

IRISH SOCIAL POLICY ASSOCIATION

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Welcome to the 44th 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 44th 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 SEMINAR

Make Work Pay for People with Disabilities

Thursday, 23rd November 2017, 7:00 pm to 8:15 pm
Carmelite Community Centre, Aungier Street, Dublin 2.
Speakers: Frances Ruane and Eithne Fitzgerald

The aim of this Seminar is to facilitate a discussion of the key recommendations made to Government in the 'Make Work Pay for People with Disabilities' (2017) Report and to consider the policy implications for funding and implementing these recommendations. The seminar will consist of a presentation from Frances and Eithne with an opportunity for questions and debate.

Frances Ruane: Chair of the interdepartmental expert group responsible for the report) and Research Affiliate at the ESRI. Frances previously served as Director of the ESRI.

Eithne Fitzgerald: Formerly Head of Policy and Research at the National Disability Authority, was one of three independent experts who contributed to the production of the report.

This event is being hosted by the Irish Social Policy Association and the Irish Disability Studies Association. The seminar will consist of a presentation from Frances and Eithne with an opportunity for questions and debate. The seminar is free to ISPA and IDSA members. A cover charge of €5 will apply to all non-ISPA/IDSA members. ISAP Membership forms will be available on the night. To register your interest in attending please contact the ISPA Secretary, Marcella McGovern at secretary@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**

AONTAS CONFERENCE

Theme: CEN10: Sustaining Community Education

Date: 29th November 2017

Venue: Croke Park, Dublin City Centre

Other Details: For more information, please see aontas.force.com/aontasevent

CHILDRENS RESEARCH NETWORK RESEARCH CONFERENCE

Theme: Children and young people's participation

Date: 29th and 30th November 2017

Venue: Chartered Accountants House, Pearse Street, Dublin 2

Other Details: For more information, please see

<https://childrensresearchnetwork.org/conference>

EUROPEAN MIGRATION NETWORK CONFERENCE

Theme: Migrant family reunification: policy and practice

Date: 27th November 2017

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

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

HIV AND AGEING CONFERENCE

Date: 1st December 2017

Venue: The Ardilaun Hotel, Galway City

Other Details: The Conference will have a panel of Irish & International speakers including: Dr Andrea Holmes (Consultant Genitourinary Medicine & Infectious Disease, Bon Secours, Galway), Liz Martin (Author of 'Still Standing'), Dr Diarmuid O'Donovan (Senior Lecturer in Social & Preventive Medicine, Director of Public Health, HSE West), Chris O'Connor (Freelance Journalist), Dr Helen Tuite (UCH Galway, HIV & Infectious Disease Clinic) & Shaun Watson (Community based HIV

clinical nurse specialist (HIV Community Westminster). Chair of the UK National HIV Nurses Association (NHIVNA). Attendance is free - to book a place please visit www.eventbrite.ie call 091 566266 or e: info@aidswest.ie

- **UPCOMING SEMINARS/ LECTURES**

UCD SCHOOL OF EDUCATION RESEARCH FORUM

Theme: Solidarity in Ireland: Rhetoric or Reality? Research Forum

Date: 9.30am – 1pm, 29th November 2017

Venue: Carmelite Community Centre, Aungier Street, Dublin 2

Other details: For more details please see <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/solidarity-in-ireland-rhetoric-or-reality-research-forum-tickets-39181357495>

TRINITY CENTRE FOR URBAN AND REGIONAL STUDIES IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE JESUIT CENTRE FOR FAITH AND JUSTICE SYMPOSIUM

Theme: Housing in Ireland: Philosophy, Policies and Results

Date: 5-7pm, 29th November 2017

Venue: Joly Theatre, Hamilton Building, Westland Row Trinity College Dublin

Other details: Please email Margaret Burns (mburns@jcfj.ie) or P.J. Drudy (pdrudy@tcd.ie) for further information

IRISH OBSERVATORY ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN SEMINAR

Theme: 16 Days of Action Event: Women seeking justice - Prosecution for Violence Against Women

Speakers: Maria McDonald BL and Victims' Rights Advocate and Rebecca Coen, BL, Office of the DPP

Date: 10am-2pm, 8th December 2017

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

Other details: Please contact NWCi directly on 01-6790100 or jennyl@nwci.ie

- **UPCOMING REPORT LAUNCHES**

FOCUS IRELAND DOUBLE REPORT LAUNCH

Date: Wednesday 6th December 2017

Time: 10:30am – 12:30pm (tea & coffee available from 10am)

Venue: Georgian Suite, Buswells Hotel, Molesworth Street, Dublin 2

Other Details: The reports being launched are *'Finding a Home: Families' Journeys out of Homelessness'* by Dr Kathy Walsh and Brian Harvey & *'Keeping a Home: Preventing Families from Becoming Homeless'* by Neil Haran & Séan O'Siochrú. The findings of each report will be presented at this event followed by a chaired Q&A session. Please RSVP here to confirm attendance:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/5GMZBTS>

ESRI REPORT LAUNCH

Title: Poverty Transitions in Ireland

Date: 4pm, 7th December 2017

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

Other details: This event will take place to launch a new report titled *Poverty Transitions in Ireland* by Raffaele Grotti, Bertrand Maître, Dorothy Watson and Christopher T. Whelan. Please see www.esri.ie for further details on this event.

