

ISPA E-NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to the 54th 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 54th 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

Save the Date and register for our upcoming ISPA Seminar:

Social Cohesion in a time of pandemic.

Date: Wed 25th November 2020, 5.30pm

This event will take place on line via Zoom

The

registration link: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_sZND05n2TrG3soyX1BKt6A

Our speakers are:

Pete Lunn is the founder and head of the Behavioural Research Unit at the ESRI. His primary area of study is how people make decisions that affect their financial, environmental and health outcomes.

Paper: All in this together

At the beginning of the present pandemic, Pete was appointed to the Behavioural Change Subgroup of NPHET. His team have conducted multiple behavioural studies over the past six months designed to improve public communication about the virus and to support compliance with public health guidance.

Tony Fahey is Professor Emeritus of Social Policy in UCD. Before starting with UCD in 2007, he was with Economic and Social Research Institute. His research deals with a range of topics including the family, demography, housing, social equality and social change.

Paper: Is Ireland exceptionally cohesive?

Most of the main symptoms of political polarisation that have caused concern in many countries in the rich world in recent years are not present in Ireland. There is little or no organised anti-emigrant sentiment in politics, no right-wing religious extremism, no enduring political cleavages on 'moral' issues, and no anti-EU or anti-globalisation protest. Economic inequalities are present but the rise in income inequality found in many countries is absent and the sharp improvement in living standards that have occurred over the past two decades has been widely shared. Other softer indicators of social cohesion are more mixed. This talk considers these patterns and reflects on what they tell us about the level and nature of social cohesion in Ireland today.

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

UCD Geary Institute: The Sexual Exploitation Research Programme Webinar

SERP (Sexual Exploitation Research Programme) at UCD – is pleased to invite you to the

launch of our latest research:

Shifting the burden of criminality: An analysis of the Irish sex trade in the context of

prostitution law reform

Join our launch webinar: Thursday 19th November 2020, 11:00-12:00

To register for this Zoom webinar please visit: <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/127693026279>

Hosted by UCD's Geary Institute for Public Policy, this event is an opportunity to become more informed about Ireland's sex trade and will provide important insights into the impacts of recent legislative reform in this area. This original research shines a light on the experiences of women in prostitution in Ireland, the involvement of organised criminality in the operation of the sex trade, and policing and legislative responses. The research study is an essential new addition to the evidence base in this field and deconstructs many of the popular misrepresentations regarding the impacts of Ireland's prostitution legislation on those caught up in this exploitative trade.

Speakers: Dr Monica O'Connor and Ruth Breslin (co-authors), SERP

Chair: Associate Professor Ursula Barry, Gender Studies, School of Social Policy, Social Work and Social Justice, UCD

Respondent: Dr Marie Keenan, Associate Professor, School of Social Policy, Social Work and Social Justice, UCD

Places are limited - book early.

This research was funded by the Department of Justice and Equality under the Dormant Accounts Action Plan 2018, and was supported by the School of Social Policy, Social Work and Social Justice, UCD.

Invitation to Drinkaware Winter 2020 Research Briefing

Why don't we do what we know is good for us? How can we change that?

Date: 18th November 2020

Time: 11am – 12 noon

This event will take place online via Zoom

To mark Alcohol Awareness Week, please join us for our Winter 2020 Research Briefing that will take a look at the psychology of what stops people from retaining or acting on information that's good for them, the importance of breaking down these biases and listening, and the value of co-creating interventions to generate positive behaviour change.

At Drinkaware, we have consistent data through our Barometer series that shows awareness of the HSE low-risk weekly guidelines to be 2-3% which is at odds with the data that shows a rising interest in changing behaviour. For instance, 48% of women and 32% of men stated that they would follow HSE low-risk weekly guidelines if aware (Barometer 2020). During this event, we ask how to bridge the two critical gaps between knowledge-intention and intention-action, and how involving people in the change is a crucial step in the process. We are delighted to have lined up two speakers that will each deliver a 15-minute presentation that will then be followed by a Q&A session:

Talk title: How innate (confirmation, cognitive) biases and the environment we live in can stop us from retaining or digesting information and messages that are good for us

Speaker: Pdraig Walsh, Behavioural Psychologist, Director ChangeAble Behaviour Solutions

ltd <https://www.linkedin.com/in/behavioursupportspecialist/>

Talk Title: Case study of engaging and listening to the public: *Save the Children Early Years Programme*, Northern Ireland

Speaker: Ben Caspersz, Behaviour Change Expert, Founder and Managing Director Claremont Comms (UK) <https://claremontcomms.com/author/bencaspersz/>

Attendance at this event is free. Register via Eventbrite by 5pm on 16th November

2020: <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/drinkaware-winter-2020-research-briefing-tickets-128122113691>

All registered participants will be sent an email with instructions on how to attend the briefing via Zoom.

