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MESSAGE FROM DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH



Dear readers,

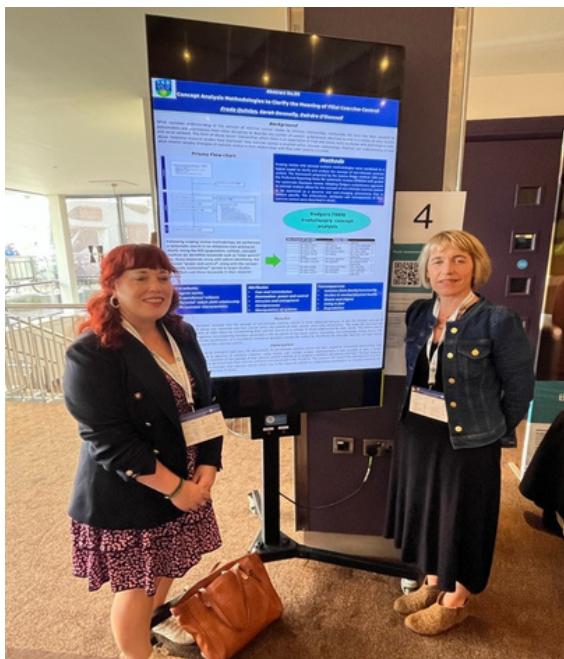
As we embark on a new year, we highlight our recent research publications and events, and provide an outlook for 2026. On 13th November 2025 the school celebrated its 10th anniversary with academic debates, policy exchange and music. We also ended the year with two policy reports and started it with two new books. Prof. Michelle Norris and colleagues published an EU report on “The fight against homelessness” and Dr. Matthew Donoghue and Ms. Orla Dingley published the NES report “Examining the Concept and Use of Just Resilience in Ireland and Internationally”. Prof. Bryan Fanning’s “Migration and Social Policy in a Changing World” and Dr. Michael Byrne’s “Beyond Generation Rent” came out in January.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stephan Köppe".

STEPHAN KÖPPE
DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH

ACHIEVEMENTS

Research article by PhD candidate Freda Quinlan (Lead Author), Assoc. Prof. Sarah Donnelly, and Dr. Deirdre O'Donnell has been awarded the 2025 Emerald Literati 'Outstanding Paper of the Year' by the Journal of Adult Protection.



A significant advancement in the conceptualisation of familial harm is provided by Quinlan, Donnelly, and O'Donnell (2025), whose award-winning study addresses the theoretical void surrounding Filial Coercive Control (FCC). Utilising Rodgers' (1989) evolutionary concept analysis, the authors synthesise existing evidence to define FCC as a "condition of unfreedom" characterised by persistent patterns of domination exerted by adult children over their ageing parents. This framework moves beyond traditional, event-based definitions of elder mistreatment by identifying specific attributes of systematic abuse, including intentional isolation, fear-based intimidation, and the exploitation of physical proximity within the domestic sphere. By constructing both 'model' and 'contrary' cases, the research established an operational definition that serves as an essential foundation for professional education and safeguarding intervention. This work argues that recognising the dynamics of power and control is a vital prerequisite for effective social work, particularly when dealing with the unique vulnerabilities of older parents who may be trapped in relational dependency. The significance of this practitioner-led inquiry is underpinned by the researcher's positionality. Currently serving as a Principal Social Worker for the Safeguarding and Protection team in the West of Ireland, Freda brings an advanced clinical understanding of the systemic barriers and professional dilemmas encountered in these cases. This dual perspective allows the research to remain deeply grounded in the lived realities of social work while seeking to uncover the underlying mechanisms of control. Furthermore, these doctoral studies are funded by the HSE, representing a strategic investment in the development of professional frameworks that bridge the gap between academic theory and the daily observations of frontline health and social care staff.

