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RESEARCH HIGHLIGHTS REPORT

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Focus on New Funded Research



An Críon Léinn, Comhionannais,
Mícheamais, Éadóilríonóidta agus Óige
Department of Children, Equality,
Disability, Integration and Youth

Provision of Research Service Inquiring into Potential Social Work Students' Perceptions of Social Work;

Funding organisation and Programme:
Department of Children, Equality, Disability,
Integration and Youth (DCEDIY) under Lot 1 of its
Research Framework;

Dates: Jan – July 2023

Co-Investigators: **Dr Joe Mooney** (Asst. Prof. in
Social Work) and **Dr Elaine Wilson** (Asst. Prof. in
Social work)

Focus of the Research

This research concerns the perceptions of potential social work recruits on the subject of social work, with the intention of establishing:

- The level of interest in and awareness of, social work as a potential career choice.
- Perceived barriers, to pursuing a career as a social worker.

Possible reforms to academic structures that would make pursuing a career in social work a more attractive and feasible option.

Methodology:

The research comprises a three overlapping stages:

Stage 1: Mapping the Market: Involves a literature review of barriers and motivations as well as review of entry routes, requisite qualifications and other relevant experience and requirements.

Stage 2: Market analysis and Data Collection: this phase will be split into three strands that will gather samples of the 'market's' perspectives and understandings of social

work education and the wider profession.

Strand 1 will focus on 2nd level education. This strand will focus on 2nd level school guidance counsellors to ascertain the current information and descriptions being provided on a national basis to 2nd level students regarding social work.

Strand 2 will focus on 3rd level students. Level 8 undergraduate programmes are the main route of entry into social work education in Ireland. In order to represent variability in this group social science undergraduates, social care undergraduates and higher diploma students will be included here.

Strand 3: Current Professionals/Third Sector, and Mature Students: Students who are now engaged in social work education following a period of no less than five years in employment or voluntary work will be targeted for inclusion in the research. Using a survey, the experiences, perspectives, understandings, facilitators, and barriers relating to social work education will be examined.

Stage 3: Data analysis and write up: the findings will have specific implications in terms of how social work is 'marketed' at each level, in wider debates regarding the 'diversification' of traditional social work education as well as 'start-point' understandings of burnout, retention and recruitment. The research findings will have an immediate impact on the social work education sector's understandings of its' current and future students.



The impact of cost rental housing on social inclusion and wellbeing: affordability, security and community

Funding organisation: The Housing Agency,
Funding type: Research Support Programme

Dates: Dec 2022 - X

Principal Investigator: Dr Mick Byrne (Asst. Prof. in Social Justice)

Project Abstract

This project examines Cost Rental (CR) housing as a potential game-changer in the provision of affordable and secure homes, as well as in building sustainable communities and a resilient housing system. Rental housing has grown in importance in the past decade. Yet, policy and market frameworks have yet to adapt to these new realities, resulting in significant challenges in supply, affordability and security of tenure. CR offers a transformative policy intervention. Inspired by models in countries like Denmark and Austria, CR opens up new avenues for housing supply, increases availability of affordable housing for households unable to access social housing/homeownership, and provides long-term affordability and security. However, while international evidence suggests the supply-side benefits of CR, there is little research on the impact of CR on social inclusion and wellbeing. This project, which involves a collaboration with three leading AHBs (Respond, Tuath Housing and Clúid Housing), mobilises a mixed-methods approach to analyse the impact of some of Ireland's first CR developments. It will provide the first evidence-base, tracking CR tenants attitudes about, experience of, and envisioned futures within, CR housing. In so doing, it will inform the future roll out of CR in Ireland.

Research Question: What is the impact of cost rental housing on tenants/residents' experiences of affordability, security of tenure, and community, and how does this support social inclusion and wellbeing?

Aims and Objectives: The project aims to provide a timely baseline dataset assessing the actual/potential impact of CR on affordability, security, and community/place making.

The project has five objectives:

1. Generate evidence/analysis of initial/potential impact of CR on challenges of affordability and security;
2. Generate data profiling CR residents and the impact of CR on economic wellbeing (affordability), housing wellbeing (security/home-making) and community wellbeing (integration, place-making);
3. Employ qualitative interviews to uncover the processes through which CR shapes residents' ability to create sustainable homes and communities by investigating residents' experiences prior to and within CR, and how they anticipate their future within CR;
4. Disseminate findings to policy makers/practitioners and foster knowledge exchange informing roll out of CR;
5. Inform Government policy to enhance impact of CR on social inclusion/wellbeing.

Methodology: Respond, Clúid Housing and Tuath Housing (the foremost AHB providers of CR) are the project partners. The project focuses on three case studies, one from each partner, selected to reflect the diversity of housing typologies/locations within the nascent CR sector. The case studies incorporate a mixed-method research design, using existing data obtained from project partners, surveys and in-depth interviews.

Outcomes:

- A research report submitted to Housing Agency;

- Conference with housing providers, policy makers, stakeholders & international speakers.
- International peer-reviewed academic journals: Housing Studies (impact of CR on social inclusion and wellbeing); International Journal of Housing Policy (policy responses to affordability in the context of 'generation rent'); Housing Theory (social construction of new tenures in traditional homeowner societies).

New Appointments



Dr Mary Mc Auliffe (Asst. Prof. in Social Justice) has been co-opted as an advisory member to the Women in Politics in Ireland – National Data Hub Collaboration – as part of Women For Election.

For more information go to the following link:
<https://www.womenforelection.ie/>



COMMITTEES



Dr Micheál Collins (Asst. Prof. in Social Policy) gave evidence on Taxation, Tax Policy Reform and the report of the Commission on Taxation and Welfare to the Oireachtas Budgetary Oversight Committee - November 9th 2022.

The full transcript can be found at this link:

https://www.oireachtas.ie/en/debates/debate/committee_on_budgetary_oversight/2022-11-09/3/

For more information please email ml.collins@ucd.ie

NORTH AMERICAN CONFERENCE ON BRITISH STUDIES

CONFERENCE: North American Conference on British Studies
in conjunction with the Midwest Conference on British Studies.
The Sheraton Grand, Chicago, 10-13 Nov 2022

Session 57. Queering Ireland (Roundtable; Streeterville)
**Chair and commentator: Alison Garden, Queen's University
Belfast**

"I could see his penis quite clearly": Policing, Erotic Testimony,
and Moral

Authority in Mid-Century Dublin
Averill Earls, St. Olaf College

**"Having no use at all for men" Same sex relationships
among Irish and Irish**

American women revolutionary and feminist activists
Mary McAuliffe, University College Dublin

"I heard the sailors talking about this sort of thing": queer
knowledge and the

Irish male world, c. 1890 to 1960
Tom Hulme, Queen's University Belfast

For more information go to the following link:
<https://www.nacbs.org/conference>



IASW National Adult Safeguarding Day
Event, Friday 11 November 2022,
1:15pm – 2:15pm

Programme Update



Adult Safeguarding, Challenges & Solutions: Voices from Frontline Social Workers

The IASW is pleased to announce that Minister of State for Disability in the Department of Health and DCEDIY, Anne Rabbitte TD will join us and speak at this Friday's online event, to mark *National Adult Safeguarding Day 2022* and the launch of the IASW Position Paper on Adult Safeguarding. Please also note: The start time of the event is now 1:15pm (not 1:00pm as initially advertised).

Attendance at this event is free but requires online registration in advance. For more information, including the full programme details, and to register for this event, visit the IASW website – iasw.ie

CONFERENCE: On the 11th November, **Dr Sarah Donnelly** participated in the launch of the IASW's Position Paper on Adult Safeguarding: Legislation, Policy and Practice which she co-authored with IASW colleagues, Sinead McGarry and Vivian Gerian. The launch was attended by Minister Anne Rabbitte, key stakeholders and IASW members. Sarah also wrote an Irish Examiner Opinion piece to coincide with the launch.

Safeguarding Older Adults from Abuse and Neglect

Friday 18th November 2022

Virtual Conference



Chair & Speakers include
Ian Donaghy
Keynote Speaker, Conference
Host, *Taxidermy*, Author of *Dear Donaghy*, *The Missing Piece*
& *A Professor of Justice*

Richard Robinson
Chief Executive
Hospitals

Dr Sarah Donnelly
Assistant Professor of Social Work
School of Social Policy, Social
Work and Social Justice, UCD

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Supporting Organisations:

CONFERENCE: On the 18th November **Dr Sarah Donnelly** was an invited speaker to the Safeguarding Older Adults from Abuse and Neglect Virtual Healthcare Conference UK.

Sarah's talk was entitled 'The Impact of Covid-19 on Adult Safeguarding in Older Adults'.



Partnership in Practice: Family Carers Ireland Autumn Research Conference

Speakers Include:

Hannah Boylan (Vincentian HESL Research Centre, BVP)
The Costs of Care Arising from Disability

Brian Boyle (Family Carers Ireland)
CARSWELL: Promoting health and self-care among family carers in the workplace

Dr Christine McGarrigle (TCD)
The Irish Longitudinal Study on Ageing and older carers

Prof. Mary Murphy & Dr Pauline Cullen (Maynooth University)
'Valuing Care Work: Improving Family Carers' Access to Adequate Income Supports'

Dr Sarah Donnelly (UCD)
Safeguarding Family Carers from Carer Harm

Dr Tameline Grimes (TCD)
Public and Patient Involvement with a Descriptive Qualitative Study to Explore Household Mediation Safety Among Carers

Dr Carol Kelleher (UCD) **Faye Hayden** (Youth Researcher: Young Carers Group), **Aoife Beeman-Brangell** (UL) & **Wahne Lubiano** (Family Carers Ireland)
Sharing the Caring: Young carers' access to and experience of carer supports in Ireland

Dr Deirdre O'Donnell (UCD)

Claire Deavin (Family Carers Ireland PPI)

Evel Murphy (Programs Manager, PPI Ignite Network)

Wed Nov
23rd 2022

10:00 AM

12:30 PM

Online via
Zoom

Chair:
Rob Anderson



www.familycarers.ie

CONFERENCE: On the 23rd November **Dr Sarah Donnelly** was an invited speaker to Family Carers Ireland Autumn Research Conference 2022.

