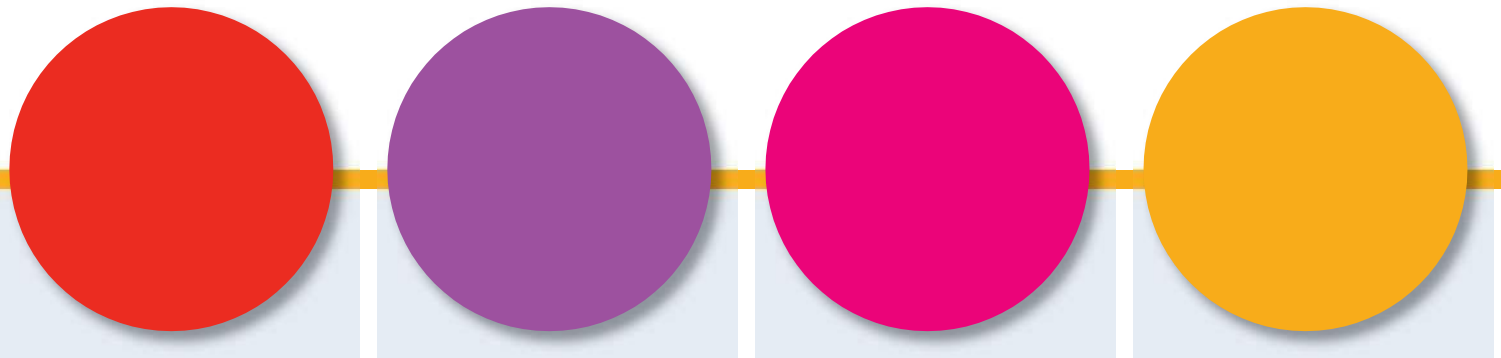




Growing Up in Ireland

Research Conference 2017



Tuesday 7th November 2017

Croke Park Conference Centre, Dublin 3



CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

08:15 Registration

MORNING SESSION

Hogan Mezzanine Theatre	
09:15	Welcome – Professor Alan Barrett, ESRI
09:25	Launch by Dr. Fergal Lynch, Secretary General, Department of Children and Youth Affairs, of: <i>Understanding Use of General Practitioner Services Among Children in Ireland: Evidence from the Infant Cohort of Growing Up in Ireland</i> , by Professors Anne Nolan (ESRI) and Richard Layte (TCD).
09:35	Presentation of main findings – Professor Anne Nolan, ESRI

10:00am – five minute room change

	Session A Hogan Mezzanine Theatre Chair: Ms Anne Murray	Session B Davin Suite Chair: Prof Trevor Spratt	Session C Nally Suite Chair: Prof Lina Zgaga
10:05	Emer Smyth	Cristina Taut	Barrie Tyner
	Shaping educational expectations: a longitudinal analysis	Factors associated with the development and well-being of Irish children at 9 months and 3 years	Estimate the effect of early-life antibiotic exposures on the associated risk of being obese and overweight at age 5 years
10:30	Joanne Banks	Colm Healy	Michelle Queally
	<i>'They know what's ahead of them in September' Protective factors in the transition from primary to secondary school for students with special educational needs</i>	A novel approach to investigating trauma and psychopathology in childhood - combining factor analysis with network analysis	Maternal perceptions of child weight status during early childhood

10:55 Tea and Coffee

Hogan Mezzanine Theatre	
	KEYNOTE ADDRESS
	Chair: Professor Elizabeth Nixon, Trinity College
11:20	Professor Yvonne Kelly, Professor of Lifecourse Epidemiology at University College London and Associate Director of the International Centre for Lifecourse Studies in Society and Health (ICLS) <i>An equal start: the importance of evidence from longitudinal studies to support children's healthy development</i>

12:30 Lunch

AFTERNOON SESSION

	Session D Hogan Mezzanine Theatre Chair: Prof. Helen Russell	Session E Davin Suite Chair: Mr Damien Lenihan	Session F Nally Suite Chair: Dr Clare Farrell
13:40	Fran McGinnity	Jane Gray	Merike Darmody
	What you do versus who you are: Home learning activities, social origin and cognitive skills among young children in Ireland	Rethinking parental values, aspirations and practices. Qualitative evidence from Growing Up in Ireland	Educational aspirations and achievement of migrant children and young people in Ireland
14:05	Vasiliki Pitsia & Gráinne Kent	Patty Doran	Sorcha Cotter
	Which factors can predict students' problem solving skills? The case of 9-year-olds in Ireland	Growing up healthy in families across the globe: the challenge of harmonising five longitudinal child cohort studies	Mental health of young migrants in Ireland - an analysis of the Growing Up in Ireland Child Cohort Study

