



## Growing Up in Ireland Annual Conference Tuesday, 4th November 2025 - The Gibson Hotel Dublin

Programme update 30th October 2025

<b>9:00</b>	<b>Registration and refreshments</b>		
	<b>Gibson Hotel - Room 1: Stratocaster A&amp;B</b>		
<b>09:45</b>	<b>Welcome – Ciara Pidgeon, DCDE</b>		
<b>09:50</b>	<b>Update on GUI from Laura McGarrigle (DCDE) and Fiona O’Riordan (CSO)</b>		
<b>10:10</b>	<b>Five-minute room change</b>		
	<b>Room 1: Stratocaster A&amp;B</b>	<b>Room 2: Alhambra</b>	<b>Room 3: Stratocaster C</b>
	<b>Session A: Mental health</b>	<b>Session B: Transitions to adolescence and adulthood</b>	<b>Session C: Physical health and development</b>
	<b>Chair: Philip Dodd, Dept. of Health</b>	<b>Chair: Rowena Dwyer, Dept. of Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science</b>	<b>Chair: Ailbhe Booth, Dept. of Children, Disability and Equality</b>
<b>10.15</b>	The mental health of young people before, during, and after COVID-19: Evidence from Growing Up in Ireland <b>Anne Nolan, ESRI</b>	Cohort and gender differences at the transition to adolescence <b>Aisling Murray, DCDE</b>	Should height be added to the well-being indicators? Evidence using GUI <b>Nicole Bolger, NESC/UCD</b>
<b>10.35</b>	What counts as bullying? The perspectives of 13-year-olds <b>Emer Smyth, ESRI</b>	Socioeconomic inequality and academic tracking in Irish secondary education: The role of parental expectations <b>Ilyar Heydari Barardehi, TCD</b>	BMI trajectories from adolescence to adulthood – Predictors and subsequent health risks <b>Eoin McNamara, DCDE</b>
<b>10.55</b>	Parental relationships’ influence on emerging adults’ subjective well-being: The mediating role of self-esteem <b>Sharon Scanlon, UL</b>	Work, economic status and cost of living: Transitions from childhood to adulthood <b>Caragh Stapleton, CSO</b>	Neighbourhood characteristics and alcohol use in adolescents and young adults in Ireland <b>Anne Doyle, HRB</b>
<b>11.15</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>		
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	<b>Session D: One-parent families and non-resident fathers</b>	<b>Session E: Educational attainment</b>	<b>Session F: Oral health and diet</b>
	<b>Chair: Karen Kennedy, Dept. of Social Protection</b>	<b>Chair: Sarah Rochford, Dept. of Education and Youth</b>	<b>Chair: Anne Nolan, Economic and Social Research Institute</b>
<b>11.45</b>	A longitudinal study of mental health in lone-parent transitions <b>Gretta Mohan, ESRI</b>	The impact of low birthweight on educational attainment: Evidence from Growing up in Ireland surveys <b>Joanne Twomey O’Connor, UCC</b>	Oral health behaviours from middle childhood to adulthood: Findings from a nationally representative longitudinal study in Ireland <b>Vinay Sharma, TCD</b>
<b>12.05</b>	Challenges in involving non-resident fathers in research on children <b>Emer Smyth, ESRI</b>	Teaching mathematics in multi-grade settings: Implications for policy and practice <b>Breed Murphy, MIC</b>	“How do you like them apples?”. Examining gender differences in educational and labour market influences on adolescent dietary scores. <b>Lee-Ann Burke, UCC</b>

12.25	<b>Five-minute room change</b>
	<b>Room 1: Stratocaster A&amp;B</b>
12:30	<b>Address from Minister Norma Foley, TD, DCDE</b>
12:45	<b>Reflections on conference themes from members of Comhairle na nÓg</b>

**12.55 Lunch in Coda Eatery**

13:50	<b>Room 1: Stratocaster A&amp;B</b> <i>Welcome to the afternoon session</i> <b>Kevin McCarthy, Secretary General, Department of Children, Disability and Equality</b> <b>Jennifer Banim, Director General, Central Statistics Office</b>
14:00	<b>Keynote by Professor James Hall, University of Southampton</b> <i>Mind the gap: Towards a better understanding of how structural inequalities are related to Early Childhood Education and implications for longitudinal research</i>

**15:00 5 minute room change**

	<b>Room 1: Stratocaster A&amp;B</b>	<b>Room 2: Alhambra</b>	<b>Room 3: Stratocaster C</b>
	<b>Session G: Child well-being</b>	<b>Session H: Pastimes and screen-time</b>	<b>Session I: Special surveys</b>
	<b>Chair: Anne-Marie McGauran, Dept. of An Taoiseach</b>	<b>Chair: Carmel Kearns, Coimisiún na Meán</b>	<b>Chair: Katie O'Farrell, Central Statistics Office</b>
15.05	Key factors impeding or supporting child and adolescent well-being in Ireland: a systematic review examining evidence from the Growing Up in Ireland cohorts <b>Kaat Philippe, UCD</b>	How parents shape adolescent screen time: Findings from Denmark and Ireland <b>Celine Fox, ESRI</b>	Together – Cohort '08 twins in the Growing Up in Ireland study <b>Bernadette Ryan, CSO</b>
15.25	Beyond the household: Child-centred multidimensional deprivation and household income in Ireland <b>Chloe O'Hanlon, TCD</b>	Comparing what nine-year-olds prefer to do, and what they actually do, outside school <b>Ann Swift, TCD</b>	Improving questionnaire design using Audit Trails: Evidence from the GUI08 pilot <b>Gabriel Coelho, CSO</b>

**15.45 Finish**