Sarah presented preliminary findings from her IRC Funded 'Hidden Harm: Safeguarding Family Carers from Carer Harm'.

Research report launch The research project trialling Ireland's first-ever four-day working week - **The Four Day Week: Assessing global trials of reduced work time with no reduction in pay: Evidence from Ireland** - was launched on Wednesday, 30th November, at 11:30 am in the Dublin Chamber of Commerce.

Professor Juliet Schor of Boston College provided an overview of the results of the international reduced worktime trials that have occurred internationally throughout 2022.

UCD's Dr Orla Kelly presented the Irish 4-Day Week Trial results. Several pilot participants also spoke about their experience with the trial while the campaign leaders highlighted the next steps for the movement nationally and globally.

The full report can be accessed at the following link: <https://www.forsa.ie/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/4DayWeekAssessingGlobalTrials-1.pdf>

There was extensive coverage of the event by both print, radio and TV media (see details under 'Media Focus' section later in this bulletin).



The Four Day Week:

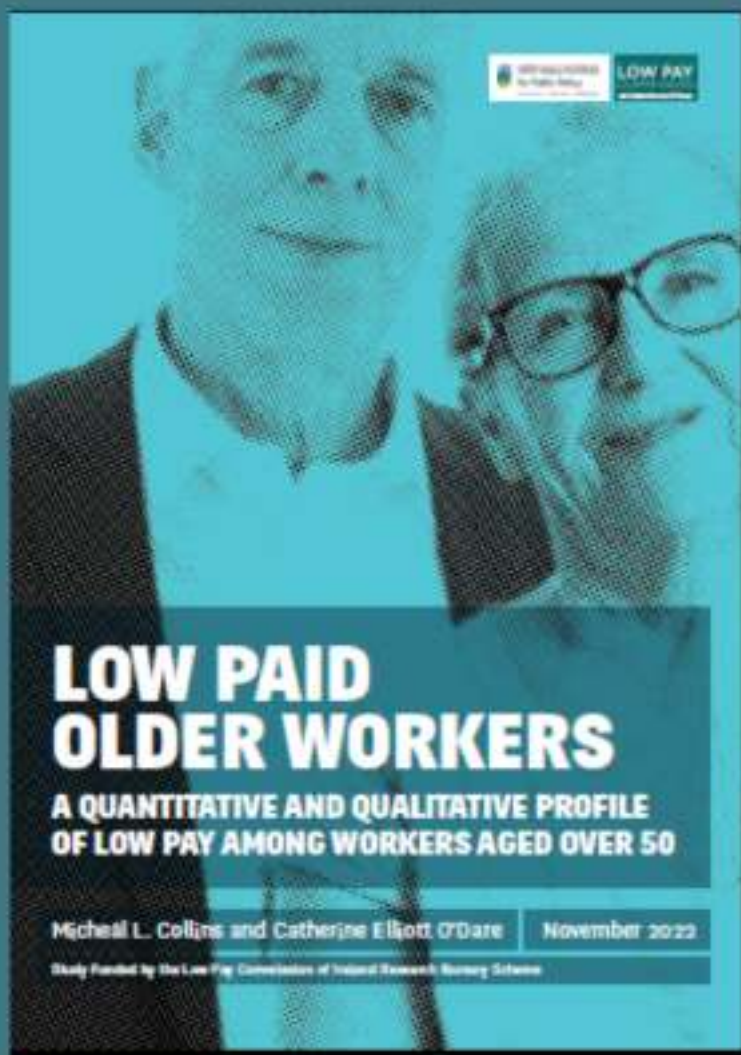
Assessing global trials of reduced work time with no reduction in pay: Evidence from Ireland

Research report launch :A new report - Low Paid Older Workers: A Quantitative and Qualitative Profile of Low Pay among Workers aged over 50 - was launched on Friday November 25th, 11am-12:30pm at Buswells Hotel, Dublin 2. The research findings were presented by the report's authors - **Dr Micheál Collins, UCD** and Dr Catherine Elliott O'Dare, TCD - alongside contributions from Dr Michelle O'Sullivan (UL), Dr Nat O'Connor (Age Action) and Dr Anne-Marie McGauran (NESC).

The study takes a mixed-methods approach using both quantitative and qualitative methods to explore these questions. While either of these methodological approaches could be taken by themselves to examine this issue, there are benefits associated with combining both so that the research analysis and findings offer a more comprehensive understanding of the nature, scale, contexts and experiences of low pay among older workers in Ireland.

About this event

- **Introduction & Welcome - Dr Michelle O'Sullivan**, University of Limerick
- 11:10-11:40 **Presentation of Findings - Dr Micheál Collins, UCD & Dr Catherine Elliott O'Dare**, TCD
- 11:40-12:00 **Respondent Observations - Dr Nat O'Connor**, Age Action, **Dr Anne-Marie McGauran**, NESC
- 12:00-12:25 **Q&A session**
- 12:30 **Close**



Extensive media coverage of the report launch and research report is included under the 'Media Focus' section of this bulletin.

The full report can be accessed for download at this [link](https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/dcd52d-low-pay-commission-research-reports/#2022): <https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/dcd52d-low-pay-commission-research-reports/#2022>

Foundation of the Irish State Conference

Fri 2 Dec: UCD O'Reilly Hall and Sat 3 Dec:
UCD FitzGerald Debating Chamber,
University College Dublin, Belfield, Dublin 4.

Format: hybrid – in-person, and streaming
online

On Friday 2nd and Saturday 3rd December 2022, UCD hosted a national conference as part of the Decade of Centenaries Programme 2012-2023, marking one hundred years since the foundation of the Irish State.

This major two-day conference sought to explore the process of state formation amid an ongoing civil war and uncertainty over the future of the border with Northern Ireland, the evolution of the institutions of the state since 1922, and the challenges that state, society, and citizenry faced a century ago. The aim of this conference was to inform and stimulate wider public discourse on this key event in the history of Irish independence and statehood.

A simultaneous English-Irish and Irish-English translation was available for the duration of the conference, for both in-person and online attendees and there will be sign language interpretation throughout. The conference was funded by the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media through the Decade of Centenaries Programme and by UCD.



Paper 2: **Dr Mary McAuliffe** (Director of Gender Studies, UCD School of Social Policy, Social Work and Social Justice), 'Not in the mainstream; the political afterlives of revolutionary women' as part of **Panel 1: 'A stake in the state': Welfare, Health and Gender**. The other two speakers for this panel were Professor Emeritus Mary E. Daly (UCD School of History) and Dr Joseph Brady (UCD School of Geography).



CARING MASCULINITIES IN EARLY EDUCATION

International conference

Vilnius, Lithuania, Gedimino av. 16

November 30, 2022



Dr. Ernesto Vasquez del Aguila was a panel member at the International Conference on "Fostering Caring Masculinities in Early Childhood Education and Primary Schools", organised by the EU Project "Early Care and the Role of Men (EcaRoM) at the European Institute for Gender Equality (EIGE), Vilnius, Lithuania (30 November 2022).

Ernesto's panel was entitled: "Cooperation between stakeholders: How to promote caring masculinities in early education and primary schools".

This conference was a hybrid event. For more information please go the following link: <https://ecarom.eu/final-conference/>

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

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Ruhama and the Sexual
Exploitation Research Programme

Breaking the Silence:

Examining the hidden sexual violence and
sexual exploitation of women in the Irish
and global sex trade

1st December 2022 | 9am – 4pm | Dublin

Royal College of Physicians, No.6 Kildare Street, Dublin 2

Moderator: Anton Savage (Newstalk)

Keynote speaker: Dr Meegan Tyler (LaTrobe University, Melbourne)

Contributions from: Valiant Richey (OSCE Special Representative and
Co-ordinator for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings,
Minister Helen McEntee (Minister for Justice)



[Click here to RSVP](#)

This Conference focuses on the sexual violence of prostitution and how the sex trade embodies violence against women and girls, telling the true story of prostitution that is so seldom told. We are seeking to break the silence surrounding the harms of the sex trade in Ireland and beyond and expose the realities of sexual exploitation. Survivor voices are central to the event.

One day, four important themes:

1. The harms of prostitution and sex trafficking – examining the sexual violence and other harms of prostitution and exploring poverty, racism, migration, addiction and demand as key drivers of the sex trade.
2. The impact of trauma on women who have experienced sexual exploitation and the specialist supports needed – including presentation of emerging research findings on exiting.
3. The harm of pornography and new routes into prostitution – examining the pornography industry and new online platforms for sexual exploitation.
4. Addressing the challenges in an Irish context – key challenges and potential solutions to addressing prostitution and sex trafficking in Ireland.

Principal Investigator of the UCD Sexual Exploitation Research Programme, **Dr Marie Kean** contributed to *Theme 4: Addressing the challenges of prostitution and human trafficking in an international and Irish context* as a panel discussant.

