



NEWSLETTER - ISSUE 51, September 2019

Welcome to the 51st 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 51st 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

FORTHCOMING ISPA SEMINAR

Theme: Multicultural Ireland: Immigrant Integration

Date: Thursday, 21st November 2019, 6:30pm to 8:00pm

Venue: Wynn's Hotel, Lower Abbey Street, Dublin 1

Other Details: Presenters are Professor Mary Gilmartin of Maynooth University and Dr Paul Rouse of University College Dublin. Professor Gilmartin will discuss immigrant integration in contemporary Ireland. The talk will focus on the three key aspects of immigrant integration:

- integration policies
- integration processes
- and integration outcomes.

In particular, she will report on the findings of two recent research projects. The first considers how

we could develop better integration policies in Ireland using a human rights approach. The second looks at how we define and assess immigrant integration outcomes in Ireland; the barriers to successful immigrant integration; and the implications of this for future planning and policy development.

Dr Rouse will address the question of what integration looks like for first and second generation migrants, including the role that sport (and in particular the GAA) has to play in inclusion, possibly also relating it to the experience of Irish emigrants in other countries.

Speaker bios

Mary Gilmartin is Professor of Geography at Maynooth University, where she has worked for almost 12 years. She holds an undergraduate degree from UCD, and Masters and PhD degrees from the University of Kentucky. Her research focuses on migration and mobility, and her publications include two recent books: *Ireland and migration in the twenty-first century* (Manchester University Press, 2015) and *Borders, mobility and belonging in the era of Brexit and Trump* (Policy Press, 2018, co-authored with Tricia Wood and Cian O'Callaghan). She has just completed two research projects on immigrant integration in Ireland, funded by the Irish Research Council and by IHREC.

Paul Rouse is a lecturer at University College Dublin. His main research interest lies in the history of sport. He has written extensively on the history of Irish sport, but also on the global history of sport. His research also extends to popular culture, the history of the media, and the history of agriculture. He is the founding editor of historyhub.ie, UCD's public history site (<http://historyhub.ie>). Most recently, he appeared on the three-part RTÉ history of hurling, 'The Game', and in a docudrama on Hugh Lane, 'Citizen Lane'. He writes a weekly column for the *Irish Examiner* newspaper.

For further details on this event please see www.ispa.ie

Queries regarding the newsletter, any comments, suggestions or submissions for future editions please email newsletter@ispa.ie DISCLAIMER: The ISPA does not take responsibility for advertising events. If you would like an event to be advertised it must be received one week before publication

2. UPCOMING EVENTS

- **UPCOMING CONFERENCES**

OMBUDSMAN FOR CHILDREN SUMMIT FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

Theme: Beyond Limits: Empowering young people with disabilities

Date: 19th October 2019

Venue: Croke Park, Dublin City Centre

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

NOMADS (Network of Migration and Diversity Studies) CONFERENCE

Theme: Hospitality: Aspirations and challenges

Date: 4th October 2019

Venue: DCU

Other Details: For more information, please see <https://www.activelink.ie/content/community-exchange/events/46100>

THE WHEEL AND CAMPUS ENGAGE CONFERENCE

Theme: Research for Societal Impact

Date: 8th October 2019

Venue: Wood Quay Venue, Dublin City Council, Dublin 2|

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

IRISH COUNCIL FOR SOCIAL HOUSING BIENNIAL NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Theme:Social Housing 2019 – Innovation, Delivery & Sustainability

Date:10th and 11thOctober 2019

Venue:Clayton Whites Hotel, Wexford

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

IRISH CONFERENCE FOR EUROPEAN SOCIAL SURVEY USERS

Theme:Ireland in a European Context

Date:11thOctober 2019

Venue:UCD Geary Institute for Public Policy

Other Details:For more information, please

see <http://www.ucd.ie/geary/research/europeansocialsurvey/ucdsscconference/>

ALL TOGETHER IN DIGNITY IRELAND CONFERENCE

Theme:The Hidden Dimensions of Poverty'

Date:23rdOctober 2019

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

Other Details:For more information, please see <https://www.activelink.ie/content/community-exchange/events/47064>

DISABILITY SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Theme:Journey to de-congregation- where are we now?

