

IRISH SOCIAL POLICY ASSOCIATION

E-NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to the 31st 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 31st 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

Irish Social Policy Association Seminar

“Child Health Outcomes & Free GP Care: evidence and relevance”

27th May 2014 6.30 pm to 8:00 pm, hosted in [Dublin Institute of Technology, Aungier Street](#), Dublin 2

Speakers: Professor Richard Layte (ESRI) and Dr Sara Burke (Journalist/Policy Analyst)

The ISPA seminar will include two presentations followed by a questions and answers session.

The first from Professor Richard Layte (ESRI) will present evidence on child health outcomes in Ireland drawing on the finding of two recent research papers entitled *Socioeconomic Inequalities in Child Health in Ireland* and *Income-Related Inequity in the Use of GP Services: A Comparison of Ireland and Scotland*. The second presentation, from Sara Burke (journalist, broadcaster & policy analyst), will review the current policy proposals for free GP care for under-6s and examine the context and challenges associated with its adoption.

Cost: The seminar is free to ISPA members. A cover charge of €5 will apply to all non-ISPA members. Membership forms will be available on the night.

To register your interest in attending and for further details please contact the ISPA secretary, Eoin Carroll at secretary@ispa.ie

Irish Social Policy Association POSTGRADUATE CONFERENCE

Friday, July 11th 2014

CALL FOR PAPERS

The Irish Social Policy Association (ISPA) will host its annual Postgraduate Conference in the **UCD Geary Institute**, on Friday 11th July 2014. The conference is intended to provide a forum for postgraduate researchers in Social Policy and related academic fields.

We invite submissions of papers for presentation at this conference. Potential participants should submit a title and brief description (max. 100 words) of their topic by e-mail. These applications should be sent to the association's postgraduate officer, Marcella McGovern (marcella.mcGovern@ucdconnect.ie), by Friday 13th June 2014.

What type of paper should I submit?

Papers presented at this conference should deal with an Irish or international Social Policy issue. Submissions are welcomed from students at all stages of postgraduate research, from those who are in the early stages through to those who are close to completion.

Funding to cover travel costs is available

The ISPA will cover receipted travel expenses of up to €40 for any presenter travelling to the conference from a third-level college outside of Dublin. The organisers will be in contact with presenters to arrange this funding.

Conference fee

There is no conference fee.

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

1. UPCOMING CONFERENCES

NATIONAL CENTRE FOR THE PROTECTION OF OLDER PEOPLE CONFERENCE

Theme: World Elder Abuse Awareness Day

Date: 12th June 2014

Venue: Health Sciences Centre, UCD

Other Details: Please see www.ncpop.ie for further details

DEPARTMENT OF GEOGRAPHY, NIRSI & NETWORK ON POLITICS, POWER & SOCIETY NUI MAYNOOTH, JOINT CONFERENCE

Theme: Local Resistance, Global Crisis – Developing Communities of Solidarity and Left Politics for the 21st Century

Date: 13th-14th June 2014

Venue: NUI Maynooth

Other Details: To register email: rory.hearne@nuim.ie or geography@nuim.ie

BASIC INCOME IRELAND SUMMER FORUM

Date: Saturday 7th June, 1-5pm

Venue: Carmelite Community Centre, Aungier Street, Dublin 2

Other Details: Please see www.basicincomeireland.com for further details

DISABILITY FEDERATION OF IRELAND AGM, NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING AND SEMINAR

Seminar Theme: Regulation and keeping the focus on best outcomes for people with disabilities

Date: 28th May 2014

Venue: DIT, Kevin Street, Dublin 8

Other Details: Please see www.disability-federation.ie for further details

ESRI BUDGET 2015 PERSPECTIVES CONFERENCE

Date: 11th June 2014. 8.30am – 12.30pm

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

Other Details: Please see www.esri.ie for further details

• UPCOMING SEMINARS/ LECTURES

NEVIN ECONOMIC RESEARCH INSTITUTE ANNUAL DONAL NEVIN LECTURE

Theme: The Future of Banking in Europe and Ireland

Speaker: Dr Stephany Griffith-Jones

Date: 28th May 2014, 4pm

Venue: CiTi Group Building, IFSC, Dublin 1

Other Details: Please see www.nerininstitute.net/events for further details

NEVIN ECONOMIC RESEARCH INSTITUTE BELFAST SEMINARS

Theme: Earnings and Low Pay in Northern Ireland

Speaker: Paul McFlynn

Date: 4th June 2014, 4pm

Other Details: Please see www.nerinstitute.net/events for further details

SCHOOL OF NURSING AND MIDWIFERY, TCD PUBLIC LECTURE SEMINAR

Theme: Mental Health Stigma and Social Exclusion: Building on Successes

Speakers: Sorcha Lowry (See Change), Shari McDaid (Mental Health Reform), Caroline McGuigan (Suicide or Survive), Brian Keogh (Trinity College Dublin)

