ISSDA Newsletter

Spring 2023

Welcome to the first issue of our new ISSDA Quarterly Newsletter.
I'm Vanessa Buckley and I recently joined the ISSDA team as a Data Manager.
In this issue we will introduce you to the new team, update on new datasets and upcoming training events.
Sign up for our first ISSDA webinar

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ISSDA News

New Staff

Welcome back to Jenny O'Neill, Data Manager at UCD Library who rejoins the ISSDA team part time. Jenny is joined by new team member Vanessa Buckley as full time ISSDA Data Manager. Vanessa previously worked as Liaison

Librarian for the Social Sciences in UCD Library. ISSDA is grateful for funding from the Irish Research Council which has allowed us to expand our team.

Vanessa will be responsible for archiving datasets including data deposit, collection development and description, while Jenny will be responsible for outreach and training events.

New Datasets

ISSDA is pleased to announce the following new datasets and updates are now available to request:

Irish Health Survey

The CSO recently deposited the Irish Health Survey with ISSDA.

The Irish Health Survey (IHS) was collected under Regulation (EC) No 1338/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 December 2008 on Community statistics on public health and health and safety at work. This survey fulfils the need for public health policies to obtain reliable data on health status, health care usage and health determinants.

The survey is based on self-reported data from persons aged 15 years and over, and outlines their view of their health status – from how well they are feeling, to the extent to which they suffer from long-standing health conditions, as well as other factors.
ISSDA now holds the datasets for 2015 and 2019.
https://www.ucd.ie/issda/data/irishhealthsurvey/

New wave of Healthy Ireland

The annual Healthy Ireland Survey provides an up-to-date picture of the nation's health along with a robust and credible baseline set of data on a range of health behaviours which have significant impact on individual health

outcomes.

The Survey reports on many lifestyle behaviours such as smoking, alcohol consumption, physical activity, active travel, weight management, diet and nutrition, health service utilization patterns, dental health, chronic disease incidence, mental health, sleep patterns, dementia awareness, caring responsibilities and sexual health.
This update includes data from 2019.
https://www.ucd.ie/issda/data/healthyireland/

StudentSurvey.ie (Irish Survey of Student Engagement) 2022

The central aim of StudentSurvey.ie (Irish Survey of Student Engagement) is to develop a valuable source of information about students' experiences of higher education in Ireland. The results of the survey are intended primarily to add value at institutional level, and to inform national policy.
A detailed online survey was offered to first year undergraduates, final year undergraduates and postgraduate students on taught programmes. Data are presented as responses to individual items and as calculated scores for nine indicators that relate to broad aspects of student engagement, such as Collaborative Learning and Higher Order Learning. StudentSurvey.ie has formative links with the US National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE) and the Australasian Survey of Student Engagement (AUSSE). Thus, Irish data can be evaluated in the context of other jurisdictions in addition to the national or sector contexts.
https://www.ucd.ie/issda/data/studentsurveyie/

To request these and other ISSDA datasets please fill in the relevant request form available from the ISSA website

ISSDA website

Upcoming Training & Events

New ISSDA Webinar

Interested in finding out more about ISSDA? Sign up for the first of our new ISSDA webinars:

ISSDA webinar: Introduction to the Irish Social Science Data Archive - 4th May 2023

This one hour webinar will introduce you to ISSDA, who we are, what secondary data is, what ISSDA holds and the resources available.

Sign up here

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IASSIST 2023

IASSIST 2023 - Diversity in Research: Social Justice from Data
The 2023 IASSIST conference is being held in person in Philadelphia, PA, USA, May 30 - June 2, 2023.This annual conference provides data professionals opportunities to participate in discussions about data sharing and management, data access and repository tools, metadata for research data, best practices for preserving data, global resources for information, new technologies professional development and much more.
https://iassistdata.org/conferences/iassist2023/

ESRA23

ESRA23 - "Survey research in times of crisis: Challenges, opportunities, and new directions"

ESRA hosts its main conference every two years to bring together applied survey researchers, methodologists and statisticians from Europe and beyond. The conference showcases the latest survey research and offers a number of professional development opportunities, including short courses and awards. It is traditionally hosted in university buildings to keep registration fees to a minimum. ESRA aims to be as inclusive as possible, promoting in particular the participation of doctoral students and early career researchers.

The ESRA 2023 Conference will take place from 17 July to 21 July 2023 at the University of Milan-Bicocca in Milan, Italy.
https://www.europeansurveyresearch.org/conference/milan-2023/

Resource Highlight

CESSDA Data Management Expert Guide

Learn more about making your social sciences data research data findable, understandable, sustainably accessible and reusable (**FAIR**) with CESSDA Data Management Expert Guide (DMEG).
The guide is written for social science researchers who are in an early stage of practicing research data management.

https://dmeg.cessda.eu/