Drinkaware is the national charity working to prevent and reduce alcohol misuse in Ireland, governed by an independent board and regulated by the Charities Regulator.

Registered Charity Number: 20204601

Women's Aid UN Day Opposing Violence against Women Annual Seminar

25th November 2020 11am - 1pm.

Please join us for the launch of a new Women's Aid Report on intimate relationship abuse, including online abuse, of young people (18-25) in Ireland.

This seminar will explore the main findings of the prevalence, nature and impact of intimate relationship abuse against young people (aged 18-25), including online abuse, and launch a new Too Into You public awareness campaign..

Address by President Michael D. Higgins.

Speakers include:

- Sarah Benson, Chief Executive, Women's Aid.
- Helen McEntee, T.D., Minister for Justice and Equality.
- Senator Ivana Bacik, LLB, LLM (Lond), BL, FTCD, Reid Professor of Criminal Law, Criminology and Penology at Trinity College Dublin.
- Professor Clare McGlynn, Professor of Law at Durham University with particular expertise in the legal regulation of pornography, image-based sexual abuse and sexual violence.
- Clare Austick, Vice-President for Welfare, Union of Students of Ireland.

This event will be chaired by Dearbhail McDonald, journalist, author and broadcaster and is free of charge.

ISL interpretation will be provided.

Grangegorman Business & Enterprise Group Webinar – “Social Enterprise – Getting

Started”

TUESDAY 17TH NOVEMBER, 2PM TO 3.30PM

The Grangegorman Business & Enterprise Group, in partnership with the Department of Justice, are hosting a free webinar on Tuesday 17th November (2pm to 3.30pm) to celebrate Global Entrepreneurship Week and in the lead up to International Social Enterprise Day (Nov 19th). Our “Social Enterprise – Getting Started” event is aimed at new social enterprises,

community/voluntary sector organisations thinking about setting up a trading arm, individuals with business ideas, and anyone interested in finding out more about social enterprises. Speakers include Andrew Forde (Department of Rural & Community Development), Maeve Monaghan (The NOW Group of Social Enterprises) and Dr Noel O'Connor (TU Dublin). All welcome!

To register for this free webinar, go to: <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/social-enterprise-getting-started-tickets-127711278873>

For further information, contact Kathleen McCann kathleen.mccann@ggda.ie; 087 739 1602 or Siobhan Cafferty siobhan@bridge.ie

Social Justice Ireland's Social Policy Conference - A New Social Contract, A New Social

Dialogue

A New Social Contract, A New Social Dialogue *Social Justice Ireland's Social Policy*

Conference Wednesday, 18th November 2020

Join Social Justice Ireland for their Annual policy conference which will take place online on Wednesday, 18th November 2020. Hear from national and international speakers on the need for a new social contract and engage with a panel discussion by representatives of the five pillars of Social Partnership on the importance of sustaining social dialogue.

Moments of great upheaval often see people raising major questions concerning what was simply taken as 'given' previously. The Covid-19 pandemic has provided such a moment.

For further details, please see <https://www.socialjustice.ie/content/publications/social-policy-conference-new-social-contract-new-social-dialogue>

NERI Webinar

Date: Wednesday 16th December, 2020

Topic: 'How Unequal? The unadjusted gender pay gap in earnings in Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland'

Speakers: Dr Lisa Wilson, Senior Economist, NERI

Time: 15:00 - 16:00

Platform: Zoom webinar

Zoom webinar layout:

The presentation will be made by Dr Lisa Wilson, Senior Economist, NERI. Subsequently, the discussion will be open to the attendees where questions can be asked through the Zoom Q & A function. The chairperson will collect the questions and present them to the panelist.

The webinar is open to all who are interested. However, you must register your intention to attend the webinar by contacting info@neriinstitute.net

The link to the Zoom webinar will be emailed out to all who have registered the day before the NERI webinar.

