallows Campus, Drumcondra, Dublin 9

Other Details: For more information, please

see <https://www.ideaonline.ie/latest/event-detail/idea-agm-conference-2019>

ASSISTED LIVING AND LEARNING SYMPOSIUM

Theme: Inclusion 2.0: Addressing Inequity & Exclusion within Inclusive Policies & Practices

Date: 20th June 2019, 2.30-4pm

Venue: Hume Board Room, John Hume Building, Maynooth University

Other Details: For more information, please

see <https://www.maynoothuniversity.ie/news-events/2nd-all-symposium-inclusion-20-addressing-inequity-exclusion-within-inclusive-policies-practices>

CHILDREN AND LOSS CONFERENCE

Theme: Limerick Institute of Technology and the LIT Loss and Grief Research Group along with the Children's Grief Centre, Limerick will host the inaugural 'Children and Loss Conference'.

Date: 14th June 2019

Venue: Millennium Theatre, LIT Moylish, Limerick

Other Details: This half-day conference is ideal for anyone who supports children professionally or personally, including teachers, SNAs, social care practitioners, social workers, legal and mediation professionals, psychologists, nurses, medical professionals, family support workers, therapists, early childhood education professionals along with parents, grandparents, foster parents, youth workers, volunteers, coaches etc. The keynote speakers and workshops are focused on best practice interventions with children experiencing loss through bereavement, separation, divorce and family rupture, and the work of the Children's Grief Centre over the last 10 years will also be celebrated. Registration is €50 including lunch, coffee/tea and parking; to reserve your place or for more details go to <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/children-and-loss-conference-2019-tickets-55275421273?aff=ehomecard>

MAYNOOTH UNIVERSITY SOCIAL SCIENCES INSTITUTE CONFERENCE

Theme: Leave No One Behind: Public Employment Services & Guidance for a 21st Century Ireland

Date: 17th June 2019

Venue: Callan Building, North Campus, Maynooth University

Other details: is the first of a number of events organised as part of the ACA PES: A Collaborative Approach to building a Public Employment Service project, funded under the Irish Research Council's COALESCE programme. The project focuses on a collaborative approach to building a national public employment service. Post crisis Ireland needs capacity to support the development of a strong labour force with a particular focus on the needs of diverse cohorts of job seekers, particularly those most distant from the labour market. The research is developing in collaboration with the Irish National Organisation of the Unemployed, the LESN and the Irish Local Development Network, and in association with the Department of Employment Affairs and Social Protection. This day-long conference asks how public employment services and career guidance models can best meet the long term needs of those most distant from the labour market. The conference will be of interest to academics, employment services and career guidance practitioners, and policy makers interested in developing public employment and guidance

models. There is no charge to attend but you must register before June 03rd 2019 on Eventbrite <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/leave-no-one-behind-public-employment-services-guidance-for-a-21st-century-ireland-tickets-60937542831> For further information please contact Mary.P.Murphy@mu.ie (Principal Investigator) or Nuala.Whelan@mu.ie (Post-Doctoral Researcher).

UPCOMING SEMINARS/ LECTURES

GLOBAL BRAIN HEALTH INSTITUTE AND SCHOOL OF LAW, TCD
WORKSHOP

Theme: Diversity and Brain Health: Perspectives from the LGBT+ Community in Ireland

Speakers: Senator David Norris, Professor Agnes Higgins and representatives from LGBT+ community organisations.

Date and Venue: 4th June 2019, 10am- 1.30pm, Long Room Hub, TCD, Dublin 2

Other details: It will be a participatory workshop to explore experiences of ageing, advocacy and inclusivity in the Irish health care system from the perspective of the LGBT+ community. Our intention is to draw a multidisciplinary audience of people working in healthcare, policy, ageing, members of the LGBT+ community, law, sociology and interested members of the public. Registration is free <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/diversity-and-brain-health-perspectives-from-the-lgbtcommunity-in-ireland-tickets-61642074103>

BEFRIENDING NETWORK IRELAND SEMINAR

Theme: Developing a Sustainable Community Sector

Date: 30th May 2019

Venue: Guinness Enterprise Centre, Taylor's Lane, Dublin 8

Other details: For more details please

see <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSextApYtvQx0GtUV4x1PBhB4RODP023uVKKKmtNwg63GqVXMQ/viewform>

CARN STUDY DAY: DOING ACTION RESEARCH IN THE REAL WORLD

Date: 18th June 2019

Venue: National College of Ireland

Other details: To build capacity and support services/schools/communities to engage in real world action research in collaboration with action research communities. To book your free ticket

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/carn-study-day-real-world-action-research-tickets-59334528171>

RCSI EQUALITY, DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION UNIT LECTURE SERIES

Theme: Appreciating Culture, examining the experiences of ethnic minorities studying and working in Ireland