Other members of the panel: Angela Willis, Assistant Commissioner, An Garda Síochána; Sinéad Gibney, Chief Commissioner, Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission; Deaglán Ó Briain, Principal Officer, Department of Justice; Noelle Collins, Team Leader, Belfast and Lisburn Women's Aid.

UCD SERP lead researcher, Ruth Breslin, presented a paper as part of Theme 2: Trauma, specialist supports and emerging findings from research on exiting prostitution. Her paper was entitled "My head said stay, but my soul wanted out" – Emerging themes from research on women's complex exiting journeys".

Keynote speakers included:

- Dr Cherry Smiley, Director, Women's Studies Online, Quebec. (Paper: Indigenous women, feminism, and prostitution: Exposing the harm, making the connections).
- Dr Meagan Tyler, LaTrobe University, Melbourne. (Paper: Old oppressions, new developments: Confronting contemporary pornography as a form of prostitution).

The full Conference programme is available for download at this link: <https://www.activelink.ie/sites/default/files/attach/notice-entry/2022/12/01/ruhama-conference-brochure-final.pdf>

Social Work during COVID-19: Glocal Perspectives

24 – 25 November 2022

Hosted by the University of Lapland, Rovaniemi, Finland



This international symposium addressed social work during COVID-19 in varying ecological and social contexts. The keynotes of the symposium were based on book called *Social Work during COVID-19: Glocal Challenges and Implications for the Future of Social Work* (to be published by Routledge, early April 2023). The objective of the symposium was to offer a wealth of knowledge related to social work in different local and cultural contexts during the global pandemic. With experienced social work researchers across a diversity of settings, contexts and research traditions, the symposium was reflective of the 'glocal' responses of social work, where the phenomenon causing the need for social work is global and shared but in which the solutions being developed are often regional and local (think globally, act locally). Offering new perspectives on the challenges social workers have faced in dealing with the pandemic, the symposium aimed to provide critical and timely insights into the innovations and adaptations in social work responses with a strong empirical basis.

Keynotes included Dr. Vesna Leskošek, full professor in social work at the University of Ljubljana, Faculty of social work; Dr Joe Mooney, UCD School of Social Policy, Social Work, and Social Justice; Dr. Malathi Adusumalli, Professor at the Department of Social Work, University of Delhi, India; Dr. Paula McFadden, Senior Lecturer in Social Work at Ulster University.

Dr Joe Mooney's presentation "Between a Rock and a Hard Place: Irish Social Workers' experiences of a national cyber attack during a COVID-19 lockdown" is drawn from empirical research conducted by a collaboration between Dr Mooney, Dr Declan Coogan and Professor Caroline McGregor (University of Galway) and Ms Olive Lyons (PhD candidate at University of Toronto). The research team's work will feature in the forthcoming Routledge International editions and a follow up paper, specific to the impact of the cyber-attack, is forthcoming.

See the following link for further information on the conference:
<https://www.ulapland.fi/EN/Webpages/PAND-A-pandemic-social-work/Social-Work-during-COVID-19-Glocal-Perspectives-Webinar>

EQUALITY MATTERS IN COMMUNITY SPONSORSHIP

CONSIDERATIONS FOR OBTAINING
FEEDBACK FROM STAKEHOLDERS



Karen Smith | Carol Ballantine | Angham Younes | John A. Fakir



Launch of Equality Matters in Community Sponsorship

A webinar to mark the launch of 'Equality Matters in Community Sponsorship: Issues for consideration in obtaining feedback from stakeholders' was held on December 5th. Led by **Dr. Karen Smith**, School of Social Policy, Social Work and Social Justice the study on which the report was based was funded under the Irish Research Council's New Foundations Award and was carried out in collaboration with Nasc.

The findings from the study were presented in English by Dr. Smith and in Arabic by Angham Younes who was a peer researcher on the study and one of the co-authors of the report (along with Dr. Carol Ballantine and Zuhair Al Fakir). John Harding, Director of the Irish Refugee Protection Programme (IRPP), Colm O'Gorman (Refugee Hub) and Fiona Hurley, CEO of Nasc also spoke at the webinar.



The study addresses equality issues likely to arise in relation to Community Sponsorship for resettlement of persons with refugee status and offers some lessons and guidance on promoting accountability and safeguarding rights including mechanisms for obtaining feedback from stakeholders. Key findings discussed by speakers at the launch included barriers to employment faced by Muslim women; disparities in housing provision between the two resettlement programmes (mainstream and Community Sponsorship); and the need to ensure that persons admitted under resettlement are provided with accessible information on rights and entitlements as soon as possible after arrival, including how to complain or raise concerns.

(See the information on the media coverage of the launch and the research report in the 'Media Focus' section of this bulletin).

UCD Centre for Japanese Studies News



 **UCD Centre for Japanese Studies** 
Webinar (Online Event)

Special Information Session
“Kengo Kuma & Higashikawa, Kagu Design Competition”

 **Mr Takanori Fujii**
Higashikawa Town, Hokkaido

Wednesday 30th November 2022 at 1:00pm (IST)

Register at https://bit.ly/UJ_Design_Competition

  **HIGASHIKAWA HOKKAIDO JAPAN** 
— THE TOWN OF PHOTOGRAPHY —



Title: Special Info Session “Kengo Kuma & Higashikawa, Kagu Design Competition”

Time/Date: Wed 30 November 2022, 13:00-14:00 (IST) / 22:00-23:00 (JST)

Speakers: Mr Takanori Fujii & Ms Maeve Febo

Convenor & Moderator: **Assoc. Prof. Naonori Kodate**

UCD Equality Studies Centre News

Equality and Flourishing

The Equality and Flourishing cluster, co-convened by **Dr Marie Moran** (ESC Director and Asst. Prof. in Equality Studies) and Ruben Flores, joined with Karen Smith to organise a successful hybrid seminar on 'Ireland as a Tax Haven', with Kieran Allen and Brian O'Boyle, earlier in December. See the following link for more information:

<https://www.ucd.ie/socialpolicyworkjustice/latestandupcomingotherevents/wednov162022/>

The convenors of this cluster are also working on an exciting event for early next Spring: an evening symposium with Andrew Sayer and commentators on his work on the theme of the future of political economy and social theory in relation to equality. Further details will be available early in 2023.

Equality, Human Rights and Anti-Discrimination

Sara Benedi Lahuerta, who co-convenes the Equality, Human Rights & Anti-Discrimination stream with Liam Thornton and **Marie Moran**, has organised two upcoming events that you may be interested in:

1. 'The Gender Perspective in Prevention of Occupational Risks Occupational Exposure to Chemical Pollutants' with, Miguel Olmos, 7th of December at 1.00pm, online.
2. 'Migration, Asylum and EU (Anti-)Discrimination Law: "The Devil is in the Details"', with Janine Silga, 9th December at 1.00pm (hybrid event).

Further information is available on these events by emailing Marie Moran. Email: Marie.Moran@ucd.ie

Critical Political Economy

The Dublin Critical Political Economy Research Network, which is run through the CPE cluster, would like to extend its deep thanks to Vincenzo Maccarrone for co-convening the cluster and network so successfully for the last few years. Vincenzo is now leaving UCD to take up a Marie Curie Fellowship in Florence and the US - best of luck Vincenzo! **Dr Marie Moran** is happy to announce that Assoc Prof. Adam Kelly, from the UCD School of English, Drama and Film, will now take up co-convenorship of this cluster with her. Information will be available through the Dublin CPE network mailing list about events in the new year. Alternatively you can email Marie at email address: Marie.Moran@ucd.ie.

Politics and Change

As the sole convenor of the Politics and Change Cluster, **Dr Marie Moran** was involved (with **Karen Smith from the Unequal Societies Cluster**) in the organisation of a very successful two-day conference on Futures Thinking at UCD and Trinity earlier this month. The core organising team, comprising people from other institutes and centres at UCD, are currently planning a 'future forums' series that will combine more experimental with traditional modes of engagement in order to conceptualise the future, including formulating and analysing interventions that give more voice and agency to future generations. Further details will be available in due course.

Convenors of Equality Studies Research Clusters

Dr Marie Moran is also seeking a co-convenor of the 'Politics and Change' cluster, who may be involved in the organisation of an exciting 'Futures Forum' seminar series.

Upcoming Seminars/Conferences



CONFERENCE: T4S (Society for Social Studies of Science) /ESOCITE (Associação Latino-americana de Estudos Sociais da Ciência e da Tecnologia) Joint Conference 2022, 7-10 December 2022, Cholula, México

Panel Convenor: **Assoc. Prof. Naonori Kodate**. Two sessions entitled "Social robots and care: promises and pitfalls"



CONFERENCE: 6th Future Technologies for Integrated Care Research Network & HarP (Harmonisation towards the establishment of Person-centred, Robotics-aided Care System) Project Joint Seminar "Care innovation and use of advance technology in Japan and beyond"

Organiser & Session Chair: **Assoc. Prof. Naonori Kodate** (School of Social Policy, Social Work and Social Justice)

Date/Time: Sat 17 December 2022, 6:00-9:00 (IST) / 15:00-18:00 (JST)

Venue: Hybrid – Nihon Fukushi University (or Online)

Language: Japanese

<http://www.uae.or.jp/ftic/>



SEMINAR: 3rd Seminar of the Cercle de la Fondation France-Japon "Women in (Social) Sciences: Diversity Brings Creativity"

Panelist: **Assoc. Prof. Naonori Kodate** (School of Social Policy, Social Work and Social Justice)

Date/Time: Thu 15 December 2022, 4:00-8:00 (IST) / 13:00-17:00 (JST)

Venue: Hybrid – The Embassy of France in Tokyo (or Online)

<http://ffj.ehess.fr/lecercle.html>



CONFERENCE: Dec 07 SCI:COM 2022 SCI:COM 2022 – Theme is "Representation"

Date and time: Wed, 7 December 2022, 08:00 – 17:00 GMT; Location: Aviva Stadium Lansdowne Rd Dublin 4

Dr Mary McAuliffe together with Femi Bankole and Patrick Freyne was invited to contribute to a session at SCI:COM 2022 entitled 'Who are our heroes?'