Promotion to Assoc. Prof. for Dr. Michael Byrne

Dr. Michael Byrne has been promoted to Associate Professor. His main research interest is the interaction between finance, the state and the built environment and in urban politics more generally. His previous research projects have looked at the urban commons, the political economy of bad banks, and social housing financialization. His current research focuses on the political economy of the private rental sector, looking the drivers of investment in the rental sector, policy in the area and how tenants in the sector are organising politically. His research incorporates policy analysis and in depth qualitative approaches. He is very interested in the relationship between research and activism, for example emancipatory and militant research approaches, and also conducting research which is directly useful for social change. Aside from his main areas of research, he is also interested in all aspects of political economy, in particular financialization, the Eurozone, class conflict and social movements.

PAST RESEARCH EVENTS

Paul Sweeney – Honorary Degree in Economics and Social Policy



Paul Sweeney Credit: Chris Bellew / Fennell Photography

Paul Sweeney, one of Ireland's most influential economists, received a UCD honorary doctorate in Economics for his unique contributions to the country's economic development. UCD School of Social Policy, Social Work and Social Justice were joint proposers together with the School of Economics to honour not only his contributions to economics, but also his influence in social policy and fight against poverty and inequality.

Sweeney is the former Chief Economist of the Irish Congress of Trade Unions, and was at the heart of the economic bargaining and social partnership that helped transform Ireland into a prosperous, modern, high-tech economy. He has written five books and dozens of articles on the Irish economy and public enterprise, including the influential book *The Celtic Tiger: Ireland's Economic Miracle Explained*.

His contributions were also celebrated at a joint workshop at the UCD Geary Institute of Public Policy. Dr Nat O'Connor, UCD School of Social Policy, Social Work and Social Justice delivered the speech to honor Sweeney's social policy contributions and remarked: "Whenever you meet Paul, one of the first things he will often say is 'Did you read this or that?' Or he'd start with, "Do you know, I read this paper the other day...". That is what it means to be a scholar – to love knowledge and to spend your life pursuing it. Not because Paul had to, but because he wants to use that knowledge to better understand our economy, so that we can improve it for everyone who lives here."

Write up here is based on the UCD press release

<https://www.ucd.ie/newsandopinion/news/2025/december/08/ucdawardshonorarydegrees toombudsmanforchildreninfluentialeconomistandtopbusinessleaders>

You can access a short UCD video featuring Paul Sweeney [here](#)

JSPS London-funded Seminar & Community Think-in Event “Caring Communities in Japan and Ireland: Collaboration, engagement and intergenerational relations for realising Ageing in Place” (Oct. 2025)



Together with Trinity College Dublin’s School of Social Work and Social Policy and Chiba University (CU)’s Graduate School of Nursing and the Geary Institute for Public Policy, a School of Social Policy, Social Work and Social Justice organised one-day seminar and a think-in event (‘Caring Communities in Japan and Ireland’) took place in October 2025. This event took place against the background of the school’s ten-year long research collaborations between UCD and CU. Since 2016, scholars in the two universities have been engaged in cross-disciplinary and international collaboration in ageing-related research projects in a variety of forms. On this occasion a vision for the seminar was that academics and practitioners need to work much more closely, and ‘practitioners’ should involve community leaders as well, based on the PPI (public-patient involvement) model. The focus was also placed upon training and cross-cultural experience for early-career researchers, since they will continue to develop and nurture the framework for cross-country research and international collaboration, be it in policymaking or in practice.

The interdisciplinary seminar (Day 1) addressed the question of how older people’s stay in their homes and communities (ageing in place) can be supported by community engagement (collaboration among municipalities, academic and older people) and integrated sheltered housing concepts (such as multi-generation-housing, ageing-friendly community approaches). The think-in community engagement event (Day 2) shed light on our long-term commitment and strong track record of successful partnerships, working across universities (UCD, TCD, Maynooth, Chiba and Gunma) and reaching out to the Community Centre in Co. Wicklow, thanks to Dr. Catherine Elliott O’Dare (TCD). Prof. Michelle Norris (Director, Geary Institute) opened the seminar, followed by four Japanese delegates. From the School, Assoc. Prof. Sarah Donnelly and Dr Nat O’Connor gave a talk. The event was funded through the JSPS London Seminar and Symposium Scheme 2025/26 (PI: Assoc. Prof. Nao Kodate).