Date:24thOctober 2019

Venue: ChildVision, Grace Park Road, Drumcondra, Dublin 9

Other Details:For more information, please see [https://socialcareireland.ie/wp-](https://socialcareireland.ie/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/Disability-Special-Interest-Group-Conference-2019-Flyer-Final.pdf)

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POSITIVE SEXUAL HEALTH CONFERENCE AND NATIONAL SUMMIT

Theme:Young people empowered and informed

Date:1stNovember 2019

Venue:The Round Room, Mansion House, Dublin 2

Other Details:For more information, please see www.youthworkireland.ie/conference

CHILD AND ADOLESCENT MENTAL HEALTH CONFERENCE

Theme:Mental Health – Beyond the Label

Date:7thNovember 2019

Venue: ChildVision, Grace Park Road, Drumcondra, Dublin 9

Other Details:For more information, please see <https://socialcareireland.ie/event/annual-conference-camhs-sig/>

SOCIAL JUSTICE IRELAND ANNUAL SOCIAL POLICY CONFERENCE

Theme:Ireland's Changing Demographics and the Policy Responses needed to support our growing population

Date:26thNovember 2019

Venue: Croke Park Conference Centre

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

CARE ALLIANCE IRELAND CONFERENCE

Theme:Towards A Refreshed National Carers Strategy - From Research to Policy

Date:14th November 2019

Venue:The Red Room, UCD Students Centre, UCD, Belfield, Dublin 4

Other Details:For more information, please see <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/towards-a->

[refreshed-national-carers-strategy-from-research-to-policy-tickets-72676371985](https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/towards-a-refreshed-national-carers-strategy-from-research-to-policy-tickets-72676371985)

GROWING UP IN IRELAND ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Theme:Towards A Refreshed National Carers Strategy - From Research to Policy

Date:21stNovember 2019

Venue: Gibson Hotel, Dublin 1

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

TCD SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK AND SOCIAL POLICY SYMPOSIUM

Theme:Dementia and Human Rights

Date:8th November 2019

Venue: The Long Room Hub, TCD

Other Details:For more information, please see www.tcd.ie/swsp/news-events

UPCOMING SEMINARS/ LECTURES

TCD SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK AND SOCIAL POLICY SEMINAR

Theme:Reproductive Justice and Sexual Rights: Transnational Perspectives

Date:4-6p, 3rd October 2019

Venue:TRiSS Seminar Room, 6th Floor Arts Building, Trinity College Dublin

Other details:For more details please see www.tcd.ie/swsp/news-events

TCD SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK AND SOCIAL POLICY PUBLIC LECTURE

Theme: The Age of Inquiry: Historical Inquiries into Institutional Child Abuse in Comparative Perspective

Speaker:Dr. Katie Wright, Department of Social Inquiry, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, La Trobe University, Melbourne, Australia.

Date:6pm, 3rdOctober 2019

Venue:Room 3074, Arts Building, Trinity College Dublin

Other details:For more details please see www.tcd.ie/swsp/news-events

NERI SEMINAR SERIES

Theme:The Forgotten Workforce: the Labour Market Experiences of Older Female Part-time Workers

Speaker:Dr Maeve O'Sullivan Lecturer in Human Resource Management, Cork University Business School, University College Cork

Date:3.45pm, 10th October 2019

Venue:INTO, 23-24 College Gardens, Belfast, BT9 6BS

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

Theme:Budget 2020: Reflections and Analysis

Speaker:Michael Taft (SIPTU), Michelle Murphy (Social Justice Ireland) and Robert Sweeney (TASC)

Date:4pm, 16th October 2019

Venue:Fórsa Trade Union, Nerney's Court, Dublin 1, D01 R2C5

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

ESRI SEMINAR SERIES

Theme:Peer effects and retirement decisions: evidence from pension reform in Germany

Date:4pm, 3rdOctober 2019

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

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

2. UPCOMING LAUNCHES

SOCIAL JUSTICE IRELAND ANALYSIS OF BUDGET 2020

Social Justice Ireland will publish **the first full and comprehensive analysis of Budget 2020** on the morning of Wednesday 9th October, beginning at 11am at Buswells Hotel.

What effect will the budget have on inequality? How is the government dealing with the housing crisis? How will Ireland's most vulnerable fare in Budget 2020? Where will the money come from to deal with the numerous crises and deficits Ireland faces? And what measures have been ignored, and in what general direction does this Budget take the country?

We will address these questions and more, and give a detailed breakdown of key tax and spending measures at the publication of our Budget 2020 Analysis at Buswells Hotel.

Printed copies of our 24-page Budget Response document will be available to attendees.

Registration begins at 10.30, and there will be tea/coffee and biscuits.

This event is free to attend, but advanced booking is essential. More information at: <https://www.socialjustice.ie/content/publications/budget-2020-analysis-response>

ESRI REPORT LAUNCH

The ageing workforce in Ireland: working conditions, health and extending working

lives: Researchers from the ESRI's Social Research Division will present findings of a report

that examines the working conditions and health status of older workers in Ireland in a

context of rising employment rates of older workers over the recent years. The report brings

together the findings from a programme of research funded by the Health and Safety

Authority. Pat Breen, TD, Minister of State for Trade, Employment, Business, EU Digital Single

Market and Data Protection, will launch the report.

