

IRISH SOCIAL POLICY ASSOCIATION

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Welcome to the 43rd 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 43rd 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

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**

YOUTH WORK IRELAND NATIONAL CONSENSUS CONFERENCE

Theme: Equality 17: Supporting young people to create a more equal world

Date: 21st October 2017

Venue: Royal Hospital Killmainham, Dublin City Centre

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

SOCIAL CARE IRELAND CONFERENCE

Theme: Disability, Sexuality and Relationships-Supporting service users to make choices

Date: 24th October 2017

Venue: Radisson Blu Hotel, Athlone, Co. Westmeath

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

SOCIAL JUSTICE IRELAND ANNUAL POLICY CONFERENCE

Theme: Society Matters

Date: 21st November 2017

Venue: Croke Park Conference Centre, Dublin 1

Other Details: A range of international and national speakers will address issues ranging from a new social contract, equality and society, sustainability and regional

issues. To register your interest please email conference@socialjustice.ie

GROWING UP IN IRELAND ANNUAL RESEARCH CONFERENCE

Date: 7th November 2017

Venue: Croke Park Conference Centre, Dublin 1

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

CHILDRENS RESEARCH NETWORK ANNUAL 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 www.childrensresearchnetwork.org

- **UPCOMING SEMINARS/ LECTURES**

SOCIAL JUSTICE IRELAND BUDGET ANALYSIS SEMINAR

Theme: Budget 2018 Analysis and Response

Date: 11am, 11th October 2017

Venue: Buswells Hotel, Dublin 2

Other details: For more details please see https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/budget-2018-analysis-and-response-tickets-37685756111?utm_source=eb_email&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=order_confirmation_email&utm_term=eventname&ref=eemailordconf

NERI POST BUDGET SEMINAR

Theme: Responses to Budget 2018

Date: 4pm, 18th October 2017

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

Other details: Please email info@nerinstitute.net to register

NERI 5TH ANNUAL DONAL NEVIN LECTURE

Theme: TBC

Speaker: Professor Jeremias Prassl, Associate Professor in Law; Fellow of Magdalen College, University of Oxford

Date: 5.30-7.30pm, 10th November 2017

Venue: CWU Conference Centre, Communications Workers Unions (CWU), William Norton House, 575-577 North Circular Road, Dublin 1

Other details: Please email info@nerinstitute.net to register

ESRI SEMINARS

Theme: Brexit: Implications for the UK, EU and globalization

Speaker: Thomas Sampson, The London School of Economics

Date: 28th September 2017, 4pm

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

Other details: Please see www.esri.ie

Theme: Mobility and the Lifetime Distributional Impact of Tax and Transfer Reforms

Speaker: Barra Roantree, Institute for Fiscal Studies

Date: 2nd November 2017, 4pm

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

Other details: Please see www.esri.ie

ANNUAL GEARY LECTURE

Theme: Precarious Lives: Insecurity, Exclusion and Well-Being in Advanced Capitalist Democracies

Speaker: Arne L. Kalleberg, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Date: 16th November 2017

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

Other details: Please see www.esri.ie

SOCIAL RESEARCH ASSOCIATION SEMINAR

Theme: Ethics and the Research Process

Speaker: Dr Helen Kara, author of *Research Ethics in the Real World* (Policy Press, forthcoming)

Date: 6pm, 24th October 2017

Venue: The Teachers Club, 36 Parnell Square W, Rotunda, Dublin 1

Other details: To register to attend please email Ireland.Events@the-sra.org.uk

SOCIAL RESEARCH ASSOCIATION TRAINING SEMINAR

Theme: Creative Research Methods

Speaker: Dr Helen Kara, author of *Research Ethics in the Real World* (Policy Press, forthcoming)

Date: 25th October 2017

Venue: Carmelite Centre, 56 Aungier Street, Dublin 2

Other details: To register to attend please email Ireland.Events@the-sra.org.uk

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

- Wilson L. (2017) *Decent Work in Northern Ireland: The challenge of insecurity and low pay*. NERI Research inBrief. A PDF copy of the report is available to download from www.nerinstitute.net
- Care Alliance Ireland (2017) *Trends in Family Caring in Ireland: Review of awareness, self-identification, official surveys and income supports*. A PDF copy of the report is available to download from www.carealliance.ie

RECENT PUBLICATIONS FROM THE ESRI:

- Savage. M. (2017) *Analysing the distributional impact of indirect taxes: a new approach for Ireland*. ESRI Research Bulletin.
- Arnold, S., S. Whelan & E. Quinn (2017) *Illegal employment of non-EU nationals in Ireland*. ESRI Research Bulletin.

