

IRISH SOCIAL POLICY ASSOCIATION E- NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to the fourth edition of the Irish Social Policy Association (ISPA) e-newsletter. The newsletter is a new development for the association and will be published four times a year. We hope that it will serve as a way to highlight 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 fourth e-Newsletter of the Irish Social Policy Association. There will be four e-newsletters throughout the year. The following are the scheduled dates when 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 PLEASE NOTE: the closing date for receipt of submissions is the first day of the month of the next issue.

2. ISPA AGM and Lecture 2007

The ISPA AGM and Lecture took place on Monday 2nd April 2007. The theme of this year's event was Migrant Care Workers: Experiences in Ireland's Formal and Informal Economy.

Speaker 1: Dr. Virpi Timonen (Director of SPARC, TCD)

Speaker 2: Imelda Browne (Director of Nursing, Cherry Orchard Hospital)

Copies of the presentations will be available to download soon from the ISPA website

www.ispa.ie

3. UPCOMING EVENTS

• UPCOMING CONFERENCES

JOINT EQUALITY AUTHORITY, DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND SCIENCE, AND THE DEPARTMENT OF ENTERPRISE, TRADE AND EMPLOYMENT NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Conference theme: Promoting Equality and Accommodating Diversity in the Vocational/ Further Education Sector

Venue: Royal College of Physicians, Kildare Street, Dublin 2

Date: 22nd November 2007

For more information please contact: www.equality.ie

THE IRISH LONGITUDINAL STUDY OF AGEING (TILDA)/ ACTIVE SOCIAL POLICES EUROPEAN NETWORK (ASPEN) JOINT CONFERENCE

Conference title: Active Ageing and Labour Market Trajectories

Venue: University of Dublin, Trinity College

Date: 25th June 2007

For further information please contact:

www.tilda.ie/conference.html or www.aspen.fss.uu.nl/en/announcements.php

- **UPCOMING PRESENTATIONS/ PAPERS**

AGEING RESEARCH, TRINITY COLLEGE DUBLIN INTERNATIONAL GUEST SPEAKER SEMINAR SERIES

Paper Title: An Economic Perspective on Informal Care giving

Presenter: Professor Ulrike Schneider, Vienna University of Economics and Business Administration, Institute for Social Policy and Research Institute for the Economics of Ageing.

Date: Wednesday, 30th May

Venue: Room 2041A (Swift Lecture Theatre), 5.15 pm

For further details or if you wish to attend, please email ageing.research@tcd.ie

COMBAT POVERTY AGENCY RESEARCH SEMINAR SERIES

Throughout the year the CPA runs a series of lunchtime seminars which provide an informal forum to discuss poverty-related research, either supported by Combat Poverty or undertaken on an independent basis. The CPA research seminars are open to all and will take place in the Boardroom of the Combat Poverty Agency. They last for 90 minutes, over lunchtime (12.30pm-2pm). Tea/coffee and sandwiches are provided. **Prior notification of attendance is essential for administrative purposes.** Contact the Research Administrator at 01 6026633 or email research@combatpoverty.ie to reserve a place.

The following seminars are scheduled over the coming weeks:

Paper title: The Experience of the Civil Debtor in the Legal Process and Experience of Imprisonment

Presenter: Paul Joyce, Free Legal Advice Centre

Date: Wednesday, 23rd May

Venue: CPA Boardroom, 12.30-2pm

Paper title: The Cost of a Child

Presenter: Eoghan Garvey, Eithne Murphy and Paul Oslyoka, Department of Economics, NUI Galway

Date: Tuesday, 5th June

Venue: CPA Boardroom, 12.30-2pm

- **UPCOMING CAMPAIGNS**

NDA ANNUAL RESEARCH CONFERENCE: CALL FOR PAPERS

The National Disability Authority (NDA) will host its 6th Annual Disability Research Conference

Venue: O'Reilly Hall University College Dublin

Date: Wednesday 14th November 2007.

Conference Theme: 'Evidence Based Practice in Early Intervention for Children with Disabilities Aged 0-6'.

Call for Abstracts for Research Papers: with a particular focus on one or more of the follow areas of Early Intervention: Health, Education, Social and Family Services. No more than 300 words describing: the context and aims/research questions, methodology and sampling strategies (including size), key findings and any outcomes and applications. Applicants must also submit a full CV with a list of relevant publications.

