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Welcome to the 45th 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 45th 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

Climate Change and Behaviour: Future Directions for Irish Public Policy

(Tackling Climate Change for a Sustainable Future)

Date: Thursday 1st March 2018
Location: Carmelite Community Centre, Aungier Street, Dublin 2.
Time: ISPA 2018 AGM at 6:00pm, followed by Seminar at 7:00pm

Seminar

Ireland is one of the few EU countries set to fail to meet its commitment to reduce emissions by 20% by 2020. The Climate Change Advisory Council, under the

Chairmanship of Prof John Fitzgerald, reported to the Citizens' Assembly in November 2017. The Council advised that Ireland needs to take urgent action to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in order to meet the 2030 targets and offered a number of recommendations, which will be discussed at this seminar.

Behavioural change is key to achieving Ireland's climate change targets. The role of public and social policy in initiating these changes however, remains unclear. This seminar will examine the rapidly growing body of research on sustainable consumption behaviour to inform a discussion on the approaches available to Government to implement the Advisory Council recommendations.

Speakers:

Prof John Fitzgerald – *Chairman of the Climate Change Advisory Council*

Dr Vivienne Byers - *Senior Lecturer of Health Policy & Management, DIT.*

Dr. Alan Gilmer - *Lecturer, Environmental Sustainability & Health Institute, DIT.*

Registration: The seminar is free to ISPA members. A cover charge of €5 will apply to all non-ISPA members. To register your interest in attending please contact the ISPA Secretary, Marcella McGovern at secretary@ispa.ie.

Annual General Meeting - 6pm

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.

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

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**

CLONDALKIN DRUG AND ALCOHOL TASK FORCE CONFERENCE

Theme: Reclaiming Community Development as an Effective Response to Drug Harms, Policy Harms, Poverty and inequality

Date: 1st March 2018

Venue: Louis Fitzgerald Hotel, Naas Rd, D22 X5N7 Newlands Cross

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

BLANCHARDSTOWN EUROPE DIRECT CENTRE CONFERENCE

Theme: A Century of Challenge and Change: The conference will celebrate the centenary of Irish women winning the right to vote in 1918 and aims to raise awareness of the role of politics, power and gender in everyday life.

Speakers: Mary McAuliffe, UCD; Diarmaid Ferriter, UCD; Theresa Reidy, UCC; Louise Bunyan, Smartfox; Senator Ivana Bacik, Vótáil 100 Committee; Ciarín de Buis, Women for Election; Moderated by Orla O'Connor Director of the National Women's Council of Ireland

Date: 13th March 2017

Venue: Castleknock Hotel

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

- **UPCOMING SEMINARS/ LECTURES**

TASC SEMINAR SERIES

Theme: The Housing Crisis and Precarious Workers

Speakers: Dr Alicja Bobek (FEPS TASC Researcher) and Dr Michael Byrne (UCD School of Social Policy, Social Work and Social Justice)

Date: 4pm, 8th March 2018

Venue: The Teachers' Club, 36 Parnell Square West, Dublin 1

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

Theme: Health Inequality and Precarious Workers

Speakers: Dr Sinead Pembroke (TASC), Dr Sheelah Connolly (ESRI) and a precarious worker (TBC)

Date: 4pm, 22nd March 2018

Venue: The Teachers' Club, 36 Parnell Square West, Dublin 1

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

NERI SEMINAR SERIES

Theme: Ireland's Private Pension System: the gender dimension

Speaker: Laurie Macfarlane, Economics Editor at openDemocracy and an Associate Fellow at the Institute for Innovation and Public Purpose at University College London.

Date: 3.30pm, 22nd March 2018

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

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

Theme: Rethinking the Economics of Land and Housing

Speaker: Dr Micheál Collins, Assistant Professor of Social Policy at School of Social Policy, Social Work and Social Justice, UCD

Date: 4pm, 28th Feb 2018

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

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

ESRI SEMINAR SERIES

Theme: On the Rapidity of Ireland's Recovery

Speakers: Frank Barry, Professor of International Business and Economic Development, Trinity College Dublin and Adele Bergin, Senior Research Officer, ESRI

Date: 4pm, 22nd Feb 2018

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

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

Theme: Freelancing – The New Entrepreneurship

Speakers: Andrew Burke, Chair of Business Studies & Dean of Trinity Business School

Date: 4pm, 15th March 2018

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

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

EMN IRELAND/ESRI SEMINAR

Theme: Managing Labour Migration for Lower Skilled Jobs

Speaker: Jonathan Chaloff, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)

Date: 9-10.30am, 26th Feb 2018

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

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

JOINT ESRI/UCD RESEARCH SEMINAR

Theme: The origins of firm heterogeneity: A production network approach

Speaker: Professor Kalina Manova, Department of Economics, University College London