- Sheridan. A. (2017) *Returning rejected asylum seekers: practices and challenges in Ireland*. ESRI Research Bulletin.

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)

- *Irish Social Policy: A Critical Introduction* (2nd edn) by Fiona Dukelow and Mairéad Considine. When the first edition of Irish Social Policy was published in 2009, Ireland's enduring economic crisis was only beginning to emerge. In the time since, nearly all areas of Irish social policy have been significantly affected, as policy makers have sought to combat the numerous, multifaceted social challenges posed by Ireland's economic downfall. Retaining the first edition's original structure and the same highly accessible style, this second edition of Irish Social Policy is fully updated and revised to reflect these dramatic shifts. Needs and risks associated with recession and economic precarity have escalated, while social services have simultaneously been forced to cope with significant cutbacks and restructuring. Changes in the landscape of policy making processes and policy drivers are also occurring, as are shifts in the politics and ideas underpinning Ireland's social policy. Particularly timely in light of these ongoing changes, this imperative book offers a comprehensive and in-depth introduction to social policy in the evolving Ireland of today. See more at: <http://policypress.co.uk/irish-social-policy>
- *Rethinking poverty: What makes a good society?* By Barry Knight. In our society, a wealthy minority flourish, while around one-fifth experience chronic poverty and many people on middle incomes fear for their futures. Social policy has failed to find answers to these problems and there is now a demand for a new narrative to enable us to escape from the crisis in our society. With the aim of ending poverty, this book argues that we need to start with the society we want, rather than framing poverty as a problem to be solved. It calls for a bold forward-looking social policy that addresses continuing austerity, under-resourced organisations and a lack of social solidarity. Based on a research programme carried out by the Webb Memorial Trust involving leading organisations, academics, community activists, children, and surveys of more than 12,000 people living in poverty, a key theme is power which shows that the way forward is to increase people's sense of agency in building the society that they want.
- *Ageing and globalisation* by Martin Hyde and Paul Higgs. Population ageing and globalisation represent two of the most radical social transformations that have occurred. This book provides, for the first time, an accessible overview of how they interact. Ageing has been conventionally framed within the boundaries of nation states, yet demographic changes, transmigration, financial globalization and the global media have rendered this perspective problematic. This much-needed book is the first to apply theories of globalisation to gerontology, including Appadurai's theory, allowing readers to understand the implications of growing older in a global age. This comprehensive introduction to globalisation for gerontologists is part of the Ageing in a Global Context series, published in association with the British Society of Gerontology. It will be of particular interest to advanced undergraduate and postgraduate students and academics in this area.

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.ieDISCLAIMER: 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

ACCESS TO JUSTICE INITIATIVE MANAGER CHILDRENS RIGHTS ALLIANCE

The Children's Rights Alliance is launching an Access to Justice Initiative as part of its new Strategic Plan 2017-2021. As part of this initiative we are recruiting a new Access to Justice Initiative Manager. This role will develop and implement a legal and information strategy on children and young people's legal entitlements. The post holder will also ensure the delivery of services to meet the purposes of the Initiative.

The successful candidate will have a legal background, excellent knowledge of children's rights and access to justice issues, good project management experience and experience in contracting services / training. This is a full-time, three-year temporary employment contract.

For a complete job description and further details, please visit our website: www.childrensrights.ie or send queries to jobs@childrensrights.ie

A letter of application, along with a CV should be sent to Tanya Ward, Chief Executive, Children's Rights Alliance, 7 Red Cow Lane, Dublin 7 or to: jobs@childrensrights.ie The deadline for receipt of applications is 12 noon, Friday, 29 September 2017.