Invited Keynote to the Social Justice Ireland Annual Policy Conference given by Assoc. Prof. Sarah Donnelly



Assoc. Prof. of Social Work Sarah Donnelly was an invited keynote presenter at Social Justice Ireland's Annual Policy Conference, which was held on the 12th November 2025 in the Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission. The theme of this year's conference was 'Care in a Changing World' and Sarah's presentation was entitled: 'Caring for the Carers: Balancing the rights of Carers and the Cared for Person in Ireland: Implications for Policy and Practice'.

Invited Keynote to the Family Carers' Ireland Annual Research Conference: Partnership from Research to Practice given by Assoc. Prof. Sarah Donnelly

Assoc. Prof. of Social Work Sarah Donnelly was an invited keynote speaker to Family Carers Ireland's Annual Research Conference 2025: Partnership from Research to Practice - which was held on the 3rd December 2025 in the Aisling Hotel, Dublin. Sarah co-presented with Sinead Tighe, Family Carer and their presentation was entitled 'Two years on: Reflecting on the Impact of the Understanding Carer Harm Project on Policy, Practice and the Lived Experience' Research Conference 2025: Partnership from Research to Practice - Family Carers Ireland. The event also highlighted good practice in Public & Patient Involvement (PPI) and aimed to foster networking and collaboration among those engaged in family caring and carer-related research.

JSPS London Seminar for postgraduate students and early-career researchers in the British Isles (Nov. 2025)



Assoc. Prof. Nao Kodate was invited to take part in a career seminar for (Japanese-origin) early-career researchers based in UK and Irish universities and research institutes. Together with three panellists (Prof. Chiaki Kobayashi, Astrophysics, University of Hertfordshire; Assoc. Prof. Hiroki Shin, History, University of Birmingham; Dr Takashi Ochi, Biological Sciences, University of Leeds), Dr Kodate spoke about his research and shared his own experience at various institutions he worked at, including UCD. Just as in 2019, when Dr Kodate served as a panellist at a similar event, he was the only academic from the isle of Ireland. (https://www.jsps.org/jsps_newsletter/files/newsletter_no79_2025_winter.pdf)

Invited Lecture – Voting rules (STV), politics and policy in Ireland at the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications, Japan, December 2025

Assoc. Prof. Nao Kodate was invited to give a lecture at the Japanese Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications. The Ministry's expert panels on 'voting and electoral systems in the world' hosts lectures regularly, and Dr Kodate was originally asked to take part in 2020, which had to be postponed because of the pandemic.



Dr. Kodate has several publications regarding politics and policy in Ireland (in Japanese), and also translated works by Profs. Michelle Norris, Jim Campbell, Sarah Donnelly and Elaine Wilson. This time, the main focus of Dr. Kodate's lecture was the characteristics of voting and elections in Ireland, and it covered the basic rules, the origin and a few examples of how voting counts work from the latest general election (Nov. 2024). Special thanks are also due to Dr. Nat O'Connor for his great inputs.

FUTURE RESEARCH EVENTS

Seminar with speaker Prof Clare Stone, Lancaster University entitled “I am who I am: That makes interpretative research interesting and complex” to be held on the 20th January at 1.00pm in the Geary Seminar room (B003/004).



Prof. Clare Stone, Lancaster University is a guest of Prof. Prospera Tedam, UCD School of Social Policy Social Work and Social Justice, and is visiting the Geary Institute as part of the BICS Funding Scheme.