Speaker: Dr. Olaniyi Kolawole

Date: 1pm, 10th July 2019

Venue: RCSI, 123 Saint Stephen's Green, Dublin 2

Other details: For more details please see <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/lecture-series-exploring-the-experiences-of-ethnic-minorities-in-ireland-tickets-61102216374?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>

MUSSI SEMINAR SERIES

Theme: Whistleblowing

Speaker: Kate Kenny, Professor of Business & Society at the J.E. Cairns School of Business, NUI Galway

Date: 2-4pm, 29th May 2019

Venue: MUSSI Seminar Room 2nd Floor Iontas Building, Maynooth University

Other details: For more details please

see <https://www.maynoothuniversity.ie/news-events/mussi-seminar-series-professor-kate-kenny-whistleblowing>

NERI SEMINAR SERIES

Theme: Whither Industrial Democracy? Irish Trade Unionism and the Cooperative Commonwealth

Speaker: Cian McMahon, Postdoctoral research position, Saint Mary's University, Nova Scotia

Date: 4pm, 6th June 2019

Venue: Irish Congress of Trade Unions (ICTU) offices, 31/32 Parnell Square, Dublin 1
Other details: For more details please see www.nerinstitute.net

Theme: Social Class in Northern Ireland, in Theory and Data

Speaker: Dr Eoin Flaherty, Lecturer, NUI Maynooth

Date: 4pm, 13th June 2019

Venue: INTO, 23-24 College Gardens, Belfast

Other details: For more details please see www.nerinstitute.net

ESRI SEMINAR SERIES

Theme: On the persistence of UK inflation: a long-range dependence approach

Speaker: Guglielmo Maria Caporale, Professor of Economics and Finance, Brunel University London

Date: 4pm, 30th May 2019

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

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

Theme: Risks that matter

Speaker: Valerie Frey, OECD

Date: 4pm, 6th June 2019

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

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

- **UPCOMING LAUNCHES/ CALL FOR PAPERPS**

- **SOCIAL JUSTICE IRELAND BUDGET CHOICES 2020**

Social Justice Ireland will launch Budget Choices 2020 on Wednesday June 12th at Buswells Hotel at 11am. (Registration, with tea and coffee, is from 10.30).

The Government faces many choices between now and October 8th. Social Justice Ireland's submission provides dozens of fully researched and costed proposals for revenue raising and public expenditure across the areas of health, housing, education, welfare, sustainability and more.

They are the only organisation, aside from the Department of Finance, that produces a fully costed balanced Budget every year. Join them to hear and discuss our proposals which would lead towards a fairer, more just society.

This event is free to attend, but advanced booking is essential. Please see: <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/social-justice-ireland-budget-choices-2020-launch-tickets-61782008651>

- NATIONAL CARERS WEEK 2019

The 13th annual National Carers Week will take place from June 10th to 16th this year. Over 100 events will take place nationwide to celebrate and recognise the role of Ireland's 370,000 family carers. In addition, hundreds of family carers are being provided with complimentary goodie bags that include battery/power banks, thermal coffee mugs and a Carers Handbook (the latter courtesy of the Irish Red Cross).

There are 12 not-for-profit partner organisations in the week, who alongside other organisations, will be hosting events specifically for family carers around the country. Partners this year are; Family Carers Ireland, the Alzheimer Society of Ireland, the Irish Cancer Society, the Disability Federation of Ireland, Acquired Brain Injury Ireland, MS Ireland, the Irish Hospice Foundation, St. Michaels House, Special Needs Parents Association, the Central Remedial Clinic (CRC), Spina Bifida Hydrocephalus Ireland (SBHI) and co-ordinators Care Alliance Ireland.

For details on events being organised see the website www.carersweek.ie or our Facebook page www.facebook.com/nationalcarersweek Email; info@carersweek.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 **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

- Goldrick-Kelly, P. (2019) *Taxes on Capital in the Republic of Ireland, NERI Research In Brief*. A PDF copy of the report is available to download from www.neriinstitute.net
- Drinkaware (2019) *Drinkaware Index: Analysing Hazardous Drinking in Ireland*. A PDF copy of the report is available to download from www.drinkaware.ie
- NESC (2018) *Climate -Change Policy: Getting the Process Right, Council Report 147*. A PDF copy of the report is available to download from www.nesc.ie
- Carr, N. & P Mayock (2019) *Care and Justice: Children and Young People in Care and Contact with the Criminal Justice System*. A PDF copy of the report is available to download from www.iprt.ie

RECENT PUBLICATIONS FROM THE ESRI:

- Kelly, E., S. McGuinness, P. Redmond, M.Savage & J.R. Walsh (2019) *An initial evaluation of the effectiveness of Intreo activation reforms, ESRI Research Bulletin*.
- Nolan, A. (2019) *Reforming the delivery of public dental services in Ireland: potential cost implications, ESRI Research Series*.
 - Groarke, S. & C. Durst (2019) *Attracting and retaining international higher education students: Ireland, 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 (BRISTOL UNIVERSITY) POLICY PRESS