For more information please email Mary.McAuliffe@ucd.ie

UCD is one of the main sponsors of SCI:COM 2022 <https://www.scicom.ie/>



Advance Notice of call for Paper



The European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR) is holding a Joint Session

You are welcome to submit papers to this until 9th January 2023. Information on the Joint Sessions is here:

<https://ecpr.eu/Events/Event/Content?ID=1161&EventID=203>

Participants may attend only one Workshop and must fully participate in all of that Workshop's sessions. The Academic Programme will appear on the ECPR website in late January. A full schedule for each Workshop will be sent by the Workshop's Directors ahead of the event.

Moral Politics In, For and Against Transformative Change. **Methodology**

Code: TOU014; **Chair(s)** Adam Standing

De Montfort University & **Co-Chair(s)**

Matthew Donoghue, University College Dublin

Abstract: Despite their ubiquity in social life, social and political scholars have often avoided direct confrontation with morals, preferring to study measures such as interests, choice, or values, which obscure much of morals' shared, social, and contingent nature (Sayer, 2011). In the spheres of scholarship and politics, morals have been approached with a degree of ambivalence, their explanatory utility and their emancipatory potential subject to critique (Standing & Donoghue, 2022).

The 2007–08 Global Financial Crisis prompted a rediscovery and reengagement with historical scholars such as EP Thompson and Karl Polanyi who had previously developed a moral critique of capitalism as practised (Rogan, 2017). There was also important recognition of the moral discourse used to justify responses and impacts of the crisis (Glynos et al., 2012). The concept of the 'moral economy', popularised by Thompson, became an important frame for understanding responses to the crisis, and resistance to those responses (Montgomerie & Tepe-Belfrage, 2016). Morals are of particular importance today. Contemporary, intersecting crises of the economy, the environment, society and politics have led to increased calls, from many sections of society, for transformative change – understood broadly as a fundamental shift in social values, beliefs and practices far beyond the techno-scientific fixes proposed to date (Lidskog, Standing & White, 2022). Crises are inherently destabilising events in which taken-for-granted norms and practices are challenged. Morals play an important role here in generating critique and framing demands, whether 'progressive' or 'reactionary', beyond discursive or communicative practices – drawing attention to the multiple, contentious, and often antagonistic ways social actors evaluate the actions of themselves and mediating political demands. The nature of current crises means climate breakdown and environmental degradation, social inequality and marginalisation, and political extremism and polarisation intersect to produce more frequent and severe trans-boundary symptoms. Indeed, reactions to contemporary crises frequently mobilise critique, with a plurality of normative or moral commitments (Boltanski & Thevenot, 2006).

About the Workshop: In this Workshop we aim to bring together a group of interdisciplinary scholars from the fields of political science, social theory, sociology, social policy and political economy to interrogate the nature, importance and impact of morals for, in and against transformative change. The three main themes we are interested in exploring are: 1. The historical specificity of moral politics. Recognising that we live in a turbulent historical epoch in which the dominant liberal order (particularly in the Global North) is repeatedly challenged by economic, environmental and social crises while being incapable of offering significant alternatives (Standing & Davies, 2020). The liberal moral order is one that values individualism and technocracy which obscures the moral foundation of specific social spheres like the economy. 2. The relationship between crises and morals. Crises destabilise moral/social orders and open up opportunities for critique as well as for the reproduction or consolidation of social structures. a. The nature of how these crises are manifested and framed means that moral critique is more likely to intersect multiple social spheres – bringing the economic into housing, the environmental into social, etc. b. The imperatives for urgent action combined with how morals serve as cognitive shortcuts and sedimented social structures – common sense – mean they can be deployed rapidly to maintain the status quo. 3. How, where and when morals/moral critique emerges. The sites or vehicles of moral critique may be new or they may repurpose existing institutional arrangements but there is something qualitatively new and different about them. Crises make political contestation on multiple terrains (political, institutional, social, discursive, etc), through which new institutions, norms and practices can emerge to contest the dominant moral order. These represent three broad areas of interest but we also welcome related discussions on the role of morals in policy, moral discourse, the relationship between knowledge/expertise and morals and other adjacent themes.

Media Focus



The Four Day Week:

Assessing global trials of reduced work time with no reduction in pay: Evidence from Ireland

Kelly, O. M, Juliet B. Schor, Wen Fan, Tatiana Bezdenezhnykh, Guolin Gu, Niamh Bridson Hubbard, N. (2022) "The Four Day Week: Assessing global trials of reduced work time with no reduction in pay: Evidence from Ireland" University College Dublin, Press.

The following article is by: David Kearns, Digital Journalist / Media Officer, UCD University Relations

A UCD research trialling Ireland's first-ever four-day working week found 'significant improvements' were to be had for companies and employees under the reduced work schedule.

The pilot project was one of several similar trials taking place in the United States, Australia, and New Zealand under a partnership with University College Dublin, Boston College, Cambridge University and Four Day Week Global - a not-for-profit organisation supporting the four day working week.

Leading the Irish leg was Dr Orla Kelly, from the UCD Social Policy School of Social Policy, Social Work and Social Justice, who worked alongside Four-Day Week Ireland and trade union Fórsa.

In Ireland, 12 companies took part in the six-month programme, and all reported a range of positive outcomes, including productivity and reduced energy usage.

Following the trial, nine said they planned to continuing with the four-day-week schedule. Only one of the companies involved reported a decline in its monthly revenue growth.

"We found significant improvements across a wide range of well-being metrics, including positive affect, work-family and work-life balance, and several domains of life satisfaction," said Dr Orla.

Dr Orla Kelly, UCD Social Policy School of Social Policy, Social Work and Social Justice

"Conversely, stress, burnout, fatigue, and work-family conflict significantly declined. Levels of sleep deprivation have also fallen dramatically. We observed an increase across three forms of pro-environmental behaviour.

Adding: "The trial was particularly successful for women. They reported a significantly greater improvement in life satisfaction, had larger gains in sleep time and reported feeling more secure in their employment. Our findings hold important lessons for the future of work in this country."

The companies that participated in the trial committed to operating a reduced work week with no loss of pay. Each varied in size, with the largest involved based in the administrative, IT and telecoms sectors. Other industries included manufacturing, entertainment, educational and professional services. In four of the organisations, all employees had Fridays off; in the others, a number of employees had different days off from each other.

Employees were universal in their praise of the trial, reporting reduced stress, burnout, and fatigue while being able to sleep more each night and spending more time on hobbies, as well as community and voluntary work.

General Secretary of Fórsa Kevin Callinan said that the research highlighted the need for a more balanced work-life schedule.

"In today's working world there's a mismatch between the amount of time we spend working and the time we spend with our families and friends. "The four-day week can be at the forefront of a new age of work, providing transformative social benefits without losing pay or productivity," he added.

(**This article** can be accessed at this link:
<https://www.ucd.ie/newsandopinion/news/2022/december/01/four-dayweektrialsbroughtsignificantimprovementstoishcompaniesandworkersaccordingtoucdresearch/>)

The link to the **full report** is as follows:
<https://www.forsa.ie/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/4DayWeekAssessingGlobalTrials-1.pdf>

Media coverage of the research and research report launch can be accessed at the following links:

RTE News (Brian O'Donovan):
<https://www.rte.ie/news/business/2022/11/29/1339085-four-day-week/>

New York Post (Kirsten Fleming):
<https://nypost.com/2022/11/30/could-a-four-day-work-week-ever-become-a-reality/>

CNN Business:
<https://edition.cnn.com/2022/11/30/business/4-day-work-week-results>

Irish Examiner (Alan Healy):
<https://www.irishexaminer.com/news/arid-41017991.html>

The Journal: <https://www.thejournal.ie/four-day-work-week-trial-successful-5933095-Nov2022/>

Sydney Morning Herald (Arianne Cohen)
<https://www.smh.com.au/business/workplace/want-a-four-day-work-week-show-this-research-to-your-boss-20221130-p5c2nw.html?ref=rss>