Date:8.30am, 1stOctober 2019

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

Other details:For more details please see 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 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

- Women's Aid (2019) *Unheard and Uncounted: Women, Domestic Abuse and the Irish Criminal Justice System*. A PDF copy of the report is available to download from www.womensaid.ie
- Social Justice Ireland's *National Social Monitor - Autumn 2019* <https://www.socialjustice.ie/content/publications/national-social-monitor-sustainability-edition>

RECENT PUBLICATIONS FROM THE ESRI:

- Lunn, P. & D. Robertson (2019) *The position of calories on menus influences how much people*

***eat*, ESRI Research Bulletin.**

- Walsh, B. et al. (2019) *An analysis of the effects on Irish hospital care of the supply of care*

***inside and outside the hospital*. ESRI Research Series.**

For details on any of the above ESRI publications and a comprehensive list of all recent ESRI publications please see www.esri.ie

UPCOMING/RECENT PUBLICATIONS FROM THE POLICY PRESS (UK)

• *Parents, Poverty and the State: 20 Years of Evolving Family Policy*. Naomi Eisenstadt and Carey Oppenheim explore the radical changes in public attitudes and public policy concerning parents and parenting. Drawing on research and their extensive experience of working at senior levels of government, the authors challenge expectations about what parenting policy on its own can deliver. They argue convincingly that a more joined-up approach is needed to improve outcomes for children: both reducing child poverty and improving parental capacity by providing better support systems. This is vital reading for policymakers at central and local government level as well as those campaigning for the rights of children.

- *The Divisive State of Social Policy: The Bedroom Tax, Austerity and Housing Insecurity.* The 'Bedroom Tax' has been one of the most contentious aspects of the UK government's austerity politics. In this book, Kelly Bogue provides an authoritative assessment of its social impacts. The Divisive State of Social Policy traces the links between housing resources and societal tensions by looking closely at one housing estate. The book explores issues related to Housing Benefit reform, including housing precarity, poverty and damage to social networks. This is a vivid picture of the sharp end of austerity politics and welfare reform, and it gets to the heart of the meanings of home and community in the UK today.

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

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4. CAREERS IN SOCIAL POLICY

SOCIAL INNOVATION FUND: SOCIAL IMPACT EXECUTIVE AND SOCIAL IMPACT INTERN

Can you combine the skills and disciplines of business with the creativity and passion of the non-profit sector? If so, you could be the perfect fit!

We at Social Innovation Fund Ireland are now hiring for a Galway based Social Impact Executive and a Dublin based Social Impact Intern to join our team.

You might have a business, engineering, health science or a philosophy degree...but you are committed to social impact and have tremendous analytical and people skills.

To learn more about these roles visit <http://www.socialinnovation.ie/careers/>

The deadline for applications is Tuesday, October 1st, 2019 at 9 am.

SAMARITANS: POLICY OFFICER

Samaritans is looking to recruit a part-time Policy Officer to work with our Executive Director for Ireland. The post is a great opportunity to contribute to the work of Samaritans in Ireland.

- Dublin, Ireland
- Permanent, part time (28 hours)
- Salary: €35,000 (€ 43,750 FTE)

About The role/person

Samaritans Ireland are looking for a self-starting individual with a track record in policy and public affairs work. Our preference is for someone who has honed their skills in an advocacy or "real time" environment, capable of providing quality policy and influencing work that can be encapsulated into a succinct message. The successful candidate will be responsible for supporting the work of Samaritans by raising awareness of the issue of suicide, and those associated factors that increase risk, such as deprivation, gender and age.

The successful candidate will require:

- Experience of working in a policy or public affairs environment, with the ability to communicate at all levels a desire for change within and outside our organisation.
- The ability to build and maintain positive relationships with key stakeholders.
- The ability to influence public policy by working with national and local government in Ireland, with other organisations, and with colleagues in the UK.

- Insight into a policy or public affairs issue or organisation, and how to use influence for success.

This is a new part-time post (4 days per week), subject to continued funding, and will require some limited travel to Samaritans Central Charity office in the UK.

About Samaritans

At Samaritans, our vision is that fewer people die by suicide. We believe it is preventable and that by working together we can give people the support they need before they reach crisis point. We are one of the most trusted charities in the UK and ROI, and we answer a call for help every six seconds. We have around 175 staff and more than 20,000 volunteers based across 201 branches giving emotional support 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. We don't just hear you, we listen.

As an employer we offer a good range of benefits, including 25 days' holiday, 3 wellbeing days, Pension and interest-free season ticket loans.

To apply

Please download and read the full job description, post benefits form and application form below. Completed application forms should be emailed to recruitment@samaritans.org no later than **9.00am on 14th October 2019**. First interviews will be held on 1st November 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

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 received one week before publication**

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 ISPA Committee for 2019-2020 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/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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