Date: 28th May 2014, 5.15pm

Venue: School of Nursing and Midwifery, TCD, D'Olier Street, Dublin 2

Other Details: Please see nursing-midwifery.tcd.ie/events-conferences/ for further details

FOCUS IRELAND AND THE SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK AND SOCIAL POLICY, TCD
MONTHLY LUNCHTIME TALKS

Theme: The Homelessness Oversight Group

Speaker: Mark Kennedy, Mazars

Date: 28th May 2014, 1 pm.

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

Other Details: Please see www.focusireland.ie for further details

ESRI – UCC ENERGY RESEARCH WORKSHOP

Date: 16th June 2014, 10am - 1pm.

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

Other Details: Please see www.esri.ie for further details

THE CHILDREN'S RESEARCH CENTRE AND THE SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK AND
SOCIAL POLICY PUBLIC LECTURE AND SYMPOSIUM

Theme: Food, families and health: critical perspectives

Speakers: Professor John Coveney, Professor in the Discipline of Public Health and Dean in the School of Medicine at Flinders University, Adelaide, South Australia; Dr Perry Share, Head

of Department of Social Sciences, Institute of Technology Sligo; Dr Lee Monaghan, Senior Lecturer in Department of Sociology, University of Limerick.

Date: 11th June 2014, 2 -4.30pm

Venue: Trinity Long Room Hub, Trinity College Dublin

Other Details: Please see www.socialwork-socialpolicy.tcd.ie for further details

- **UPCOMING LAUNCHS/ CAMPAIGNS**

JESUIT CENTRE FOR FAITH AND JUSTICE PUBLICATION

Title: Re-Imagining Imprisonment in Europe: Effects, Failures and the Future

Date: 5th June 2014 , 7pm

Venue: City Hall, Dublin

Other Details: Invite only, if you are interested in attending RSVP to Berna on info@icfj.ie; 01 855 6814 by 5pm 3rd June 2014. The book is available to purchase from www.theliffeypress.com, for further details on contributors and topics covered visit <http://www.icfj.ie/publications/penal-publications>

NATIONAL CARERS WEEK LAUNCH

Date: 10.30am – 12.30pm

Venue: TBC

Other Details: Launch of the Week, with Nuala Carey to speak as well as Family Carers. Refreshments to follow. By Invite Only. Media Welcome. Photo Opportunities with Nuala Carey. Please see www.carersweek.ie for further details.

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

IPRT (Costello, L) (2014) *Travellers in the Irish Prison System: A qualitative Study*.

Please see www.iprt.ie for further information on this publication

Nevin Economic Research Institute (2014) *Quarterly Economic Observer–Spring 2014*. A PDF copy of this publication is available to download from www.nerinstitute.net

Nevin Economic Research Institute (2014) *Quarterly Economic Facts –Spring 2014*. A PDF copy of this publication is available to download from www.nerinstitute.net

Collins, M. and D. McCarthy (2014) *Housing and Ireland's Economic Recovery, NERI Research inBrief*. A PDF copy of this publication is available to download from www.nerinstitute.net

O'Farrell, R. (2014) *An Overview of the Irish Labour Market. NERI Working Paper/ No. 15*. A PDF copy of this publication is available to download from www.nerinstitute.net

Department of Social Protection (2014) [Trends in Economic Stress and the Great Recession in Ireland: An Analysis of the CSO Survey on Income and Living Conditions \(SILC\)](#)

RECENT PUBLICATIONS FROM THE ESRI:

- [Russell, Helen / McGinnity, Frances / Kingston, Gillian. *Gender and the Quality of Work: From Boom to Recession*](#). The Equality Authority and the ESRI.
- [McGinnity, Frances / Russell, Helen / Watson, Dorothy / Kingston, Gillian / Kelly, Elish. *Winners and Losers? The Equality Impact of the Great Recession in Ireland*](#). The Equality Authority and the ESRI.
- [McGuinness, Seamus / Bergin, Adele / Kelly, Elish / McCoy, Selina / Smyth, Emer / Whelan, Adele / Banks, Joanne. *Further Education and Training in Ireland: Past, Present and Future*](#). ESRI Research Series 35.