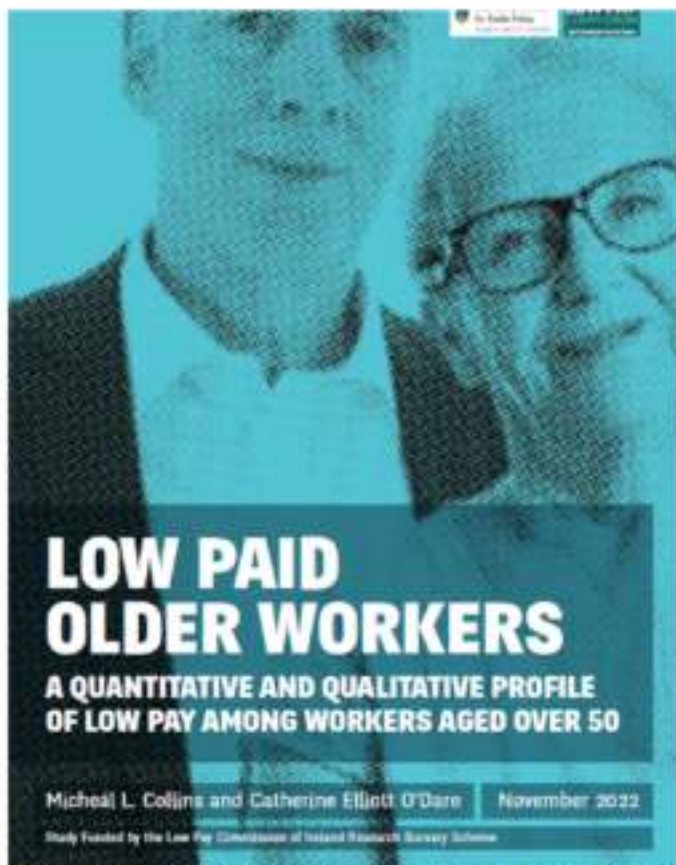
Irish Times (Emmet Malone):
<https://www.irishtimes.com/ireland/2022/11/30/four-day-working-week-can-significantly-benefit-employers-and-staff-study-finds/>

Irish Independent (Anne-Marie Walsh)
<https://www.independent.ie/irish-news/forsa-pushes-for-extension-of-four-day-week-trials-for-its-members-42194960.html>

Silicon Republic (Blathnaid O'Dea)
<https://www.siliconrepublic.com/careers/four-day-work-week-trial-ireland-success>

Newstalk (Ciara Kelly)
<https://www.newstalk.com/news/ciara-kelly-could-a-four-day-week-see-ireland-falling-behind-1406990>

Hotpress (Sandra Black):
<https://www.newstalk.com/news/ciara-kelly-could-a-four-day-week-see-ireland-falling-behind-1406990>



Micheál L. Collins and Catherine Elliott O'Dare (Nov 2022) Low Paid Workers: A Quantitative and Qualitative Profile of Low Pay among Workers aged over 50. Study Funded by the Low Pay Commission of Ireland Research Bursary Scheme.

This article is by: David Kearns, Digital Journalist / Media Officer, UCD University Relations

One in five of Ireland's 420,000 low paid workers are over 50-years-old, according to a new report by UCD researchers.

The study, funded by from the Low Pay Commission, provides the first detailed look at Ireland's low paid older workers, finding that:

- Low paid women aged 50 earn less than similarly aged low paid men.
- Older workers are more likely to be working in administrative and healthcare/caring roles.
- That financial need and inadequacy of pension income are important factors in older workers remaining in and/or taking up low pay jobs.

Considering households and ownership, older low paid workers are more likely to live in 1-2 adult households, be the only worker, and own the property they live in. More than half own their property mortgage free.

This is in contrast to most other low paid workers, who generally live in multi-adult and multi-worker households and are twice as likely to be renters.

As part of the study, interviews were carried out with 20 low paid older workers throughout Ireland, who identified a number of other reasons, beyond financial needs, that influenced their decision to take-up or remain-in low pay.

These reflected their skills, location, family circumstances, and convenience, and other considerations including better lifestyle balance and social interaction.

"This research underscores a need to understand the participation of older workers in the labour market beyond the perspectives of earnings and productivity," said lead author Dr Micheál Collins, UCD School of Social Policy, Social Work and Social Justice.

"While income is important for this group, their participation and continued participation as workers is also linked to other objectives including better lifestyle balance and social interaction"

Fellow author, Dr Catherine Elliott O'Dare added: "Understanding the scale of this group, their probable growth over time, and the set of influences that determine their participation in low paid employment carries important implications for future policies for older workers in general including policies around active ageing and extended working lives."

"It is easy to think of low paid workers as younger workers taking on temporary low paid jobs as they transition into better paid employment," said Ultan Courtney, Chairman of the Low Pay Commission.

"But this study draws our attention to the fact that older workers comprise one-fifth of the total low paid population, with almost one in six workers over 50 receiving low pay."

"This study provides substantial information on the commonalities and differences between older and younger low paid workers. This provides us with new insights about low paid older workers.

"Previous research, both by the Low Pay Commission and ESRI, and more generally across the research community, has not previously focused on older low paid workers. Therefore, this study provides a real contribution to our knowledge on this important topic."

This article can be found at this link:
<https://www.ucd.ie/newsandopinion/news/2022/november/25/oneineveryfivelowpaidworkersinirelandagedover50newucdreportfinds/>

Media Coverage:

RTE News: (Brian O'Donovan):
<https://www.rte.ie/news/business/2022/11/25/1338154-low-paid-workers/>

The Journal: <https://www.thejournal.ie/one-in-every-five-low-paid-workers-aged-over-50-5929744-Nov2022/>

Irish Times: (Emmet Malone and Vivienne Clarke)
<https://www.irishtimes.com/ireland/2022/11/25/one-in-five-workers-over-50-is-low-paid-says-report/>

RTE Radio 1 - Morning Ireland:
<https://www.rte.ie/radio/radio1/clips/22176979/>

RTE Radio 1 -
<https://www.rte.ie/radio/podcasts/22176979-report-finds-20-of-low-paid-workers-are-over-50/>

Ruhama and the Sexual
Exploitation Research Programme

Breaking the Silence:

Examining the hidden sexual violence and sexual exploitation of women in the Irish and global sex trade

1st December 2022 | 9am – 4pm | Dublin
Royal College of Physicians, No. 6 Kildare Street, Dublin 2

Moderator: Anton Savage (Newstalk)

Keynote speaker: Dr Meagan Tyler (LaTrobe University, Melbourne)

Contributions from: Valiant Richey (OSCE Special Representative and Co-ordinator for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings, Minister Helen McEntee (Minister for Justice)

There was significant press, radio and TV media coverage of the International conference "Breaking the Silence: Examining the hidden sexual violence in the Irish and global sex trade" which was held on 1st December 2022 at the Royal College of Physicians, 6 Kildare Street, Dublin 2.

RTE website – article by Ailbhe Conneely featuring SERP:
<https://www.rte.ie/news/2022/12/01/1339321-prostitution/>

Radio One, Morning Ireland piece featuring SERP:
<https://www.rte.ie/radio/radio1/clips/22179046/>

RTE Six One and Nine O' Clock television news featuring SERP and Ailbhe Conneely's piece: (playback has expired)

RTE Radio One Drivetime – with mention of SERP’s Conference and a live interview with Dr Meagan Tyler keynote speaker: 1 hour and 42 minutes in:

<https://www.rte.ie/radio/radio1/drivetime/programmes/2022/1201/1339502-drivetime-thursday-1-december-2022/>

Irish Examiner article featuring SERP’s research:

<https://www.irishexaminer.com/news/arid-41020205.html>

The Funding organisation (Department of Justice) sharing info on the Conference:

<https://twitter.com/DeptJusticeIRL/status/1598283490151354369>

Arising from the Conference SERP was invited by one of the panellists – Richard Hogan, Family Psychotherapist – to participate in a discussion about prostitution and pornography on **Virgin Media News Tonight Show on 06/12/22** – Ruth Breslin was the invited guest:

Full playback (from the top of the show):

<https://www.virginmediatelevision.ie/player/show/1294>

A clip of the SERP contribution:

<https://mobile.twitter.com/TonightVMTV/status/1600265066036989953>



Launch of Equality Matters in Community Sponsorship

The online launch of 'Equality Matters in Community Sponsorship' report on December 5th was very well attended. Led by **Dr. Karen Smith**, School of Social Policy, Social Work and Social Justice the study on which the report was based was funded under the Irish Research Council's New Foundations Award and was carried out in collaboration with Nasc.

The following article is by Dominic Martella, UCD University Relations. This can be found at the following link:

<https://www.ucd.ie/newsandopinion/news/2022/december/06/refugeesneedaccessibleinformationontheirrightsonarrivalinirelandstudyshows/>

As the Irish Government continues to grapple with accommodation shortages for individuals and families fleeing conflict and persecution and protests fuelled by far-right fearmongering grab media attention, a new study into the Irish Community Sponsorship programme provides insights into the work of community groups around Ireland in welcoming and supporting refugees.

The research led by Dr Karen Smith from the UCD School of Social Policy, Social Work and Social Justice, in collaboration with Nasc, the Migrant and Refugee Rights Centre, confirms the valuable support provided by volunteers, but it also highlights the importance of ensuring that appropriate supports, safeguards and provision for monitoring are put in place.

All participants in the Equality Matters in Community Sponsorship study funded by the Irish Research Council recognised the need to ensure refugees received adequate and accessible information about their rights in Ireland, including information about how to raise complaints and report racist incidents. Barriers to gaining employment was one of the key issues that emerged from the study findings, in particular some specific barriers faced by female Muslim refugees who wear hijab.

"Our research findings shows that there is a pressing need to challenge and change pre-conceptions about Muslim women," says Dr Karen Smith, the author of the report.

Dr Karen Smith, UCD School of Social Policy, Social Work and Social Justice

"Contrary to stereotyped assumptions about gender norms in Muslim families, female refugees who participated in our study were eager to engage in paid work but reported challenges in accessing appropriate training and employment supports," she added. According to Dr Smith, refugees admitted into Ireland under the programme strongly appreciate the support they receive from volunteers in Ireland. "In some cases, they regarded the volunteers as 'family'," she said. "While at the same time there was recognition by study participants that the relationship between volunteers and refugees was complex and unequal - underlining the importance of ongoing support for and oversight of the work done by volunteers." Thousands of families across Ireland are now hosting refugees in their homes outside of the Community Sponsorship programme.

