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Institute for Lifecourse and Society - ILAS International Research Training Series



Designing Research for Social Impact: Insights from Researchers, Community Organisations and Policy-Makers.

Speakers:

Dr Maeve O'Rourke, University of Galway

Prof. Tom Shakespeare, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine

Ruth Barry, Solicitor, Community Law and Mediation

Dr Naomi Feely, Children's Rights Alliance

The key aim of the seminar is to understand what makes research impactful, and how we can design research to be practically useful for those impacted by the issues we research.

DATE: Wednesday, 20 March 2024

TIME: 09:30-12:30

VENUE: G006, ILAS Building, University of Galway

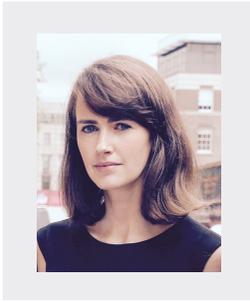
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Description:

As researchers interested in enabling equity across the life course, we want to design our research to have a real impact on the lives of people in our communities. This seminar will offer insights from those who have experience in carrying out socially-engaged and impactful research, as well as from those who rely on this kind of research in their professional work, to support the development of law, policy and practice.

INVITATION

Speakers



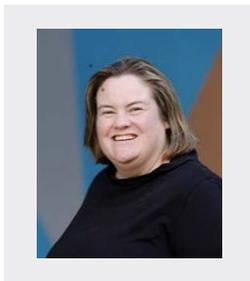
Dr Maeve O'Rourke is Lecturer in Human Rights at the Irish Centre for Human Rights, School of Law, University of Galway. She directs the ICHR's Human Rights Law Clinic, which involves postgraduate students in 'movement lawyering' efforts for social justice. She is also a voluntary director of the Clann Project (www.clannproject.org) and a member of the Justice for Magdalenes Research group (www.jfmresearch.com).



Prof. Tom Shakespeare is a Professor of Disability Research at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (LSHTM). He has previously worked for the University of East Anglia, Newcastle University and WHO, where he was one of the editors for the 2011 World report on disability.



Ruth Barry, is a Solicitor with over 12 years' experience in human rights litigation. With independent law centre, Community Law & Mediation, she specialises in equality law, children's law and social welfare law and partners with community and voluntary sector organisations to make legal services more accessible to marginalised communities.



Dr Naomi Feely is Senior Research and Policy Manager at the Children's Rights Alliance. Naomi is legal and policy lead on the Alliance's child poverty work and represents the organisation on the Food Poverty Working Group chaired by Minister of State Joe O'Brien. Naomi is an experienced social researcher and policy analyst, with 20 years' experience in the public, private and community and voluntary sectors in Ireland.

Schedule

Time	Details	Speaker
09:30 – 09:40	Welcome & Introductions	<i>Eilíonóir Flynn, Centre for Disability, Law & Policy, ILAS</i>
09:40 – 10:00	The Disability Evidence Portal: Making the best available evidence available in the best available way?	<i>Tom Shakespeare, LSHTM</i>
10:00 – 10:15	Q & A	
10:15 – 10:35	Research for Advocacy: Lessons from Justice for Magdalenes Research, the Clann Project, and the University of Galway Human Rights Law Clinic.	<i>Maeve O'Rourke, University of Galway</i>
10:35 – 10:50	Q & A	
10:50 – 11:10	Meeting the legal needs of marginalised communities: research as a tool in legal services.	<i>Ruth Barry, Solicitor, Community Law and Mediation</i>
11:10 – 11:25	Q & A	
10:50 – 11:10	Using research to influence policy development and implementation.	<i>Dr Naomi Feely, Children's Rights Alliance</i>
11:10 – 11:25	Q & A	
11:25 – 12:30	General Discussion and Wrap Up	
12:30 – 13:00	Lunch	