(UK)

- *Ethics, Equity and Community Development*, Edited by Sarah Banks and Peter Westoby. This book offers a unique focus on the everyday ethics of community development practice in the context of local and global struggles for equity and social justice. Contributors from around the world (from India to the Netherlands and USA) grapple with ethical dilemmas and tensions, including how to: respect and learn from Indigenous values and philosophies; challenge environmental destruction; gain consent in divided communities; maintain or breach professional boundaries; and develop new paradigms for transformative community organising, sustainable development and ethically-sensitive practice. Offering theoretical frameworks, philosophical perspectives and practical case examples (from sex worker collectives to tree action groups and Australian Indigenous communities) this book is essential reading for community-based practitioners, students and academics.
- *The End of Aspiration? Social Mobility and Our Children's Fading Prospects* By Duncan Exley. Why is it getting harder to secure a job that matches our qualifications, buy a home of our own and achieve financial stability? Underprivileged people have always faced barriers, but people from middle-income families are increasingly more likely to slide down the social scale than climb up. Duncan Exley, former Director of the Equality Trust, draws on expert research and real life experiences – including from an actor, a politician, a billionaire entrepreneur and a surgeon – to issue a wake-up call to break through segregated opportunity. He offers a manifesto to reboot our prospects and benefit all.

Further details on the above publications are available from

www.policy.bristoluniversitypress.co.uk

4. CAREERS IN SOCIAL POLICY

DYSLEXIA ASSOCIATION OF IRELAND, HEAD OF EDUCATION, TRAINING AND POLICY

The Dyslexia Association of Ireland wishes to recruit a Head of Education, Training and Policy to join the team based in our national office in Dublin. The Head of Education, Training and Policy will manage and develop DAI's nationwide education and training programmes and will be directly involved in delivering training courses (particularly those for teachers and other educators). See the job description for further information on the

role including person specification:[https://www.dyslexia.ie/wp-](https://www.dyslexia.ie/wp-content/uploads/2011/05/Head-of-Education-Training-Policy-JOB-SPEC-20190512.pdf)

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Candidates wishing to apply for this post should email their CV, and a cover letter outlining their suitability for the role, to: Rosie Bissett, CEO, Dyslexia Association of Ireland at ceo@dyslexia.ie The closing date for applications is 12 noon on Thursday May 30th, 2019. It is anticipated that interviews will be held with shortlisted candidates on Thursday June 6th, 2019, at our national office in Dublin.

JIGSAW: RESEARCH COORDINATOR

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.

We are seeking a Research Coordinator in Jigsaw National Office (Dublin 2) Full job description, benefits package and an application form is available

on:<https://www.jigsaw.ie/workwithus>

The closing date for application is 5pm Wednesday 5th June 2019. For further information contact us on (01) 4727010 or recruitment@jigsaw.ie JIGSAW IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES EMPLOYER.

ST STEPHENS GREEN TRUST TRAVELLER ENTERPRISE AND EMPLOYMENT OFFICER

St Stephen's Green Trust (SSGT) is a social justice grantmaking organisation operating across Ireland. A current strategic goal is to contribute to improving the life chances and

participation of Travellers in Irish society, underpinned by the principles of Traveller participation, relationship building and incorporating a gender dimension into the work. As part of a 3-year programme, the SSGT Traveller Enterprise & Employment Policy Officer (TEPO) (part-time) will lead a strategic partnership between SSGT (the employer), a Traveller organisation and an employment advocacy/policy organisation, building on ongoing activities and expertise. This is an emerging role in an initiative aimed at improving the outcomes and experience of Travellers in employment and enterprise. Terms and conditions: Three days pw (some out of hours work may be required) and a salary guided by the Civil Service Higher Executive Officer scale. Employer contribution to a PRSA (between 5-7%). Annual leave 25 days pro rata (15 days). Three-year contract subject to annual funding.

We particularly welcome applications from people from a migrant or refugee background, lone parents, Travellers and people with disabilities.

Application by CV and a cover letter (details in attached document) to SSGT by Friday 14th June 2019. Further details are available

from <https://www.activelink.ie/content/vacancies/community/44556>

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 DISCLAIMER: The ISPA does not take responsibility for advertising events. If you would like an event to be advertised it must be

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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

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 2018-2019 is as follows: Eoin Carroll (Chair), Eithne Fitzgerald (Vice-Chair), Megan Curran (Secretary), Michelle Murphy (Treasurer), Ann Stokes (Newsletter), Eamon Murphy (Website), Micheál Collins, Lorna Roe, Vivienne Byers, Geoffrey Cook, Catherine-Anne Field, Nat O'Connor and Justyna Szewczyk.

8. JOINING 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.

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

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