8th Annual NERI Dónal Nevin Lecture WEBINAR

Title: The Irish Economy After A Century

Presenter: Professor Emeritus Cormac Ó'Gráda, Irish Economic Historian & Professor Emeritus of Economics at UCD

Date: Tuesday 19th January, 2021

Time: 15:00 - 15:50

Platform: Zoom webinar

The webinar is open to all who are interested. However, you must register your intention to attend the webinar by contacting info@nerinstitute.net

The link to the Zoom webinar will be emailed out to all who have registered a few days before the 8th NERI Annual Dónal Nevin Lecture webinar.

ESRI Environment, health & wellbeing Conference 2020

This virtual conference will hear the results of the most up-to-date pan-European assessment of environmental challenges to our health and wellbeing and will share insights on how European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen's vision for a toxic-free Europe might be achieved. The conference will also include a session examining progress in the human and animal health domains under the first iteration of the National Antimicrobial Resistance action plan (iNAP1) and discuss common challenges and learnings to be taken through to the forthcoming second plan, iNAP2. The Environment, Health & Wellbeing conference is a free event aimed at HSE and EPA staff as well as Policy Makers, other Agencies, NGOs, and Academics.

Thurs 26th November 2020

9.00am – 1pm

Online via Zoom

Further details www.esri.ie

ESRI SEMINAR SERIES

Theme: What causes social inequality? How intersecting disadvantages shape lives

Chair: Professor Cristina Iannelli (University of Edinburgh)

Speakers: Professor Mike Savage (London School of Economics), Professor Emer Smyth (Economic and Social Research Institute), Dr Francesca Fiori (University of St Andrews) and Dr Ivan Privalko (Economic and Social Research Institute).

Date: 3-4.30pm, 25th November 2020

Venue: Online via Zoom

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

CALL FOR PAPERS

Call for papers for a Policy Section special issue on the impact of COVID-19 on the Irish economy and society

The Economic and Social Review is inviting papers for a special issue on the economic and societal effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. The aim of the Special Issue is to present papers relevant for understanding the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on areas including but not limited to: individuals and families, inequality, the labour market, firms, the macro-economy, the public finances, social relations, regions, sectors, the environment and behaviour. Academic research is needed to help inform the policy debate and ultimately to improve our understanding of policy options.

We are looking for papers to be submitted by 15th January 2021. The papers will be subject to an expedited review process and those that are accepted will be published in mid-2021.

For further information about submitting to the Review, please visit: <https://www.esr.ie/about/submissions>

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

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3. RECENT PUBLICATIONS

- McDonnell, T. (2020) *The Coronavirus economy and Response*. NERI Economic Report. <https://www.nerinstitute.net/research/neri-report-series-no-3-coronavirus-economy-and-response>
- Nugent, C. (2020) *Employment, unemployment and participation*. NERI Report in Focus. <https://www.nerinstitute.net/research/employment-unemployment-and-participation-young-people-are-worse-2019-1999>
- Nolan, A. & E. Smyth (2020) *Talking about sex and sexual behaviour of young adults in Ireland*. ESRI Research Series 112. https://www.esri.ie/system/files/publications/RS112_0.pdf

UPCOMING/RECENT PUBLICATIONS FROM THE POLICY PRESS (UK)

- *Good Policing: Trust, legitimacy and authority*. Renowned criminologist Mike Hough illuminates the principles and practices of good policing in this important analysis of the police service's legitimacy and the factors, such as public trust, that drive it. As concern grows at the growth in crimes of serious violence, he challenges conventional political and public thinking on crime and scrutinises strategies and tactics like deterrence and stop-and-search. Contrasting 'hard' and 'soft' approaches to policing and punishment, he offers a fresh perspective that stresses the importance of securing normative compliance. For officers, students, policy makers and anyone who has an interest in the police force, this is a valuable roadmap for ethical policing. <https://policy.bristoluniversitypress.co.uk/good-policing>
- *Austerity, women and the role of the state: lived experiences of the crisis*. Using interviews with women from diverse backgrounds, Vicki Dabrowski makes an invaluable contribution to the debates around the gendered politics of austerity in the UK. Exploring the symbiotic relationship between the state's legitimization of austerity and women's everyday experiences, she reveals how unjust policies are produced, how alternatives are silenced and highlights the different ways in which women are used or blamed. By understanding austerity as more than simply an economic project, this book fills important gaps in existing knowledge on state, gender and class relations in the context of UK austerity. <https://bristoluniversitypress.co.uk/austerity-women-and-the-role-of-the-state>

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:

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4. CAREERS IN SOCIAL POLICY

Pobal: EYYP Analysis Co-ordinator

Responsible for coordinating research projects and conducting analysis to support the implementation of the First 5 Strategy as agreed with the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth. Another important part of the role will be analysis of early years operational data and producing business intelligence to support Early Years Operations teams in business planning and decision-making. The role will also include development of new reports, dashboards and answering of complex Funder Queries that require a high level of analysis.

