Fás Aníos in Éirinn
Growing Up in Ireland

PROGRAMME - Growing Up in Ireland Annual Conference 5th Nov 2026

Gibson Hotel, Dublin 1

Room 1: Stratocaster A&B

9:15	Welcome
9:25	Update on Growing Up in Ireland by DCDE and CSO
9:55	Launch of *Adolescent Antisocial Behaviour: Changes Over Time and Across the Lifecourse* by ESRI
10:15	Five-minute room change

	Room 1: Stratocaster A&B	Room 2: Alhambra	Room 3: Stratocaster C
	Session A – Mental health 1	Session B - Disability	Session C – Education 1
	Chair: Barbara Dooley, UCD	Chair: Hazel Smith, NDA	Chair: Marian Brattman, TUSLA
10:20	Adolescent self-harm and later outcomes: A longitudinal analysis of adult health status, mental health, and healthcare utilisation **Gretta Mohan, ESRI**	Disability and sexual health of young adults **Anne Nolan, ESRI**	The origins of the STEM gender gap: Evidence from an analysis of secondary school subject selection **Ciarán Murphy, UCD**
10:40	Factors that foster resilience in outcomes for vulnerable children: An analysis using data from the Growing Up in Ireland survey **Bernadine Brady, University of Galway**	Emerging adults living with long-term physical conditions in Ireland: A secondary analysis of the Growing Up in Ireland Wave Four of Cohort '98 Dataset **Orla Mooney, DCU/MU**	Social origin and the risk of dropout: The stratification of higher education trajectories in Ireland **Rodolfo Pezzi, TCD**
11.00	Coffee break		

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	Session D – Mental health 2	Session E – Context 1	Session F – Early childhood
	Chair: Bernadine Brady, Univ. Galway	Chair: Gráinne Hickey, Barnardos	Chair: Abigail Collins, HSE
11.30	Mental health diagnosis, treatment, and service utilisation among young people in Ireland **Seán Feeney, ESRI**	How pet ownership influences children and youth well-being, health, and relationships in Ireland **Elza Elmira, ESRI**	Association between maternal folic acid supplement use before and during pregnancy and child cognitive outcomes in Ireland **Clare Sullivan, RCSI**
11.50	Integrating mental and physical healthcare for young people with mental health difficulties in Ireland: Identifying service users' needs using longitudinal data **Allyson Gallant, TCD**	Parenting with a disability in Ireland: Evidence from Growing Up in Ireland **Eva Slevin, ESRI**	Rolling sleeves up: A longitudinal analysis of childhood immunisation uptake in Ireland **Irene Mosca, MU**
12.10	Community factors influence on mental health service use: A bi-national study of young people in Ireland and Scotland **Colm Healy, UCD**	Growing up after a recession: Parental job loss and mental well-being in a multi-informant study from childhood to adolescence **Gabriele Mari, ESSB Rotterdam**	Becoming who we are: Bidirectional associations between screen time and effortful control in early childhood **Eavan Rooney, TUD**

12.30 Lunch in Coda Eatery

13:30	**Keynote lecture - Room 1: Stratocaster A&B** ***From aspiration to reality: tracking the transitions and outcomes of Scotland's young people from 14 to 20*** **Paul Bradshaw, Scottish Centre for Social Research** **Chair: Laura McGarrigle, DCDE**
14:30	**Update on current issues for young people with Comhairle na nÓg**

14:45 Coffee break

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	Session G – Adolescent health	**Session H – Context 2**	**Session I – Education 2**
	Chair: Louise Newman, CSO	**Chair: Eoin O'Mahony, DCDE**	**Chair: Nuala Ward, OCO**
15:00	SCOPE for HEALTH: Integrating mental and sexual healthcare for young people with anxiety and/or depression: Insights from the Growing Up in Ireland Child Cohort **Catherine Darker, TCD**	Tiny start, lasting mark: Examining pathways associating birthweight with adult economic outcomes using Structural Equation Modelling **Joanne Twomey O'Connor, UCC**	Factors associated with school absenteeism among 9- and 13-year-olds in Ireland **Gavin Murphy, DEY**
15.20	Neighbourhood characteristics and oral health among Irish adolescents: Growing Up in Ireland Wave 3 findings **Vinay Sharma, TCD**	Growing Up in Ireland Cohort '98 at age 25: Childhood influences on education and finances **Caragh Stapleton, CSO**	Decoding disadvantage: The impact of socio-demographic factors on school suspensions in the Republic of Ireland **Sofiya Volvakova, UCD**
15.40	Identifying distinct physical activity trajectories from adolescence to adulthood and subsequent health risks **Eoin McNamara, DCDE**	Perceptions of childhood – looking back at age 20 among Cohort 98 **Aisling Murray, DCDE**	Socioeconomic gradients in educational attainment: Evidence from Ireland **Libor Melioris, TCD**
16:00	Growing Up in Ireland: Designing for the original Infant Cohort turning 18 **Dianne Hillery, CSO**	Children at risk: Benchmarking need in Barnardos intensive family support services against the Growing Up in Ireland '98 Cohort **Gráinne Hickey, Barnardos**	Private tuition and Leaving Certificate attainment in Ireland: Evidence from GUI **Lochlann Cawley, TCD**

16:20 Finish