Abstracts and CVs should be submitted by e-mail only to Ms. Emma Doyle edoyle@nda.ie, no later than 5pm on Wednesday 30th May 2007

RECENT AWARDS

Basic Income Studies and the USBIG Network announced the winner of the 2007 Basic Income Studies Essay Prize at the Sixth Congress of the USBIG Network in New York in February, 2007. The award is designed to encourage research on basic income and related policies.

The prize essay was written by an ISPA postgraduate member, Laura Bambrick of Oxford University, and was entitled, 'A Big Response to Wollstonecraft's Dilemma'. The winning essay will be published in an upcoming issue of the Basic Income Studies Journal.

If you have a submission or suggestion on any upcoming events, seminars, presentations or conferences and would like them to be included in a future edition, please email newsletter@ispa.ie

4. RECENT PUBLICATIONS

- Royal Irish Academy Report: Advancing Humanities and Social Science in Research in Ireland: a report by the Royal Irish Academy

The report can be downloaded from www.ria.ie

- NESF Report 34: *Improving the Delivery of Quality Public Services*

The report can be downloaded from www.nesf.ie

- CORI Justice (2007) *Addressing Inequality – 2007 Socio-Economic Review*. Dublin: CORI Justice.

A copy of this report can be downloaded from www.cori.ie/justice

- Drew, Eileen (2007) *Facing Extinction? Why Men Are Not Attracted to Primary Teaching*.
- Aisbett, C. et al (2007) *Measuring Hospital Case Mix: Evaluation of Alternative Approaches for the Irish Hospital System*. ESRI Working Papers 192

The working paper can be downloaded from www.esri.ie

- Russell, H. et al (2007) *The Impact of Flexible Working Arrangements on Work-Life Conflict and Work Pressure in Ireland*. Working Papers 189

The working paper can be downloaded from www.esri.ie

- Recent Publications from The Policy Press (UK):
'Pensions' by Michael Hill provides a much-needed introductory guide to the issues surrounding pension policy and offers a critique of some of the dominant ideas and assumptions.

'*Critical perspectives on ageing societies*', edited by Miriam Bernard and Thomas Scharf. This book brings together some of the best known international scholars working within a critical gerontology perspective to review and update our understanding of how the field has developed over the last twenty-five years.

'*Growing up with risk*', edited by Betsy Thom, Rosemary Sales and Jenny Pearce, provides a critical analysis of ways in which risk assessment and management are defined and applied in policy, theory and practice in relation to children and young people.

'*Gendering citizenship in Western Europe*', collectively written by Ruth Lister, Fiona Williams, Anneli Anttonen, Jet Bussemaker, Ute Gerhard, Jacqueline Heinen, Stina

Johansson, Arnlaug Leira, Birte Siim, Constanza Tobio and Anna Gavanoas, explores a key concept in contemporary European political, policy and academic debates and demonstrates the value of a multi-level conceptualisation of citizenship.

'*Understanding the mixed economy of welfare*' edited by Martin Powell.

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

If you wish to have a recently published book/paper listed in this section of future newsletters please e-mail details formatted as above to newsletter@ispa.ie

5. POSTGRADUATE INFORMATION/NEWS

ISPA POSTGRADUATE CONFERENCE 2007

The Third ISPA Postgraduate Conference will be held during July 2007. It is an opportunity for postgraduate students to present a piece of their work to their peers. If you are a postgraduate student we would be delighted if you would consider presenting your work at our conference. Whether it is the literature review of your Masters thesis or the data analysis of your PhD all papers are welcome. This conference is organised by students for students and will be an opportunity to present your work in front of your peers.

Venue: University College Dublin

Date: 20th July 2007

Please register your interest as soon as possible as there are a limited number of places available. A small travel subsidy is available for people travelling.

Closing date submission of abstract: Monday 28th May 2007, email Rebekah Fozzard, at: postgrad@ispa.ie or rebekah.Fozzard@ucd.ie

6. CAREERS IN SOCIAL POLICY

NATIONAL BEHAVIOUR SUPPORT SERVICE (NBSS) RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

The Research and Development Officer will work as part of a multidisciplinary professional team led by a National Co-ordinator. He/she will provide research support to inform the ongoing development of the NBSS.