14:30 – ten minutes to move to Hogan Mezzanine Suite

Hogan Mezzanine Theatre	
	Chair: Professor Alan Barrett, ESRI
14:40	Launch of 7/8-year Key Findings Dr Claire Finn, Head of Research & Evaluation, Department of Children and Youth Affairs
14:50	Presentation on 7/8-year Key Findings – Professor James Williams, PI, <i>Growing up in Ireland</i>
15:15	Tea and Coffee

	Session G Hogan Mezzanine Theatre Chair: Dr Teresa Maguire	Session H Davin Suite Chair: Dr Eoin McNamara	Session I Nally Suite Chair: Dr Claire Finn
15:45	Michael Crowe	Daráine Murphy	Dorothy Watson
	Cariogenic food and drink consumption and dental problems in 3 and 5 year olds in the GUI Infant Cohort	Maternal age and child outcomes	Polarisation or Convergence? Contrasting relative and absolute measures of group differences.
16:10	Cathal McCrory	Amanda Quail	Aisling Murray
	Socio-economic inequalities in measured body mass index trajectories in 41,669 children in three European countries	Neighbourhood matters: neighbourhood effects on children's emotional and behavioural outcomes	Perception of income inequality among children

16:35 Finish

● THE CONTEXT – ABOUT *GROWING UP IN IRELAND*

Growing Up in Ireland is the national longitudinal study of children. It is the most significant study of children ever to have taken place in this country and is helping us to improve our understanding of all aspects of child and adolescent development.

The study is following the progress of two groups of children. The first is a “Child Cohort” of 8,500 children who were first interviewed at 9 years of age. They were re-interviewed at 13 years of age and have just been re-interviewed at age 17/18 years. These young people will be interviewed again in 2018 when they will be 20 years old. The second is an “Infant Cohort” of 11,100 children who were recruited at 9 months of age. They (and their main caregivers) were initially interviewed at 9 months, and again at 3 years and 5 years. Their main caregiver was interviewed on a postal basis when the child was 7/8 years old and this was followed by an intensive face-to-face interview at age 9 years this year.

The main aim of the study is to paint a full picture of children and youth in Ireland and how they are developing in the current social, economic and cultural environment. This information is being used to assist in policy formation and in the provision of services, with a view to ensuring that all children living in Ireland have the best possible start in life.

Growing Up in Ireland is a government study which is funded by the Department of Children & Youth Affairs, with a contribution in support of Phase 2 of the project (2015-‘19) from The Atlantic Philanthropies^[1].

The Department of Children & Youth Affairs is overseeing and managing the study in conjunction with the Central Statistics Office and an inter-departmental Project Team and Steering Group. It is being implemented by a group of independent researchers led by the Economic & Social Research Institute (ESRI) and Trinity College Dublin.

● CONFERENCE AIMS

This is *Growing Up in Ireland’s* ninth annual research conference and has been organised by the joint ESRI/TCD Study Team. Dr Fergal Lynch, Secretary General for the Children and Youth Affairs will launch the latest longitudinal report on GP utilization among the Infant Cohort and Dr Claire Finn (Head of Research and Evaluation, DCYA) will launch the latest *Key Findings* reports from the study during the conference. With almost 20 other papers being presented, the conference will also provide a platform for discussion on a broad range of research from both the Infant and Child Cohorts.

● KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Professor Yvonne Kelly is a leading researcher in the area of epidemiology and public health. She is currently Professor of Lifecourse Epidemiology at University College London and Associate Director of the International Centre for Lifecourse Studies in Society and Health (ICLS). Her particular research interests include the causes and consequences of social and ethnic inequalities; the influence of familial and social contexts on health and development; health-related behaviours in late childhood and adolescence; and the influence of early life exposures on later health and development. She has made extensive use of UK longitudinal datasets including the Millennium Cohort Study and the UK birth Cohort Studies of 1958 and 1970.

[1] About The Atlantic Philanthropies: The Atlantic Philanthropies are dedicated to bringing about lasting changes in the lives of disadvantaged and vulnerable people. Atlantic is a limited life foundation that will complete grant making in 2016. To learn more, please visit: www.atlanticphilanthropies.org.