Abstract: Reflexivity in qualitative research involves consciously examining our thoughts, experiences, beliefs, values, and biases because they influence our assumptions and interpretations throughout the research process (Burnam, 2023). Yet in phenomenological research, some argue for bracketing or setting aside pre-existing knowledge ‘to understand the essence of the phenomenon’ (Vicary & Ferguson 2024:5). It has been suggested that interpretative circling can be managed within a mere two stage process. In the seminar I hope to explain how I have approached my own (IPA) research projects and how 'fore-meaning' (Gadamer et al., 2004:270) actively shapes the interview experience for me and the research participants. My experience is that qualitative interviews are complex and 'messy' (Grix, 2004), involving inter-subjectivity and multiple directions of interpretation.

The Building International Collaborations Supports, or BICS, initiative is designed to foster greater collaboration between Geary members and researchers in universities and research institutes outside the Republic of Ireland. The scheme was introduced to support international collaborations and foster publications and research funding applications by providing both access to desk space for visiting scholars in the Geary Institute and also funding for vouched travel and accommodation.

Conference – Robophilosophy 2026: Connected Futures - Nature, Robots, and Society in UCD, August 2026

Assoc. Prof. Nao Kodate and Dr Vivek Nallur (School of Computer Science) will host an interdisciplinary and international biannual conference Robophilosophy 2026 (RP2026) in UCD Belfield between 11 and 14 August 2026. RP2026 will explore the profound transformations occurring at the intersection of technological innovation, the shaping of future societies, and increased concerns about natural degradation. As robotic systems become increasingly integrated into every facet of human life, this conference will create the urgently needed space for informed and meaningful research exchange and dialogue across all relevant disciplines – from social robotics, computer science, and HRI, to the humanities and social sciences, but also law, economics, ecology and climate research.

RP2026 is the seventh event in the Robophilosophy Conference Series. We invite researchers to join us to address the fundamental questions that will shape our collective future. How do we design robotic systems that respect human dignity, autonomy, and social justice? What legal frameworks must evolve to address accountability when autonomous agents make consequential decisions? Can robots contribute to environmental restoration and sustainability, or will they accelerate ecological degradation? How will automation reshape labor markets, economic inequality, the meaning of work itself, and caring relationships? What responsibilities do we bear toward the artificial agents we create?

How might robots, and the connectedness of the AI that drives them, challenge or reinforce existing power structures? What does coexistence mean when intelligence takes multiple forms?

Plenary Speakers:

- Lynne Baillie, Robotics, Heriot Watt University, GB
- Ryan Calo, Robot Law and Regulations, Univ. of Washington, USA
- Hideki Kajima, Robotics/Social Systems, Toyota Motor Europe, Japan
- Arno Klein, Digital Technology/Mental Health, Child Mind Institute, USA
- Bertram Malle, Psychology, Brown University, USA
- Shannon Vallor, Ethics, Edinburgh Futures Institute, GB

For detailed timeline see www.rp2026.org

CONFERENCE PAPERS

Sarah Donnelly gave two poster presentations at the Irish Gerontological Society's 72nd Annual Scientific Meeting, 2nd - 4th October 2025, Great Southern Hotel, Killarney. Sarah's co-authored abstracts were published in a Special Issue of Age and Ageing Journal Volume 54 Issue Supplement 4 | Age and Ageing | Oxford Academic.

Ní Raghallaigh, M., Tedam, P. and Kelleher, J. gave a paper 'Supporting the inclusion of separated children seeking international protection: Balancing children's rights, care and independence at the threshold of adulthood' at the National Child Protection and Welfare Social Work Conference, University College Cork, October 2025. SWCONF25 is supported by the Department of Children, Disability, and Equality, IASW, Tusla, and @UCCsocialwork.