Application forms and job description are available on the NBSS website: www.nbss.ie and from Navan Education Centre, Athlumney, Navan, Co Meath. Tel: 046 9067040; Fax: 046 9067065; Email: amcdonnell@ecnavan.ie.

Completed application forms should reach Navan Education Centre by 5pm on Thursday, 31st May

COMHLAMH: DIRECTOR

He/She will be responsible for the strategic, operational and financial management of Comhlámh, will provide leadership and support to its staff and members, and will drive the organisation's mission under its strategic plan.

The Person: An enthusiastic and experienced manager with a track record of achievement, who has excellent interpersonal and communication skills, sound financial and strategic abilities, the leadership skills to inspire a highly motivated team, and a commitment to the core values of the organisation.

To apply, send CV and cover letter to recruitment@comhlamh.org no later than 4 pm on 8 June, 2007.

A full job description is available on request by calling 01 4783490 or by emailing recruitment@comhlamh.org.

ESRI: RESEARCH ANALYST

There is an immediate vacancy for a research analyst to join a busy team working on a number of major national and European social surveys.

Requirements – third level qualification in social science or equivalent with excellent quantitative skills and fully proficient in SPSS. A post graduate qualification in statistics or quantitative methods would be an advantage.

The appointment will be initially on a one-year contract to cover a maternity leave vacancy.

Please send CV and covering letter to personnel@esri.ie

GENERAL CAREERS INFORMATION

The following websites are a good source of information on career opportunities in the social policy and research/social policy related area:

www.activelink.ie/ce

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

7. EITHNE MCLAUGHLIN

The ISPA was sorry to hear of the recent death of Professor Eithne McLaughlin, Professor of Social Policy at Queen's University, Belfast. Eithne was a major figure in the Irish Social Policy arena, making many significant contributions throughout her all too short career. Her passing was marked at the recent ISPA AGM and the association will contribute to an event to mark her passing in the near future.

8. CONTACTING THE ISPA

The following are the contact details of the association. We strongly encourage communication by e-mail.

ISPA Secretary Micheál Collins: secretary@ispa.ie

Newsletter: newsletter@ispa.ie

Conference: conference@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 1st May 2007.

9. MEMBERSHIP OF ISPA

Membership of the Association is open to all individuals and organisations with an interest in the analysis and development of social policy.

The benefits of membership include notification of events organised by ISPA, copies of papers, reduced subscription to ISPA seminars and events, and entitlement to vote in Committee elections.

Membership of ISPA currently includes individuals from voluntary and community groups, academic departments, government departments, local authorities, health boards, research institutes, as well as employer and trade union organisations.

Current corporate members include:

Aontas
Economic and Social Research Institute (ESRI)
Focus Ireland
Irish Business and Employers' Confederation (IBEC)
National Council on Ageing and Older People
National Economic and Social Forum (NESF)
Society of St Vincent de Paul
The Salvation Army
WRC Social and Economic Consultants

ISPA welcomes suggestions for events and seminars from members. If you would like to be more involved in organising ISPA events or if your organisation is interested in hosting events in conjunction with ISPA, please contact the ISPA secretary at secretary@ispa.ie or contact one of the Committee members.

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 Micheál Collins at secretary@ispa.ie

10. 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 endeavors 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

Following the recent AGM (April 2007) the current ISPA committee are: Tony McCashin (Chairman), Claude Delaney (Vice Chairman), Micheál Collins (Secretary), David Getty (RIA Officer), Eithne Fitzgerald (Treasurer), Ann Stokes (Newsletter Officer), Rebekah Fozzard (Postgraduate Officer), Jill Barry, Padraig Rehill, Geoffrey Cook, Robin Hanan, Anne McManus, Caroline Corr, Sarah Craig, Mary Quinn, Frank Mills, Ciara O'Dwyer.

11. JOINING/LEAVING THE ISPA MAILING LIST

If you wish to have your details added to the ISPA mailing please e-mail the following address with the word “ADD” in the subject line: mailinglist@ispa.ie

To have your details removed from the ISPA mailing please e-mail the following address with the word “REMOVE” in the subject line: mailinglist@ispa.ie

The ISPA updates our mailing list approximately once every six weeks.

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