



An Chomhairle Náisiúnta Eacnamaíoch agus Shóisialta
National Economic & Social Council

Which Path Ahead? Perspectives on Policy from Irish Social Science

Wednesday 11th May 2016, Atrium, Department of Justice, 76 St Stephens Green

Programme Start: 10am

9.30 Arrival

10.00 **Introduction:** Professor Linda Connolly, Chair, ISSP

Opening Remarks: Martin Fraser, Secretary General, Department of an Taoiseach (TBC)

10.30 **Researching Institutional Contexts**

Chair: Professor Séan Ó Riain, Maynooth University and ISSP Board Member

Researching Institutional Contexts:

- RE-InVEST and RESCuE. Translating qualitative research funded under EU FP7 and H2020 into national policy learning processes: two Irish case studies Jane Gray and Mary P. Murphy, Maynooth University, Department of Sociology and Social Sciences Institute
- The Effectiveness of a Second-Chance Education Scheme as an Unemployment Activation Measure: Evidence from Ireland Elish Kelly and Seamus McGuinness,, The Economic and Social Research Institute, Dublin.
- Developing an Agri-Food Policy for Ireland: Social science, advocacy and action research Colin Sage, ISS21 and Department of Geography, UCC

12.15 Lunch

13.00 **Direct Engagement**

Chair: Professor Linda Connolly, Chair, ISSP

Direct Engagement:

- Austerity, Local Government Change and Competitive Tendering: Implications for Communities, Social Inclusion and Social Policy in Ireland Catherine Forde and Feilim O hAdhmaill, School of Applied Social Studies, University College Cork and Deirdre O'Byrne, Centre for Adult Continuing Education, University College Cork.
- 'Hoping for a better tomorrow': Narratives of Coping, Resilience and Family Support arising from a study of Early Years services and the experience of parents, including those resident in Direct Provision, in the West of Ireland Dr Lisa Moran, Dr Sheila Garrity, Dr Carmel Devanney and Prof Caroline McGregor National University of Ireland, Galway.
- ITS and CYPSC Sligo/Leitrim: Perspectives on the Collaborative Process toward the Construction of the Children and Young Peoples Plan (2014-2017) Susanne Colleary, IT Sligo

14.00 Research on Policy Issues:

Chair: Professor Richard Layte, TCD and ISSP Board Member

Research on Policy Issues:

- Social Risk and Social Class trends in Social Exclusion in Ireland : Boom, Recession and Beyond Dorothy Watson, Bertrand Maître, Christopher T. Whelan and Helen Russell, ESRI
- Implications for education policy: A comparative study of women's experiences in engineering and physics education in Ireland and Poland Shannon Chance, Dublin Institute of Technology, Pamela Eddy, The College of William and Mary and Brian Bowe, Dublin Institute of Technology
- Changing Gender Roles: Implications for Women's Labour Force Participation, Family Formation and Well-Being Margret Fine-Davis, Department of Sociology, Trinity College Dublin

15.00 Coffee

15.30 Panel Discussion & Closing

Panel Discussion:

The Housing Crisis: Policy in Action

Dr Michelle Norris, UCD

Dr Lorcan Sirr, DIT

Dr Rory O'Donnell, NESC

Bairbre Nic Aonghusa (TBC)

Concluding Remarks:

Dr Rory O'Donnell, Director NESC