Selection will involve short listing of applicants for interview based on the criteria for the position as outlined in this job description and person specification.

Closing Date – Friday November 20th, 2020

Please apply on the Pobal Careers page located on the www.pobal.ie

Pobal: Monitoring and Analysis Co-ordinator – G3

This is a specific purpose role required to manage implementation of the Community/Voluntary

Sector Skills Analysis project. The coordinator will also support monitoring and reporting

duties in relation the Community Support Programme.

Closing Date – Friday November 20th, 2020

Please apply on the Pobal Careers page located on the www.pobal.ie

Irish Council for Social Housing: Housing Development Specialist

The Irish Council for Social Housing (ICSH) is the national representative federation for

non-profit housing associations. The ICSH represent approximately 270 member

organisations as part of a growing sector that collectively manages up to 40,000 homes,

accommodating 100,000 people throughout the country. The role of the ICSH includes

supporting the development of our member housing associations as well as further

enhancing the capacity of the sector in the areas of housing development, housing

management and regulatory requirements.

Housing associations (approved housing bodies) play a key role in the Irish housing sector and work in partnership with public and private sector bodies to deliver and manage new homes at affordable rents with security of tenure for those in housing need. The housing association sector has a long history of responding to a range of social and affordable housing needs for families, as well as addressing specialist housing needs, including supporting homeless households.

In recent years, with increased Government support through *Rebuilding Ireland* as well as through ICSH members using their own resources, the sector has delivered annually in the region of 40% of new social housing. Housing associations are now involved in responding to the wider affordable housing and specialist housing need, and continue to play their part supporting and meeting gaps in the housing system.

In order to continue supporting our members in a changing environment, the ICSH have an exciting opportunity and are seeking a suitably qualified and experienced person to join the dynamic ICSH Development Team.

Key areas of the Housing Development Specialist role include:

- dealing and responding to development issues from members;
- addressing areas relating to housing management; and
- building the capacity of ICSH members.

If you are a self-starter with suitable experience, a relevant qualification and enthusiasm,

with strong communications and stakeholder management skills, please forward both

your CV and cover letter outlining how you would meet the requirement of the post

to mairead@icsh.ie or by post, marked for the attention of the Director of Operations, to:

The Irish Council for Social Housing (ICSH),

50 Merrion Square East,

Dublin 2

Applications should be received no later than 5pm on Friday the 27th of November 2020.

Interviews will take place on the 3rd or 4th of December.

PhD posts available in the NETHATE Consortium

Glencree welcomes the opportunity to support & host PhD candidates that will take part

in two NETHATE international research and training projects at Trinity College Dublin

from 2021.

NETHATE is an international research and training project that is funded by the Horizon

2020 research and innovation programme of the European Commission. A total of 15 PhD positions are being offered under the project. Applications are now invited from suitably qualified candidates for full-time, fixed term positions as Early Stage Researchers (ESR). Applicants must apply directly to the relevant university. The deadline for receipt of applications is 22 November 2020

Full details can be found at <https://www.glencree.ie/news/phd>

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 email.

ISPA Secretary: 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 2020 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 ISPA Committee for 2020-2021 is as follows: Eithne Fitzgerald (Chair), Vivienne Byers (Vice-Chair), Angela Palmer(Secretary), Michelle Murphy (Treasurer), Ann Stokes (Newsletter), Eamon Murphy (Website), Micheál Collins, Eoin Carroll, Odran Reid, Lorna Roe, Geoffrey Cook, Sarah Craig, Catherine-Anne Field, and Justyna Szewczyk.

8. JOINING/LEAVING THE ISPA MAILING LIST

We are working on our online sign up form, in the meantime, please

email Secretary@ispa.ie if you would like to be added to our mailing list. If you would like

to be removed, please click unsubscribe at the bottom of this email.

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