Date: 4pm, 26th April 2018

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

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

NATIONAL WOMEN'S COUNCIL OF IRELAND SEMINAR

Theme: NWC Members and Friends Meetings on Women in Rural Communities

Date: 28th February 10.30am - 3pm

Venue: Longford Women's Link, Willow House, Ardnacassa Ave, Longford

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

FOCUS IRELAND/TCD SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK AND SOCIAL POLICY LUNCHTIME TALKS

Theme: Results from the Summary of Social Housing Assessments

Speaker: Daragh McCarthy, Researcher at the Housing Agency

Date: 1-2pm, 21st Feb 2018

Venue: Focus Ireland, The Chapel, George's Hill, Halston Street, Dublin 7

Other details: Please see www.focusireland.ie

Theme: Public Health & Homelessness - Two Papers on Hospital Use and Self-Harm among the Chronic Homeless Population

Speakers: Dr Clóna Ní Cheallaigh (TCD) and Dr Peter Barrett (UCC)

Date: 1-2pm, 14th March 2018

Venue: Focus Ireland, The Chapel, George's Hill, Halston Street, Dublin 7

Other details: Please see www.focusireland.ie

SCHOOL OF SOCIAL POLICY, SOCIAL WORK AND SOCIAL JUSTICE UCD IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE BALLYMUN YOUTH ACTION PROJECT PUBLIC LECTURE

Theme: Drug Safety Testing: How do we measure success?

Speaker: Professor Fiona Measham

Date: 2.30pm, 5th March 2018

Venue: Wood Quay Venue, Dublin City Council Civic Offices, Wood Quay, Dublin 8

Other details: Please see www.ucd.ie/socialpolicyworkjustice.ie

SOCIAL RESEARCH IRELAND COURSE

Theme: Writing for Publications

Speaker: Dr. Helen Kara

Date: 13th March 2018

Venue: the Teachers Club, 36 Parnell Square West Dublin 1

Other details: This course will explore the different routes to publication and examine the pros and cons of these different types of publications. The cost for this course is 200 Euro, which also includes annual membership to SRA Ireland. For further details please see www.the-sra.org.uk/home/sra-ireland/

- CALL FOR PAPERS

Call for Papers: 6th Annual NERI Labour Market Conference

The sixth Annual NERI Labour Market Conference will be held on Tuesday 22nd May in association with NUI Galway's Whitaker Institute [external link](#) [external link](#). The conference will run from 10:00 - 16:15 (followed by a reception until 16:45) and will include research papers on various aspects of the Irish labour market and Irish labour market policy. The venue will be the Moyola Building, NUI Galway.

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, policy makers and labour market practitioners are invited for this forthcoming conference. Those interested should submit a title and brief abstract (max 400 words) to tom.mcdonnell@nerinstitute.net

Possible topics include but are not limited to any part of the following thematic areas: Employment, Unemployment and Labour Market Transitions (Migration, Age, Gender); Earnings, Labour Costs and Affordability; Productivity, Growth and Human Capital; Precariousness, Low Pay, Working Conditions and Job Quality; Labour Market Participation and Activation, Demographics and Labour Supply; Labour Market Institutions: Minimum/Living Wages, Collective Bargaining, Workplace Regimes; Distribution and Labour Market Inequalities, Fiscal Policy and the Labour Market; Pensions and Pensions Policy

Submission Deadline: 13th April, 2018. The conference is free to attend and open to all interested. Please see www.nerinstitute.net for further details.

- UPCOMING REPORT LAUNCHES

Care Alliance Ireland: Launch of New Booklet / Resource - The Way Ahead - A Resource to support Former Family Carers

Date: Tuesday, 6 March 2018 from 11:00 to 12:45 (GMT)

Venue: The Richmond Room, The Carmichael Centre, North Brunswick Street, Dublin 7

Other details: To book your place go to Eventbrite: <http://bit.ly/2FFQf3s>

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

- Nugent, C. (2018) *The Affordability of Childcare in Ireland - measuring Regional Disparities*. A PDF copy of the report is available to download from www.nerinstitute.net
- Nugent, C. (2018) *Wage sufficiency in the context of the Irish Housing Emergency - Rents and access to homeownership*. A PDF copy of the report is available to download from www.nerinstitute.net
- Wilson, L. (2018) *Public service employment & security*. A PDF copy of the report is available to download from www.nerinstitute.net
- NDA (2017) *National Survey on Attitudes to Disability in Ireland, 2017*. A PDF copy of the report is available to download from www.nda.ie

RECENT PUBLICATIONS FROM THE ESRI:

- Banks, J. & S. McCoy (2018) *Segregation in an era of inclusion? The role of special classes in Irish mainstream schools: ESRI Research Bulletin*.
- Hyland, M. & V. Bertsch (2018) *Compensating communities to reduce resistance to energy infrastructure development: ESRI Research Bulletin*.
- Watson, D., B. Maître, R. Grotti & C.T. Whelan (2018) *Poverty dynamics of social risk groups in the EU: an analysis of the EU Statistics on Income and Living Conditions, 2005 to 2014*.