HEAD OF POLICY NATIONAL WOMEN'S COUNCIL OF IRELAND

This is an exciting time for NWCI. Change is happening for women in Ireland and we would like you to be part of that. If you have a good understanding of women's equality, have experience in managing high performance teams, are a strong communicator and are interested in working with a leading national women's organisation, we want you!

We are looking for you to join the team based in Dublin. This post is for an initial 12 month period on a 5 day week.

The Head of Policy:

Will lead NWCI's policy team, advocacy work and support the overall strategic development of the organisation.

Application is by way of application form (3 hard copies) to Anne Gibney, NWCI, 100 North King Street, Dublin 7 which must address the person specification and responsibilities of the post applied for.

The deadline for receipt of application is 6th October 2017. Interview to take place week beginning 23rd October.

For more information about NWCI, visit our website at www.nwci.ie

LEGAL AND POLICY OFFICER FREE LEGAL ADVICE CENTRE

The primary purpose of this role is to undertake research and policy analysis and to implement FLAC's policy and campaigns, with a focus on Access to Justice, Human Rights, Civil Legal Aid and Social Welfare law and policy matters identified in the new strategic plan.

Requirements for this position

Qualifications: Essential

A Law Degree or equivalent

A Masters Degree in Human Rights or equivalent (desirable)

Experience: Essential

Three years' experience in a legal/ policy role

Experience in the area of human rights and access to justice

Experience of research and campaigns

Other:

A demonstrated commitment to human rights and social justice issues

Strong organisational, analytical, drafting, administrative and IT skills

Excellent communication and interpersonal skills

To apply for this position please send CV and covering letter setting out how you meet the criteria for this position by email to recruitment @[flac.ie](mailto:info@flac.ie) or post to FLAC, 13 Lower Dorset Street, Dublin 1 by Friday 6th October at 5pm. Interviews will take place during week commencing 16th October 2017. FLAC is an equal opportunities employer.

P: (01) 8873600; F: (01) 8745320; E: info@flac.ie W: www.flac.ie

- **Education/ Training**

SPHERE POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN POPULATION HEALTH AND HEALTH SERVICES RESEARCH

The SPHeRE (Structured Population and Health-services Research Education) Programme (formerly the HRB Scholars Programme) is proud to announce the launch of an innovative and ambitious SPHeRE Postgraduate Diploma in Population Health and Health Services Research (PHHSR).

This online Level 9 Diploma is targeted at, but not limited to, practising medical and allied healthcare professionals, social workers, health systems managers and researchers working across the health sector who wish to develop and build on existing expertise in population health and health services research.

It aims to provide students with the capacity to understand, commission and undertake population health and health services research. Students will be connected to an expanding multidisciplinary SPHeRE Network of PHHSR researchers and practitioners throughout the Irish

health system and after two years will hold an academic qualification that links and strengthens clinical, professional and management practice.

The Diploma is jointly awarded by the The Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland, Trinity College Dublin & University College Cork and is run part-time over 2 years, with three modules per year. Each module will be run over 8 weeks and incorporates online lectures, weekly online interaction with course providers and an end of module assignment.

Module 1: Perspectives on Population Health and Health Services Research

Module 2: Applied Research Methods

Module 3: Health Systems, Policy and Management

Module 4: Systematic Reviewing and Protocol Development

Module 5: Working with Health Information and Data

Module 6: Health Economics

Interested applicants are required to hold a Level 8 primary degree (or equivalent) in health, social science, statistics, economics or a related discipline*. It is recommended students have a modern computer, of no more than four years old and a wired or wireless broadband connection with minimum of 1Mb download speed. To apply, applicants should submit an online Expression of Interest [<https://form.jotformpro.com/7150444177796>].

For more information please go to: www.sphereprogramme.ie/drupal/?q=node/109 and if interested applicants have any queries, these should be directed to the SPHeRE team by emailing: spherediploma@rcsi.ie or calling: 01- 402 2724.

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.ieDISCLAIMER: 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 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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