According to Nasc CEO Fiona Hurley, "This report focused on the Community Sponsorship Programme, but its findings raise important considerations particularly in respect of equality issues and unequal power dynamics beyond the programme as thousands of families across Ireland are now hosting refugees in their homes." In the study, resettled families spoke of the insecurity and high cost of the private rented sector in Ireland and their fears about how they would source alternative accommodation in the event of their current tenancy ending.

While these issues are not unique to people with refugee status, the report found that this group of people face some specific challenges to accessing private rented housing including discrimination on the grounds of race and/or 'housing assistance' status.

"For newcomers to Ireland hoping to find peace and stability after what might have been years of living in dangerous and precarious conditions, the reality of the housing crisis in Ireland has come as an unpleasant shock," added Dr Smith.

The Community Sponsorship programme was established in Ireland in 2019. It offers a means for ordinary citizens in countries like Ireland to extend practical solidarity to families with refugee status arriving in their countries.

Under the programme, community groups come together to source rental housing and provide material and practical resettlement assistance to the refugee families for the first two years after their arrival in Ireland.

The Irish government target was to resettle 42 families in 2021 and 70 families in 2022 under the programme. These targets form part of a wider commitment to resettle 2,900 refugees between 2019 – 2023 under the Irish Refugee Protection Programme (IRPP). To date, the central focus of the IRPP has been on resettling Syrian nationals.

Link to the report as follows:

<https://nascireland.org/publications/equality-matters-community-sponsorship-considerations-obtaining-feedback-stakeholders>

Link to Irish Examiner article:

<https://www.irishexaminer.com/news/arid-41022227.html>

Irish Time article – Thu Dec 15 2022 –

Safeguarding the right to a healthy environment, clean air, water and natural amenities: Worldwide a burgeoning ‘rights of nature’ movement is challenging centuries of extractivist ideology by John Gibbons, environmental journalist and commentator



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Dr Ernesto Vasquez del Aguila, Peruvian anthropologist and assistant professor in social justice at UCD was interviewed for this article.

The article recounts the following incident:

'This summer, in the English town of Ringwood, Bretton, the local council ordered the felling of an oak tree it claimed risked causing structural damage to nearby houses. The tree, which is listed on the UK Woodland Trust's ancient tree register, is known to be well over 600 years old.

Having stood since the 14th century, long before the surrounding town and houses even existed, the mighty oak disappeared forever in little over an hour on June 29th last, despite determined efforts by locals to save it.

Campaigners had served the local council with an injunction in a last-gasp effort to save the tree, but a local district court judge dismissed it, claiming it was outside its jurisdiction. Despite its great age, what sealed the fate of the ancient oak was that, in a world of human values and human rules, it lacked the basic legal right to exist. Humanity's problematic and increasingly strained relationship with the ecosystems and millions of other species with whom we share a common home is captured in the seeming anodyne phrase "natural resources". Put simply, if it can't speak up to defend itself, the world is fair game.'

"For many indigenous peoples, climate change is not an abstract concept or something related to an external entity. For them, the destruction of natural resources is the destruction of life, their culture and the equilibrium between humans and nature," according to **Dr Ernesto Vasquez del Aguila**, Peruvian anthropologist and assistant professor in social justice at UCD.

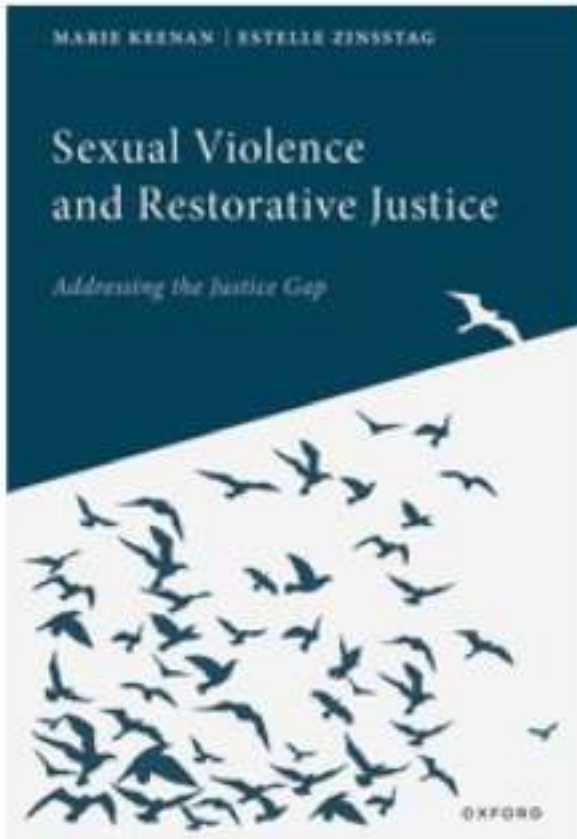
"In the Andean region of Ecuador, Peru and Bolivia, 'Pachamama' is a female deity who represents our mother Earth, a living entity that nurtures us with resources and makes possible life itself. This belief system implicitly protects the right of nature", Vasquez del Aguila added.

"Mother Earth not only has the right to exist but the right to be protected from pollution, exploitation and destruction, because the destruction of her is the destruction of life." In 2008, Ecuador's constitution was amended to give formal recognition to nature of its right to "exist, persist and maintain and regenerate its vital cycles, structure, functions and its evolutionary processes".

Please see the full article as the following address:

<https://www.irishtimes.com/science/2022/12/15/safeguarding-the-right-to-a-healthy-environment-clean-air-water-and-natural-amenities/>

New Publications



Marie Keenan and Estelle Zinsstag (Eds.) (2022)
Sexual Violence and Restorative Justice:
Addressing the Justice Gap. Oxford University
Press.

- Critically examines sexual violence and restorative justice in depth
- Offers step by step rationale for how and why restorative justice can safely address the justice gap in cases of sexual violence
- Presents new data on the application of restorative justice to sexual violence cases across the globe
- Provides comprehensive training and practice guidelines for the application of restorative justice to sexual violence cases

Book Description: Concerned by the high attrition rates for sexual crime and the secondary victimization experienced by victims during their participation in the criminal justice system, this book analyses the extent to which restorative justice can address the justice gap that exists in current justice provision.

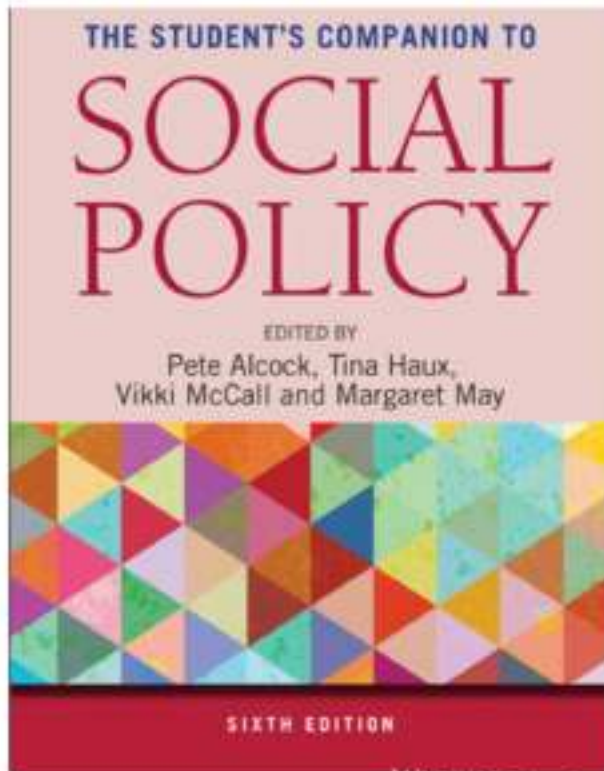
Building on clinical experience and earlier research on sexual crime the authors engage with the complex dynamics and traumatic impact of sexual crime as a critical starting point for their research and examine whether restorative justice can contribute to a more enhanced justice response.

The book presents extensive new data on restorative justice as applied in sexual violence cases across the globe. It engages with feminist concerns regarding the traumatic impact of sexual violence and the power imbalances that characterise these offences, as well as the potential for re-traumatisation and re-victimisation during the judicial process. While there is a risk of coercion of the victim to participate in the process, and manipulation of restorative justice by the offender, restorative justice has the potential to lead to the reprivatisation of sexual crime and ultimately to its decriminalisation.

Having examined these topics in detail, the book concludes there is an important role for restorative justice in addressing the justice gap that exists after sexual crime and offers guidance on how this can be achieved.

Published: 18 November 2022; 416 Pages; 234x156mm; ISBN: 9780198858638

Also Available As: Ebook.



Book Chapter: Collins, M.L., S. Ruane and A. Sinfield (2022). 'Taxation and Social Policy' in *The Students Companion to Social Policy* (6th edition). Wiley Blackwell, UK.

Description: **The new edition of the bestselling guide to the issues students will encounter in the study of social policy in both the UK and abroad** Fully updated and expanded, the sixth edition of *The Student's Companion to Social Policy* remains the most accessible and comprehensive review of UK and comparative social policy available for undergraduate students. Written and edited by leading experts in the field, this authoritative textbook covers all the perspectives, debates, issues and challenges in both the theory and practice of social policy.