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)

- [Austerity bites: A journey to the sharp end of cuts in the UK \(Mary O'Hara\)](#). This timely book by award-winning journalist Mary O'Hara chronicles the true impact of austerity on people at the sharp end of the cuts, based on her 12-month journey around the country as the most radical reforms were being rolled out in 2012 and 2013.
- [Key thinkers in childhood studies \(Carmel Smith, Sheila Greene\)](#). This book presents the perspectives of 22 leading figures involved in shaping the field of Childhood Studies over the last 30 years. They reflect on the changes that have taken place in the study of children and childhood, discuss ideas underpinning the field, examine current dilemmas and explore challenges for the future.

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

RESEARCH FELLOW/ ASSISTANT – TCD HEALTHCARE RESEARCHER (QUANTITATIVE)

This is an excellent opportunity for a quantitative researcher wishing to develop their skills and experience in a healthcare setting. The position is at present a part- time contract for a period of up to 12 months. The position will involve all aspects of implementation and running of the research partnership program. The post holder will work with a team of nurses and researchers

in conjunction with the Joint Research Working Group (St. James's Hospital & Trinity College Dublin)

Ideally, applicants will need to have knowledge of the hospital setting. Candidates should have some experience in managing projects, meeting tight deadlines and possess excellent written and oral communication skills. The candidates should be highly proficient in SPSS and have a good knowledge of database structure and programming. A PhD in an appropriate discipline is an advantage, but not essential. The post holder will be required to prepare draft reports and contribute to academic papers.

The successful applicant will be based at St James Hospital, Dublin 8 and the School of Nursing and Midwifery, Trinity College Dublin. He / She will have a dual reporting relationship to the Office of the Director of the Centre for Practice and Healthcare Innovation (CPHI) in the School of Nursing & Midwifery and the Office of the Director of Nursing at SJH. Salary for those with a PhD will be in line with the Irish Universities Association (IUA) pay scales for year 1 Post-Doctoral Fellows. For those without a PhD the salary will be on an IUA scale appropriate to their qualifications and experience.

Candidates are asked to submit a covering letter together with a full CV to include the names and contact details of 3 referees (email addresses if possible) together with a sample of recent written work via email to caroline.rooney@tcd.ie The closing date for receipt of applications is 12 noon on 28th May 2014.

IRISH FAMILY PLANNING ASSOCIATION PROJECT OFFICER

The IFPA project officer will support IFPA projects and the development of IFPA policy on sexual and reproductive health.

Key Objectives

- Carry out research in relation to sexual and reproductive health and rights in Ireland and internationally.
- Promote, monitor and evaluate the implementation of key IFPA projects.
- Prepare submissions, reports and briefing papers to funders and policy influencers. Work as part of IFPA team to ensure programmes, campaigns, projects and services are informed by best practice policy and research.

Main Tasks

Responsibilities

- Research, analyse and write policy briefing papers for diverse audiences.
- Produce articles, reports, submissions and best practice guides suitable for publication.
- Liaise with governmental and non-governmental agencies, and other stakeholders.

- Organise conferences, seminars and public events in support of IFPA strategic aims.
- Support the implementation of multiple long and short-term IFPA projects.
- Provide comprehensive and regular reports to donors and funders on progress of IFPA projects.

Person Specification Requirements

- A university degree in social sciences, humanities, health, education or other relevant fields.
- A track record and/or understanding of the development and delivery of reproductive and sexual health programmes.
- Knowledge, understanding and commitment to reproductive and sexual health rights within Ireland.
- Excellent spoken and written English.
- Ability to express clearly and concisely ideas and concepts in written and oral form; specific skills in report writing and briefings.
- Strong teamwork and interpersonal skills.
- Ability to take initiative and complete tasks in an autonomous manner.
- Ability to work to tight deadlines and manage a diverse range of tasks.

Contract Details

20 hours per week.

Two year contract subject to funding.

€12,000 to €14,000 depending on experience.

Applications

Applicants should send a curriculum vitae and application letter to Maeve Taylor, Senior Policy and Advocacy Officer (e-mail maeve@ifpa.ie; subject line: Project Officer), to be received by 5.00 p.m., Tuesday, 3rd June 2014.

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 e-mail.

ISPA Secretary Lorna Roe: 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

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 2013-2014 is as follows: Micheal Collins (Chair), Lorna Roe (Vice Chair), Frank Mills (Treasurer), Eoin Carroll (Secretary) Ann Stokes (Newsletter Officer), Marcella McGovern (Postgraduate Officer), Eamon Murphy (Website officer), Claude Delaney, Caroline Fahey, Eithne Fitzgerald, Tony McCashin, Geoffrey Cook, Pdraig Rehill, Catherine Anne Field, Vivienne Byers, Sarah Craig, Michelle Murphy, Martin Power.

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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