IDS-TILDA WAVE 3 REPORT LAUNCH

Title: IDS-TILDA Wave 3 Report: Health, Wellbeing and Social Inclusion

Date: 11am-1pm, 4th December 2017:

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

Other details: Professor Mary McCarron, Dean of the Faculty of Health Sciences, TCD, is to launch the Wave 3 Report: Health, Wellbeing and Social Inclusion: Ageing with an Intellectual Disability in Ireland, Evidence from the First Ten Years of The Intellectual Disability Supplement to The Irish Longitudinal Study on Ageing (IDS-TILDA). This is a free event, places are limited. Please reserve your ticket at:

www.eventbrite.ie... <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/ids-tilda-wave-3-report-launch-tickets-39217744329>

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

- Kelleher C. & J. O’Riordan (2017) *Post-Caregiving: Family carers’ experiences of cessation of the caring role: Implications for policy and practice*. Institute of Social Science in the 21st Century, UCC in collaboration with West Cork Carers Support Group, Family Carers Ireland and Care Alliance Ireland. A PDF copy of the report is available to download from www.carealliance.ie
- Nugent, C. (2017) *NERI Research inBrief: Wage Sufficiency in the context of Ireland’s Housing Emergency*. A PDF copy of the report is available to download from www.neriinstitute.net
- Goldrick-Kelly, P. (2017) *Taxation and Revenue Sufficiency in the Republic of Ireland*. A PDF copy of the report is available to download from www.neriinstitute.net
- NESC (2017) *Moving Towards the Circular Economy in Ireland: Council Report 144*. A PDF copy of the report is available to download from www.nesc.ie
- Care Alliance Ireland (2017) *Discussion Paper 7: Romancing the Carer - Intimate Relationship and Family Caring*. A PDF copy of the report is available to download from www.carealliance.ie

RECENT PUBLICATIONS FROM THE ESRI:

- Sheridan, A. (2017) *Annual policy report on migration and asylum 2016: Ireland: ESRI Survey and Statistical Report Series*.
- Banks, J., S. McCoy & D. Frawley (2017) *School-based friendships among students with special educational needs: ESRI Research Bulletin*.
- Growing up in Ireland Research Team (2017) *Growing up in Ireland Research Findings on 7/8 years olds (Series of reports published focusing on health and development, school and learning and socio-emotional development, relationships and play)*
- 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)

- *Reframing global social policy: Social investment for sustainable and inclusive growth* edited by Christopher Deeming and Paul Smyth. Christopher Deeming and Paul Smyth together with internationally renowned contributors propose that the merging of the 'social investment' and 'inclusive growth and development' agendas is forging an unprecedented global social policy framework. The book shows how these key ideas together with the environmental imperative of 'sustainability' are shaping a new global development agenda. This framework opens the way to a truly global social policy discipline making it essential reading for those working in social and public policy, politics, economics and development as well geographical and environmental sciences. In the spirit of the UN's Sustainability Goals, the book will assist all those seeking to forge a new policy consensus for the 21st century based on Social Investment for Inclusive Growth and Sustainable Development.
- *Community organising against racism 'Race', ethnicity and community development*, edited by Gary Craig. In this unique global collection, Gary Craig and his contributors blend theory and practice-based case studies to review how different community development approaches can empower minority ethnic communities to confront racism and overcome social, economic and political disadvantage. The book explores key questions about the empowerment and capacity-building of minority ethnic groups. Using case studies from across the 'developed' world, and in differing social and economic contexts, contributors explore these issues in working with asylum-seeker communities, addressing tensions between minorities and building alliances, in work with Gypsy, Roma and Traveller communities, and using arts-based approaches. The book will stimulate wider debates about the role of community development in relation to 'race' and ethnicity at a time when 'race' is being 'invisibilised' in public policy, and will be an invaluable resource for policy-makers, politicians, academics, and students from many disciplines.

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

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4. CAREERS IN SOCIAL POLICY

JIGSAW: RESEARCH AND EVALUATION OFFICER

Jigsaw's programme of research and evaluation aims to determine young people's mental health needs, assure quality programming, and assess outcomes. The Research and Evaluation Officer will have responsibility for supporting the research coordinator and the rest of the team in the implementation of Jigsaw's research and evaluation strategy. Applications are welcome from candidates holding a minimum of a bachelor's degree in psychology or social science with 2yrs+ experience in a research/evaluation based role.

This is a fixed purpose role with an initial contract of 6 months.

Closing dates for all applications is 1pm on the 30th November 2017

Full job description including benefits package is available from:
<https://www.jigsaw.ie/careers>

For further information, contact us on (01) 4727010 or recruitment@jigsaw.ie.