The latest edition reflects the most recent developments in the discipline and in social policy-making. New and revised chapters examine critical topics such as the policy agenda of the UK government elected in 2019 and the implications of globalization, climate change, Brexit and the COVID-19 pandemic. A wealth of new and revised illustrative material, including additional problem-centred review and assignment questions, enhance students' learning and comprehension whilst encouraging them to reflect on and reconsider the issues raised in each social policy discussion. A timely, issue-driven overview for students to draw upon throughout their studies, this acclaimed textbook:

- Provides the analytical foundation necessary to investigate and evaluate the key concepts and perspectives central to the study of social policy
- Presents up-to-date coverage of policy formation and outcomes, national and international debates and the challenges and choices facing societies
- Features new and revised coverage of key issues including international and comparative developments, austerity and post-austerity policies in the UK and devolved administrations, public attitudes to welfare and sustainability challenges
- Offers a range of pedagogical tools such as boxed 5-point summary overviews, "Emerging Issues" sections, guides to further resources and chapter review questions

The Student's Companion to Social Policy, Sixth Edition is essential reading for all those on Social Policy courses, whether specialising in the subject or studying it as part of another programme across the social sciences at undergraduate or postgraduate level.

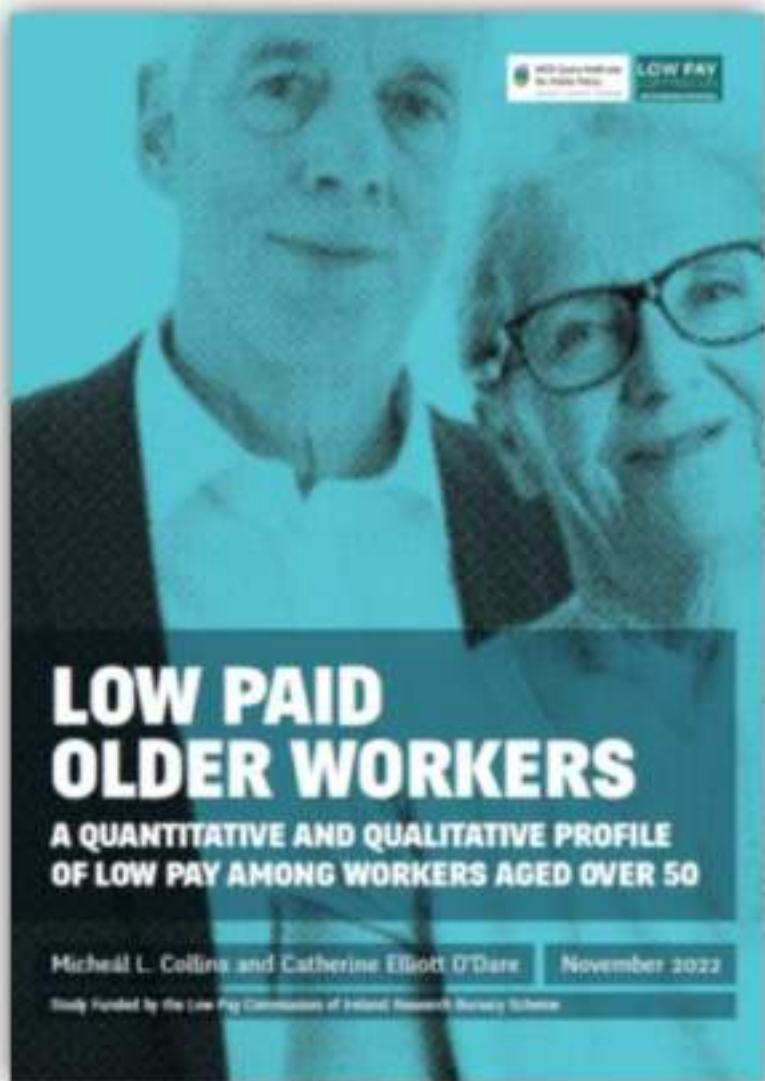
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<https://www.wiley.com/en-ie/The+Student's+Companion+to+Social+Policy,+6th+Edition-p-9781119744870>



New Geary Institute for Public Policy Discussion Paper: Collins, M.L. (2022). 'Revealing a Hidden Cost: determining the public service cost of poverty in Ireland' - Public Policy Discussion Paper 2022/05. Dublin, UCD Geary Institute for Public Policy.

Abstract (summary of):

Living life on a poverty income is common in Irish society. Between 2010-20, on average one in seven people lived on an income below the poverty line – approximately 720,000 individuals. By necessity living life on such a low-income imposes costs on these individuals and families. Making ends meet involves personal sacrifices, restricts options and limits opportunities; and for many it is not always possible to find ways to make ends meet. These individual costs of poverty are large scale and leave effects that last years and at times generations. Alongside these individual costs, poverty is responsible for other costs. In particular, the presence of poverty in a society triggers demands on the public purse. These costs derive from the identification of poverty as a determining factor in the need for, and demand for, a wide range of public services and policies ranging across almost all areas of public policy.



Research Report: Collins, M.L. and C. Elliott O'Dare (2022), 'Low Paid Older Workers: a quantitative and qualitative profile of low pay among workers aged over 50'. Dublin, UCD and Low Pay Commission.

<https://assets.gov.ie/240432/dd837fa4-1b09-43c8-976d-f3028cbe791b.pdf>

Image attached of report cover

Abstract (summary of): Research on the topic of low pay has experienced a revival in Ireland over recent years triggered by a greater policy shift towards understanding and addressing low pay, growing interest in the challenges of employment precarity, and greater research and policy engagement on the relationship between earnings and living standards.

This research report examines one heretofore underexplored group, older workers in low pay and aims to establish insights into the scale and experience of low pay among employees aged 50 years and older. It brings together themes of ageing populations, labour market earnings and living conditions.



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Journal Article: Kodate N, Maeda Y, Hauray B, Tsujimura M, Chan WCH, Mannan H, Yu W, Dalgalarondo S, Cheung M, Yumoto A, Suwa S, **Donnelly S**, Sakata N, O'Shea D, Obayashi K and Masuyama S (2022) Hopes and fears regarding care robots: Content analysis of newspapers in East Asia and Western Europe, 2001–2020. *Front. Rehabil. Sci.* 3:1019089. doi: 10.3389/freesc.2022.1019089

Abstract: As a type of welfare technology, care robotics is now widely seen as a potential aide to rehabilitation, increasing independence and enhancing the wellbeing of people with disabilities and of older adults. Research into and development of care robots have both been vigorously promoted in North America, Europe and Asia, and the competition for technological advancement in robotics is becoming fierce. AI ethics and policy guidelines are being established. However, there are still differences in attitudes and perceptions, as well as national policies regarding this type of welfare technology. Moreover, despite the anticipated usefulness, it is believed that progress has been slow in the diffusion of care robots.

In order to explore how public discourses support technological innovation, such as care robots, while preparing society for potential risks and impact, we sought to ascertain whether public discourse on care robots varies from region to region. For example, what are the hopes and promises associated with care robots and what are the concerns?

To address these questions, this article explored how care robots have been portrayed in five major broadsheet newspapers in five jurisdictions in Asia and Europe (France, Great Britain, Hong Kong SAR, Ireland and Japan). We obtained 545 articles for the period between January 2001 and September 2020, more than half of which originated in Japan. A thematic analysis was conducted of these articles written in four languages (Chinese, English, French and Japanese).

Positive and negative narratives were teased out, alongside other key prominent themes identified, such as Japan as the land of robots, the pandemic, and the impact of robots on the economy. As the number of robot-related articles grew from the year 2012 onwards, narratives became more nuanced in European newspapers, but not in Asian ones. Furthermore, recent articles began to address the social and relational impact of care robots, while providing concrete examples of improvements in the quality of life of users. Further careful examination will be necessary in the future in order to establish the impact of robotics use in rehabilitation for people with disabilities, older adults, their carers and society at large.



Journal Article: Alfandari, R., Taylor, B. J., Baginsky, M., **Campbell, J.**, Helm, D., Killick, C., ... & Whittaker, A. (2022). Making Sense of Risk: Social Work at the Boundary between Care and Control. *Health, Risk & Society*, 1-18.

Abstract: 'Risk' has become a central concept for social work practice in countries with more developed social welfare systems. As argued by Hazel Kemshall and colleagues, 'risk' has often replaced 'need' as the main driver for social work interventions as societies seek to avoid harm to citizens. This shift of focus raises a tension between care (support for the individual or family in their own right) and control (seeking to prevent harm to themselves, each other or other citizens). This article considers some of the key developments in the 25 years since the above article, including the development of risk communication; the growing familiarity with both likelihood and severity concepts of risk; the assessment of risk as part of organisational arrangements to manage risk; and theoretical developments linking social work assessment, 'working with risk' and decision-making. In the first part of the article, we explore the care versus control boundary through focussing, in turn, on child and family social work, adult care services, mental health social work and criminal justice social work, and their respective developments. We then further extend two key foci regarding assessment and care planning as well as the use of professional knowledge at the care and control boundary. Our analysis of these developments points towards more nuanced approaches to managing risk and making decisions at these sometimes contentious boundaries.



Joy Twemlow, Catherine Turner, **Aisling Swaine.** Moving in a State of Fear: Ambiguity, Gendered Temporality, and the Phenomenology of Anticipating Violence. *Australian Feminist Law Journal* 48(1): <https://doi.org/10.1080/13200968.2022.2138185>

Abstract: This article adopts a feminist phenomenological method to flesh out the way in which gendered norms position the experience of anticipating violence. While women's everyday lives are frequently polluted with an atmosphere laden with potential threats, the law struggles to adequately grasp this experience of anticipating violence. We argue that the dominant legal understanding of violence is incapable of grasping the experience of anticipating violence because the temporal focus of violence is constrained by the law's focus on violence as an 'event' to which it responds. Drawing on interviews with women in positions of leadership in Northern Ireland we provide a description of this gendered experience of anticipating violence. In these cases, women occupy a temporally and spatially stretched out space of being-in-anticipation that not only creates an atmosphere of ambiguity but restricts the space for women to exercise control over their own lives. Arguably the way that anticipation restricts women's ways of engaging with the world create affective conditions that parallel those of the violence they seek to avoid. We conclude by proposing that the ambiguity that characterises anticipation leaves space for a compassionate response through intersubjective recognition.