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)

- *Poverty, inequality and social work: The impact of neo-liberalism and austerity politics on welfare provision* by Ian Cummins. This book offers a critical, sociological analysis of the domino effect of neoliberalism and austerity politics on the role of social work and wider welfare provision. It argues that social work should move away from the resultant emphasis on risk management and bureaucracy, and return to a focus on relational and community approaches as the cornerstone of practice.
- *The New Dynamics of Ageing Volume 1*, Edited by Alan Walker. This volume and its companion, *The new dynamics of ageing volume 2*, provide

comprehensive multi-disciplinary overviews of the very latest research on ageing. It reports the outcomes of the most concerted investigation ever undertaken into both the influence shaping the changing nature of ageing and its consequences for individuals and society. This book concentrates on three major themes: active ageing, design for ageing well and the relationship between ageing and socio-economic development. Each chapter provides a state of the art topic summary as well as reporting the essential research findings from New Dynamics of Ageing research projects. There is a strong emphasis on the practical implications of ageing and how evidence-based policies, practices and new products can produce individual and societal benefits.

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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

GENIO: PROGRAMME MANAGER – DEMENTIA

This role will suit a people person with outstanding facilitation and change management skills who thrives in a fast-paced, flexible environment. As Programme Manager for Dementia you will play an integral role as part of the Genio Dementia Programme team, working closely with the HSE and individuals and teams across the country, to support the implementation of personalised supports for people with dementia. You will help implement the rollout and personalisation of Dementia Specific Intensive Homecare Packages through significant engagement with stakeholders. In addition, you will play a leading role in designing proposals for future development, which build on the significant progress made to date. You will also contribute to the development of shared learning opportunities and engagement with dementia-related initiatives.

This is a part-time position based in Dublin, with some travel and flexibility required. Competitive salary and benefits. Applications through the Genio website only. For further details, job specification and application form, go to: www.genio.ie/careers

Closing date for applications is 5pm, Friday, 2nd March 2018

UNICEF IRELAND: COMMUNICATION AND ADVOCACY OFFICER

UNICEF Ireland is hiring one full-time member of staff in the role of Advocacy & Communications Officer. You will work to create and roll out Communications and Advocacy campaigns and to support the day to day work of the Communications and Advocacy departments.

Main duties & responsibilities:

- Increase public's understanding of the work and aims of UNICEF, and of child rights.
- Maximise UNICEF's voice and the impact of its messages through continuous analysis of the child rights sector and a good understanding of how to generate public interest.
- Take proactive approach to delivering a calendar of innovative Advocacy/Comms activities to support the organisation in delivering on its 4-year Strategic Plan
- Project manage and deliver specific projects, as agreed
- Monitor and evaluate the impact and effectiveness of UI communications & advocacy
- Identify opportunities for grant funding and devise strategies to win such funding.

Person specification:

- Educated to degree level or alternative long-term work record of on-the-job learning.
- Minimum 3 years' relevant experience.
- An excellent communicator who listens well to colleagues and can deliver on their needs.
- Excellent writing and editing skills, including ability to write for the web.
- Understanding of social media platforms and the ability to message well using them.
- Experience using CMS platform (WordPress/Wix or similar).
- Ability to create and edit video an advantage.
- Photoshop experience an advantage.

Ideally, the successful candidate will be:

- Someone who has a deep interest in children's rights and who follows Irish & World news.
- A creative person who has a collaborative approach to working.
- We want loads of initiative, a proven ability to solve problems and a positive outlook.
- You should be obsessed with telling compelling stories in an engaging way.
- An adaptable person who handles change well, enjoys challenges, and can juggle priorities.

If you are interested in applying for this job you must be able to demonstrate research skills and an ability to evaluate and measure impacts through report writing. Your attention to detail must be exacting and you should place a high value on accuracy of information.

To apply: To apply for this role please email a CV and Cover Letter to aedin@unicef.ie by March 2nd March 2018.

INSTITUTE OF PUBLIC HEALTH: HEALTH INTERVENTIONS OFFICER – PHYSICAL ACTIVITY AND AGING

The Institute of Public Health in Ireland (IPH) promotes cooperation for public health on the island of Ireland.

Promoting physical activity has been identified as a key public health strategy to support healthy ageing. This post will focus, in particular, on the role of Health Professionals in advocating and advising on physical activity for older people and our ageing population.

IPH invites applications for this fixed-term post of Public Health Interventions Officer – Physical Activity and Ageing.

This post can be based in either our Belfast or Dublin offices and aims to help inform the identification and design of effective public health interventions to address physical activity and ageing and to effectively measure the outcomes of these interventions.

Please find a link at www.publichealth.ie/jobs to an application form, job description and personal specification for this post.

When completing the application form indicate how you meet all of the essential criteria and any of the desirable criteria.

Return the completed application form via email to Jobs@publichealth.ie before the deadline of 4.00 pm on Monday 26th February 2018. Please note that C.Vs are not accepted.

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
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5. CONTACTING THE ISPA

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

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 2017-2018 is as follows: Eoin Carroll (Chair), Nat O'Connor (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, Eithne Fitzgerald, Marie Keenan, Frank Mills, Pdraig Rehill and Justyna Szewczyk.

8. 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.

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

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