Zumbyte, Ieva was a speaker at the Recipes for Gender Equality Conference: Learnings from Europe on Work Life Balance and Public Early Childhood Education and Care hosted by the National Women's Council with Together for Public on 26th Nov. 2025 in Dublin, Ireland and supported by The Communicating Europe Initiative. Ieva Zumbyte participated as a panel speaker in the session on how EU frameworks shape national ECEC and family leave policy and what Ireland can learn from EU practice. More details can be found [here](#).

Mary McAuliffe was a speaker at the two-day conference entitled Daniel O'Connell 250, held on Wednesday 19th Nov. 2025 at the Centre Culturel Irlandais, Paris and on 20th Nov. 2025 at the Embassy of Ireland, Paris. The conference focused on opening a conversation about the resonance of Daniel O'Connell's ideas today and on contemporary political issues such as democracy and citizen participation in political affairs. A recording of the event can be found [here](#).

Krisna Ruette-Orihuela, Lina Lucumi-Mosquera and Meyby Ugueto- Ponce. "Endemic Dimensions of Racial Capitalism in the Cocoa-Chocolate production in Colombia and Venezuela". Association for the Study of the Worldwide African Diaspora. 12th Biennial Conference: "I've Known Rivers: The Ecologies of Black Life and Resistance". St. Louis, Missouri, USA, November 2025. More details can be found [here](#).

Mary McAuliffe was a featured speaker in Session 1: O'Connell at 250: Legacies, Inspirations and Challenges of the Liberty, Democracy and the Struggle for Human Rights Symposium on the 16th December 2025, Pontifical Irish College, Rome. This event was held to celebrate the 250th anniversary of Daniel O'Connell's birth. Dr. Mary McAuliffe's paper provided historical insight into O'Connell's legacy and significance.

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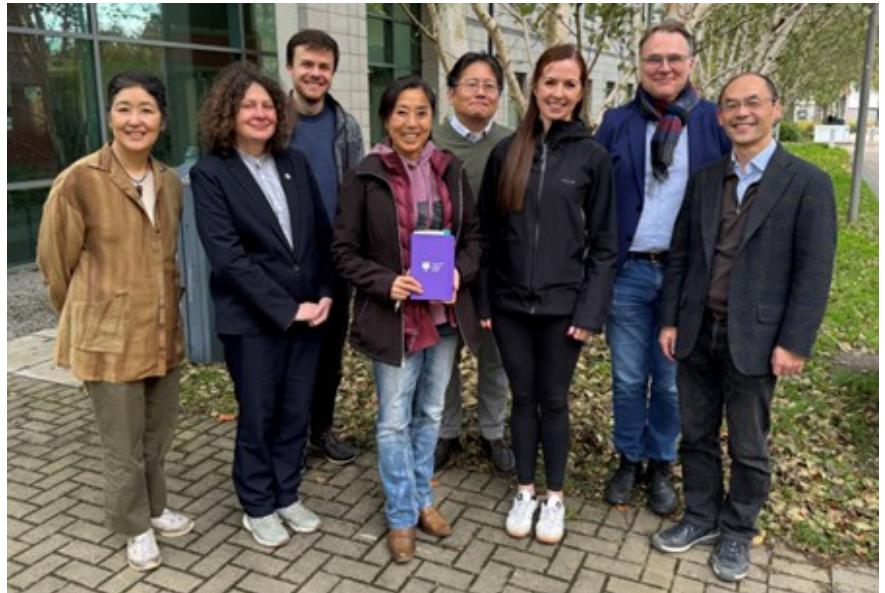


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Successful Erasmus+ICM Projects with Hokkaido University & Kyoto University (Oct. 2025)



Under the umbrella of the UCD Japan Group 'One Health', Assoc. Prof. Kodate (School of Social Policy, Social Justice and Social Work) and Prof. Steve Gordon (Deputy Director, JaSt, School of Veterinary Medicine) jointly secured the Erasmus+ICM funding (2017-2019/2022-2025). UCD Global held an event to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the Erasmus+ in October.

