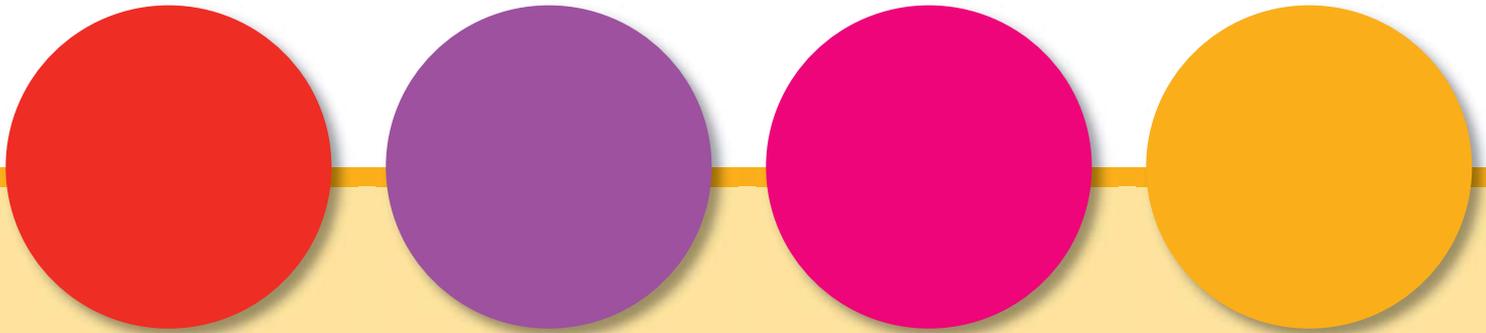




**Growing Up
in Ireland**
National Longitudinal
Study of Children

Growing Up in Ireland Research Conference 2010



Monday 29th November 2010

The Alexander Hotel, Dublin



CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

8.30am Registration

MORNING SESSION

Chair: Professor Frances Ruane, Director, ESRI

9.30am Introduction and Welcome

9.40am Opening Address

Mr. Barry Andrews T.D. Minister for Children and Youth Affairs

9.50am ***Growing Up in Ireland – The Infants and their Families***

Professor Sheila Greene, Director, Children's Research Centre, TCD; Co-Director, *Growing Up in Ireland*

Professor James Williams, Research Professor, ESRI; Principal Investigator, *Growing Up in Ireland*

	Session A. Aston Suite Chair: Peter Baldwin, Assistant Secretary, Department of Education and Skills	Session B. Ascot Suite Chair: Catherine Hynes, Principal Officer, Early Years Education Policy Unit, Office of the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs
10.30am	<i>The Effect of School Social Mix on Academic Outcomes</i> Professor Emer Smyth, Ms. Amanda Quail & Dr. Selina McCoy	<i>Childcare in Early Childhood</i> Dr. Sinead McNally
11.05am	<i>The Impact of Bullying on Psychological and Educational Outcomes</i> Dr. Elizabeth Nixon & Professor Mona O'Moore	<i>Perspectives on Parental Stress - Data from the Nine-Month Qualitative Study</i> Dr. Erika Doyle
11.40am	Tea/Coffee	
	Session C. Aston Suite Chair: Elizabeth Canavan, Principal Officer, Children and Youth Services Development Unit, Office of the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs	D. Ascot Suite Chair: Maureen Fallon, former National Breastfeeding Co-ordinator, HSE
12.00pm	<i>Neighbourhood Effects on Child Outcomes</i> Ms. Amanda Quail	<i>Factors Affecting Gross Motor Development in Infants</i> Dr. Aisling Murray
12.35pm	<i>Nine-Year-Old Boys and Girls: On Different Paths?</i> Professor Sheila Greene	<i>Infant Feeding Behaviour and Developmental Outcomes</i> Dr. Cathal McCrory
13.10pm	Lunch	

● CONFERENCE PROGRAMME (CONTINUED)

AFTERNOON SESSION

Chair: Professor Patrick Prendergast, Vice-Provost, Trinity College, Dublin

14.10am

Keynote Address: Aston Suite

Commonalities and differences in predictors of children's physical, cognitive and socio-emotional outcomes: Implications for intervention