ONE FAMILY: SOCIAL POLICY ANALYST

One Family would like to recruit an experienced Social Policy Analyst to deliver a Practice to Policy response in line with our *Strategic Plan 2016-2018*. One Family is at the forefront of policy and research on issues relevant to one-parent families, those sharing parenting and families in transition; and associated areas including education, housing, poverty, family law, employment and others. We are regularly invited to participate in and contribute to expert panels at home and internationally. Please see www.onefamily.ie for further details.

Application Procedure:

A cover letter and CV addressing the required competencies should be emailed to Karen Kiernan, CEO, One Family at info@onefamily.ie.

Your application should be marked clearly One Family Social Policy Analyst

Closing date for applications is 5pm on Thursday 30 November 2017. First and second round interviews will be held on Tuesday 5 December and Friday 8 December 2017 respectively.

OMBUSMAN FOR CHILDREN'S OFFICE: PANEL OF RESEARCH AND POLICY SPECIALISTS – CHILDREN'S RIGHTS AND WELFARE

The Ombudsman for Children's Office (OCO) is an independent statutory body, which was established in 2004 under the Ombudsman for Children Act 2002 (as amended). The OCO has two core statutory roles:

- to promote the rights and welfare of children in Ireland
- to handle complaints made by or for children in relation to the administrative actions of public bodies, which have or may have adversely affected a child.

The OCO's role to promote children's rights and welfare comprises a range of statutory functions. Among these functions are:

- to advise on the development and coordination of policy relating to children
- to monitor and review the operation of legislation concerning matters that relate to children's rights and welfare
- to undertake, promote or publish research into any matters relating to children's rights and welfare
- to advise on any matter relating to children's rights and welfare, including the probable effect on children of any proposals for legislation.

In order to support the OCO in fulfilling these and other relevant statutory functions set out under the 2002 Act (as amended), the OCO is seeking to establish a panel of research and policy specialists on matters relating to children's rights and welfare, which will be drawn from applications received on foot of this notification.

The OCO envisages that this Panel will be in place for two years with an option to extend for an additional year. The OCO will draw on the Panel as necessary and appropriate during this period to support its commissioned research and policy work. Prospective applicants should note that in doing so the OCO will:

- act in accordance with rules governing public procurement
- decide, in its absolute discretion, which, if any, members of the Panel it will request quotes and/or proposals from in respect of a prospective piece of commissioned research or policy work.

Prospective applicants may also wish to note that inclusion on the Panel does not guarantee that an applicant will be offered work by the OCO during the period when the Panel is in place.

Applications for membership of the Panel

Applications for membership of the Panel must include the following information:

- a short curriculum vitae/institution profile
- a clear list of the applicant's principal and specific areas(s) of research/policy expertise (e.g. 'education – education for children with special needs')
- a list of any relevant publications or projects related to the applicant's specified area(s) of research/policy expertise, with particular reference to experience gained during the last 5 years
- the applicant's daily rate for the provision of services.

Applicants should have regard to the OCO's statutory functions when outlining their experience and demonstrate how their expertise can assist the OCO in fulfilling its statutory mandate.

Applications must be no longer than five pages.

Assessment criteria

Applications will be assessed using the following criteria:

- relevant qualifications
- relevant research/policy expertise
- the applicant's current daily rate for the provision of services.

Deadline for submission of applications

Applications from individuals/organisations wishing to be considered for inclusion on this Panel must be submitted by email to ocotenders@oco.ie no later than 12.00pm (midday) on Monday, 11 December 2017. The subject of the email should be marked 'Panel of Researchers and Policy Specialists'. Any application received after the deadline will not be considered.

ASSISTANT/ASSOCIATE PROFESSORSHIPS IN SOCIAL POLICY UCD

The School of Social Policy, Social Work and Social Justice at University College Dublin seeks to recruit one or more lecturer(s)/ assistant professor(s) or associate professor(s) in social policy.

The successful candidate(s) will join the School's team of innovative, energetic and highly research active social policy academics and have the opportunity to collaborate with colleagues working in the social work and social justice subject areas. S/he will contribute to further developing our record of social policy research, PhD student supervision and teaching on Ireland's oldest and largest social policy degree – the B.Soc.Sc (social policy and sociology) and on the Master of Public Policy (MPP) programme. Details of our School, research and programmes are available her: <https://www.ucd.ie/socialpolicyworkjustice/>

We are particularly interested in candidates with experience of researching and/or teaching in one or more of the following social policy fields:

- Irish social policy
- Comparative social policy
- Poverty and income maintenance policy
- Welfare state theory
- Family policy
- Social policy research
- Health policy
- Welfare State Futures
- Public economics/ welfare state economics.

These are permanent and pensionable posts and the appointments will be made on the following salary scales:

Lecturer/Assistant Professor (above the bar) Salary Scale: €51,807- €79,194 pa

Associate Professor Salary Scale: €66,155- €91,265 pa.

Details of how to apply are available here: <https://www.ucd.ie/workatucd/jobs/>

Job Ref : 009817

Application deadline: 8 Dec 2017

Interested candidates who have queries about the post should contact:

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Head of School
School of Social Policy, Social Work and Social Justice
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University College Dublin.
T: +353(1)7168203.
e: michelle.norris@ucd.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
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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, Padraig 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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