Japanese Tea Expo with Japanese student community (Nov. 2025)

Former Japanese Minister of Agriculture, Yuji Yamamoto, joined the Japanese Tea Expo organised by Ms Nobuko Ijichi (JaSt, Japanese Language and Culture Coordinator, UCD Centre for English and Global Languages (CEGL)) in support of Breast Cancer Ireland.

Mr Yamamoto was delighted to interact with students, discussing the importance of Japan-Ireland relations and highlighting the Ireland-Japan Joint Leaders' Statement (2022), which set out commitments to expanding political, economic, and people-to-people ties.

Assoc. Prof. Hasheem Mannan selected as JSPS Fellow for Research in Japan, 2025 (Nov.-Dec. 2025)



Prof. Mannan's research is entitled 'Disability rights in action: a comparison of the first government reports of Japan and Ireland', and he will spend time at Aoyama Gakuin University to carry out the research in November/December 2025. Prof. Mannan's research will be hosted by Prof. Yuko Chiba at Aoyama Gakuin University (AGU), Shibuya, Tokyo. Profs. Mannan & Chiba hosted a public seminar for the Disability Week "Advancing International Human Rights Law through the UN CRPD: Insights from Japan-Ireland Government Reports and Disability Employment in Japan" on 17 December 2025.

Assoc. Profs. Kodate and Mannan attended Chiba University Graduate School of Nursing's 50th Anniversary Event (Dec. 2025)

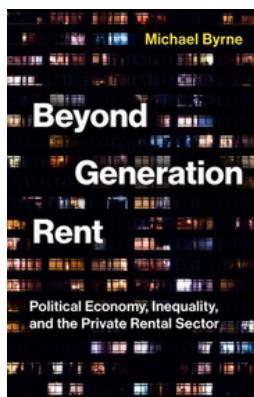


Princess Aiko, the daughter of the Emperor and Empress, attended the ceremony and delivered a special address that emphasised her longstanding respect for the profession. The ceremony was attended by approx.. 400 people.

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PUBLICATIONS

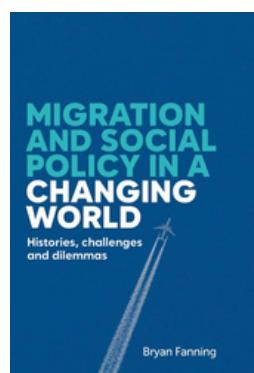
Book



[Michael Byrne](#) (Jan. 2026) [Beyond Generation Rent: Political economy, inequality and the private rental sector](#), Polity Press.

Overview: This book represents the culmination of almost a decade of Dr. Byrne's research on the private rental sector in Ireland internationally. As societies struggle to respond to the revival of private renting, this book offers the first comprehensive and critical account of the inequality at the heart of contemporary housing systems. Bringing together cutting-edge research and case studies from a host of countries – from the USA to Australia, from Spain to Germany – Michael Byrne examines inequality, financialization, the rise of 'generation landlord' and evictions. He analyses the everyday power dynamics between landlords and tenants and the social and economic structures that mean the ownership of residential property is concentrated in fewer and fewer hands. Moving beyond the kind of thinking that treats landlordism as natural and inevitable, Byrne's political economy framework demonstrates how declining homeownership and its consequences for inequality and housing justice are major political challenges for contemporary societies. At the same time, a new generation of tenant activism can point the way to fairer housing systems. The book is available in hardback, paperback and ebook, and will be available in the US from March 2026.

Book



[Bryan Fanning](#). (Jan. 2026) [Migration and Social Policy in a Changing World: Histories, Challenges and Dilemmas](#), Manchester University Press.

Overview: Migration and social policy in a changing world bridges the generally separate fields of social policy and migration studies. This book traces social policy responses to migration from the Industrial Revolution to today's era of globalisation and large-scale migration.

Through case studies from across the globe, the book explores key themes including rural-urban migration, social citizenship, welfare internationalism and diasporic care systems. It examines how migrants are included in or excluded from social citizenship in host societies, and how they become providers of welfare services such as health and social care.