Professor Ann Sanson, Professor in Paediatrics, University of Melbourne; Principal Scientific Advisor, Growing Up in Australia; Principal Investigator on the Australian Temperament Project

15.10am

Tea/Coffee

Session E. Aston Suite

Chair: Professor Michael Gill, Head of the Department of Psychiatry, Trinity College Dublin

Session F. Ascot Suite

Chair: Pádraig Dalton, Assistant Director General, Central Statistics Office

15.30am

Bullying and Chronic Disease

Professor Tom O'Dowd

Impact of Parental Employment Patterns on Children's Wellbeing

Dr. Helen Russell & Dr. Maeve Thornton

16.05pm

Impact of Childhood Chronic Illness and Emotional and Behavioural Problems on Educational Outcomes at Nine-Years

Professor Richard Layte

Time Use Among Nine-Year-Olds

Professor James Williams

16.40pm

Conclusion and Conference Close

Ms Mary Doyle, Director General, Office of the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs

● 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 will help us to improve our understanding of all aspects of childhood and child development.

Taking place over seven years, the study is following the progress of two groups of children: a Child Cohort of 8,500 children interviewed at 9 and 13 years and an Infant Cohort of 11,000 children interviewed at 9 months and 3 years.

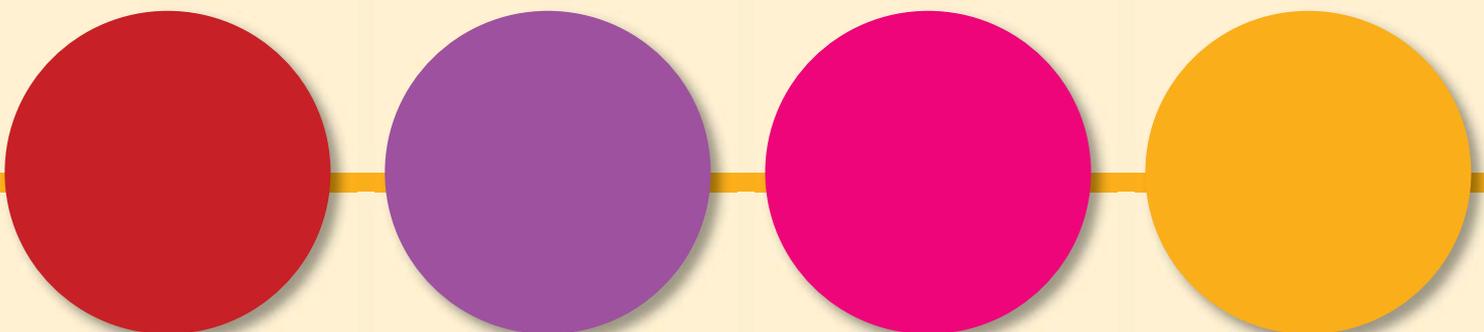
The main aim of the study is to paint a full picture of children in Ireland and how they are developing in the current social, economic and cultural environment. This information will be used to assist in policy formation and in the provision of services which will ensure all children will have the best possible start in life.

Growing Up in Ireland is a Government study. The Department of Health and Children is funding it through the Office of the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs in association with the Department of Social Protection and the Central Statistics Office. The Office of the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs is overseeing and managing the study, which is being carried out by a consortium of researchers led by the Economic and Social Research Institute (ESRI) and Trinity College Dublin.

● CONFERENCE AIMS

This is *Growing Up in Ireland's* second annual research conference and has been organised by the Study Team to launch the first comprehensive set of results from the Infant Cohort at 9 Months and to provide a platform for discussion on a broad range of research from both the Infant and Child Cohorts. Results of both quantitative and qualitative research will be presented.

The Keynote Speaker is Professor Ann Sanson, who is in the Department of Paediatrics at the University of Melbourne and is the Network Coordinator for the Australian Research Alliance for Children and Youth (ARACY). She will be joined by researchers from the *Growing Up in Ireland's* Study Team who will present a number of papers on both the Child and Infant Cohorts across an array of topics including health, parenting, education, childcare and time use.



● KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Professor Ann Sanson

Professor Ann Sanson is a Professor in Paediatrics at the University of Melbourne and the Network Coordinator for the Australian Research Alliance for Children and Youth (ARACY). She was the initial Project Director for Growing Up in Australia – the Longitudinal Study of Australian Children and is now its Principal Scientific Advisor. She is also Principal Investigator on the Australian Temperament Project, a 26-year study following participants from infancy to adulthood. A developmental psychologist with over 160 publications, her main research interests revolve around the interplay of intrinsic child characteristics and family and contextual factors in the development of good and poor psychosocial adjustment.

● PRESENTERS

Dr. Erika Doyle

Research Fellow, *Growing Up in Ireland*

Professor Sheila Greene

Director of the Children's Research Centre, Trinity College Dublin; Co-Director *Growing Up in Ireland*

Professor Richard Layte

Joint Coordinator of Health Research, ESRI; Management Group, *Growing Up in Ireland* Study Team

Dr. Selina McCoy

Senior Research Officer, ESRI

Dr. Cathal McCrory

Research Fellow, *Growing Up in Ireland*

Dr. Sinéad McNally

Research Fellow, *Growing Up in Ireland*

Dr. Aisling Murray

Research Fellow, *Growing Up in Ireland*

Dr. Elizabeth Nixon

Lecturer in Developmental Psychology, TCD; Management Group, *Growing Up in Ireland* Study Team

Professor Tom O'Dowd

Professor of General Practice, TCD; Management Group, *Growing Up in Ireland* Study Team

Professor Mona O'Moore

Associate Professor, TCD; Management Group, *Growing Up in Ireland* Study Team

Ms. Amanda Quail

Research Fellow, *Growing Up in Ireland*

Dr. Helen Russell

Associate Research Professor, ESRI; Management Group, *Growing Up in Ireland* Study Team

Professor Emer Smyth

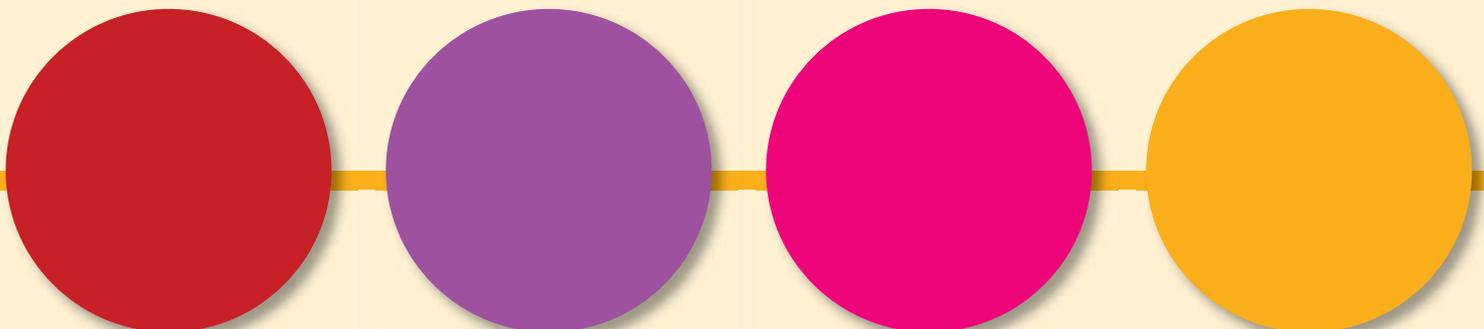
Programme Coordinator of Education Research, ESRI; Management Group, *Growing Up in Ireland* Study Team

Dr. Maeve Thornton

Research Fellow, *Growing Up in Ireland*

Professor James Williams

Research Professor, ESRI; Principal Investigator, *Growing Up in Ireland*



● HOW TO GET THERE?

The Alexander Hotel is located on Fenian St. just off Merrion Square and within walking distance of Grafton St., Stephen's Green and Trinity College.

There are a number of public car parks close to the hotel including Setanta which is accessed via Nassau St. and Dawson Street Car Park which is accessed via Molesworth St.

There is a taxi rank in front of the hotel and Pearse Street Dart Station is within minutes walk.



● ACCESS

The venue is accessible for people with disabilities. Please indicate on the booking form if you have special needs, require sign language or have particular dietary requirements.

● CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

Please note there is a limited number of places available and early booking is encouraged. In the event of a high demand, late-booking participants may be placed on a waiting list. There is no registration fee for the conference.

Bookings should only be made on the enclosed booking form and returned to:

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