Book Chapters: .Corinne Painter, Ingrid Sharp and Matthew Stibbe (eds) *Socialist Women and the Great War: Protest, Revolution and Commemoration*, (Bloomsbury, 2022)

This is an open access book, is the first transnational study of left-wing women and socialist revolution during the First World War and its aftermath. Through a discussion of the key themes related to women and revolution, such as anti-militarism and violence, democracy and citizenship, and experience and life-writing, this book sheds new and necessary light on the everyday lives of socialist women in the early 20th century.

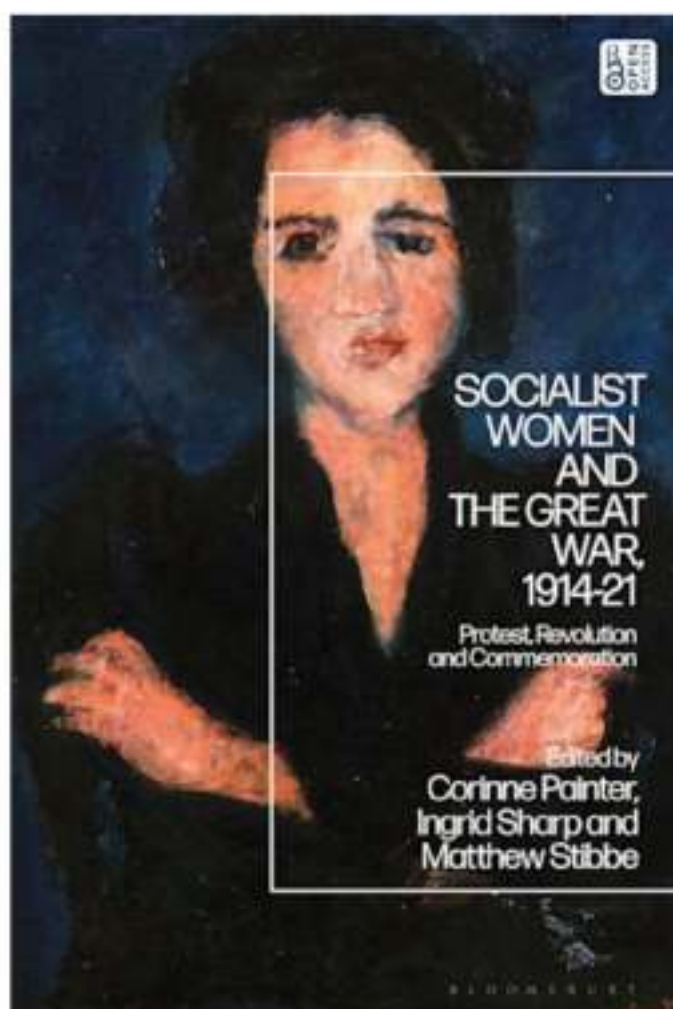
This is a collaboratively written book, with contributions from me on two chapters and I led the Commemoration chapter.
<https://www.bloomsburycollections.com/book/socialist-women-and-the-great-war-191421-protest-revolution-and-commemoration/>

[Chapter 1](#). Socialist Women and the Great War, 1914–21: Protest, Revolution and Commemoration

Matthew Stibbe, Ingrid Sharp, Clotilde Faas, Veronika Helfert, **Mary McAuliffe** and Corinne Painter

[Chapter 3](#). Socialist Women and Revolutionary Violence, 1918–21
Veronika Helfert, Clotilde Faas, Tiina Lintunen and **Mary McAuliffe**

[Chapter 6](#). Commemorating Revolution, Commemorating Women. **Mary McAuliffe**, Ingrid Sharp, Clotilde Faas, Tiina Lintunen and Ali Ronan



Medscape

Research paper Review

Dr Alan Maddock was asked to provide a critique of the following published research paper on the question 'Do Buddhist Teachings Protect Against Depression?' by Medscape Psychiatry.

Wongpakaran N, Pooriwarangkakul P, Suwannachot N, Mirnics Z, Ko`vi Z, Wongpakaran T (2022) Moderating role of observing the five precepts of Buddhism on neuroticism, perceived stress, and depressive symptoms. PLoS ONE 17(11): e0277351. <https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0277351>

This following critique by Dr Alan Maddock was published in MedScape Psychiatry, Dec 9th 2022 (see full article at the following link: https://www.medscape.com/viewarticle/985256?src=#vp_2

Not Generalizable

Commenting for Medscape Medical News, Alan Maddock, PhD, MSW, assistant professor in social work, University College, Dublin, Ireland, described the study as being "reasonably well designed and executed, with a large sample size which allows the statistical analysis to be conducted."

However, the authors are "using a single item to measure a very complex set of phenomena – five different behaviors of varying intensity – and how it might moderate relationships within a complex model, with depression as an outcome, which also includes neuroticism," cautioned Maddock, who was not involved with the study.

"A more multifaceted measure of the Five Precepts is needed to explore these relationships thoroughly," he continued. This is a "significant limitation, which undermines the subsequent discussion and the clinical relevance of this paper, which is overstated in the discussion in my view."

Moreover, the nature of the sample (ie, a convenience sample) means "it cannot be generalized to a wider population," Maddock added.

"Longitudinal studies (which the authors call for) would need to be conducted with a more well-developed and tested measure (validated in the local context) of the Five Precepts included before any changes to clinical practice should be advocated for," he said.

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Focus on our Researchers



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How did you come to select your chosen area of research?

My interest in research began during the 15 years I worked as a Senior Medical Social Worker in Tallaght University Hospital where I completed my PhD, examining the topic of Care Planning Meetings in respect of people with a cognitive impairment or dementia. My research is interdisciplinary in nature, bringing together the areas of social work, social policy, ageing, dementia, adult safeguarding, capacity, and decision-making. Primarily I seek to explore and understand the intersection between social policy, legislation, and the impact on frontline practice for social workers and health and social care practitioners.

Are there any key theories, methodologies, or paradigms that guide your research?

My teaching and research are strongly influenced by a critical and radical lens with the aim of addressing the structural issues that affect the lives of the people we work. This means trying to understand the root causes of problems with an emphasis on action which seeks to instigate social change whether that be in relation to people living with dementia or empowering social workers and health and social care practitioners within their practice context. This has led me to embrace participatory and emancipatory methodologies such as co-design, patient, public involvement, action research and participatory action research.

Can you describe what the process of writing your most recent publication was like.

My most recent publication is a co-authored Position Paper on Adult Safeguarding: Legislation, Policy and Practice with colleagues in the Irish Association of Social Workers and helps give voice to the challenges faced by frontline social work practitioners. The position paper has been developed in the context of inadequate legal protections for vulnerable adults and the paper seeks to influence the development and implementation of appropriate legislation, policy, and practice in the Irish context. This is in line with human rights values and best practices and based on our unique role, expertise, and experience as social workers, as well as being influenced by the voices and needs of the people we work with and their families. Our aim is to use the paper to engage with key stakeholders such as Government Ministers, policymakers, the HSE and civil society organisations in order to collectively advocate for meaningful change. We have argued for the need for primary adult safeguarding legislation, an Independent Statutory Authority, Mandatory Reporting of abuse in certain contexts and the creation of a Chief Social Worker role. I also wrote an Irish Examiner Opinion Piece which outlined the key messages of the paper which facilitated the dissemination of these important key messages to the general public.

Mc Garry, S., Donnelly, S and Gerain, V (2022) 'Position Paper on Adult Safeguarding: Legislation, Policy and Practice.' Irish Association of Social Workers. Available: IASW Publications & Reports

Overall, what do you find most interesting about your area of research

I am strongly committed to issues of social justice, collaboration and collective advocacy and this is very much reflected in my work. Issues of public and professional engagement are at the core of many of my research projects as evidenced by a strong track record of connected, engaged and participatory research with civil society organisations. For example, my expertise in participatory and patient public involvement in research was recognised by the Alzheimer Society of Ireland who in 2021, commissioned me to develop a briefing paper with the Irish Dementia Working Group on adult safeguarding and people living with dementia in nursing homes.

What is next for you? What projects are you working on now?

Currently, I am the principal investigator for an Irish Research Council New Foundations Award, 'Hidden Harm: Safeguarding Family Carers from Carer Harm' project. This study is being carried out in partnership with the NGO Family Carers Ireland, exploring the seldom discussed concept of carer harm, building on my adult safeguarding expertise.

I am also currently co-investigator for a Health Research Board, Applied Partnership Award. This involves a realist process evaluation of an intervention to promote competencies in interprofessional collaboration among interdisciplinary integrated care teams for older people in Ireland. The principal investigator to this study is Dr Deirdre O'Donnell, Assistant Professor, UCD Health Systems

Finally, I am commencing work as a coinvestigator to a Health Research Charities Ireland/Health Research Board Joint Funding Breakthrough Cancer project, "Surgery, radiotherapy, chemotherapy, but now what? Exploring the rehabilitation needs of people with brain tumours in Ireland" (Brain-RESTORE). I will be overseeing the participatory and action research aspects of the study with Professor Kathleen Bennett, Royal College of Surgeons Ireland acting as Principal Investigator.





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