Moving beyond a methodological nationalist focus, the book investigates migrant incorporation into welfare states through family networks, faith communities, and other informal welfare structures. It combines migrants' experiences with host societies' immigration politics, institutional perspectives and policies to present a comprehensive analysis of the migration-welfare relationship.

This volume fills a gap in academic literature and offers policymakers, practitioners and scholars a framework for understanding the interplay between migration and social policy in our changing world.

Report

Norris M, O'Hara L, Foley L (Nov. 2025) The fight against homelessness and its links with anti-poverty policies in Ireland: European Social Policy Analysis Network. European Commission. Report can be downloaded [here](#).



This report, prepared by the European Social Policy Analysis Network (ESPAN), provides a comparative overview of the situation regarding the fight against homelessness and its links with broader anti-poverty policies across the European Union, with a view to improving policy guidance to Member States on effective strategies and investment gaps, to support their efforts in eradicating homelessness in their territories.

Drawing on the national reports prepared by the ESPAN country teams, it examines the scope of the current definitions of homelessness in the Member States, with reference to the ETHOS Light typology, and summarises the current situation regarding homelessness and housing difficulties in the various countries. It also analyses the existing national strategic frameworks for tackling homelessness, as well as homelessness-related measures included in anti-poverty strategies and policies, or in other selected key social policy areas (such as minimum income/social assistance, healthcare services or social services). In addition, the report considers governance arrangements with regard to the implementation of strategies and policies against poverty and homelessness, as well as any recent or planned reforms in these areas.

On this basis, the study discusses the degree of integration and complementarity between homelessness and anti-poverty strategies/policies in the Member States, concluding with a set of recommendations for improving the links between them, to be addressed at either national or EU level.

Report

Orla Dingley* and Matthew Donoghue. (Dec. 2025). Examining the Concept and Use of Just Resilience in Ireland and Internationally. Research Paper No. 33. Prepared for the National Economic and Social Council.



This report, commissioned by NESC, examines the foundations of the concept of just resilience, considers examples of its implementation in different contexts, and provides recommendations for the development and implementation of a just resilience framework in Ireland. The findings, conclusions and recommendations within this report are based upon a review of the academic and grey literature (including consultations, position papers, reports, policy, institutional examples and applied research), alongside a series of interviews conducted with researchers and practitioners with an expert knowledge of either just resilience itself or the broader policy, political and socio-economic landscape in which just resilience operates. Combined, the data collected presents an up-to-date representation of the current state of policy and political positions on just resilience, and where it sits within the broader context of climate mitigation and adaptation.

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Report

Ni Raghallaigh, M., Kellher, J. and Tedam, P. (2025) 'Be Strong: There's so many problems waiting: The experiences of separated children seeking international protection in Ireland'. Research was commissioned by EPIC and funded by the Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission.

This report was jointly launched by EPIC (Empowering People in Care) and The Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission (IHREC) on the 10th of October, 2025 at IHREC. The research, authored by Dr. Muireann Ní Raghallaigh, Dr. Joanne Kelleher and Prof. Prospera Tedam involved interviews with former separated children and with professionals working with this group. The report highlights the multiple challenges faced in Ireland's provision for separated children, including challenges in providing care, in upskilling staff and in supporting young people as they transition into adulthood. Launching the report Dr. Muireann Ní Raghallaigh stated: Dr Muireann Ní Raghallaigh said: "Separated children in Ireland face considerable challenges during their time in care and after they turn 18. Ireland has demonstrated some excellent practice in their care and protection, but these standards have come under pressure recently, despite efforts by key stakeholders. The research confirms that for separated children and young people to reach their potential, they need individualised support and consistent relationships built on trust. This can only be achieved when professionals are suitably trained and qualified, and where there is meaningful investment in the services that support them." The report is available [at this link](#).



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