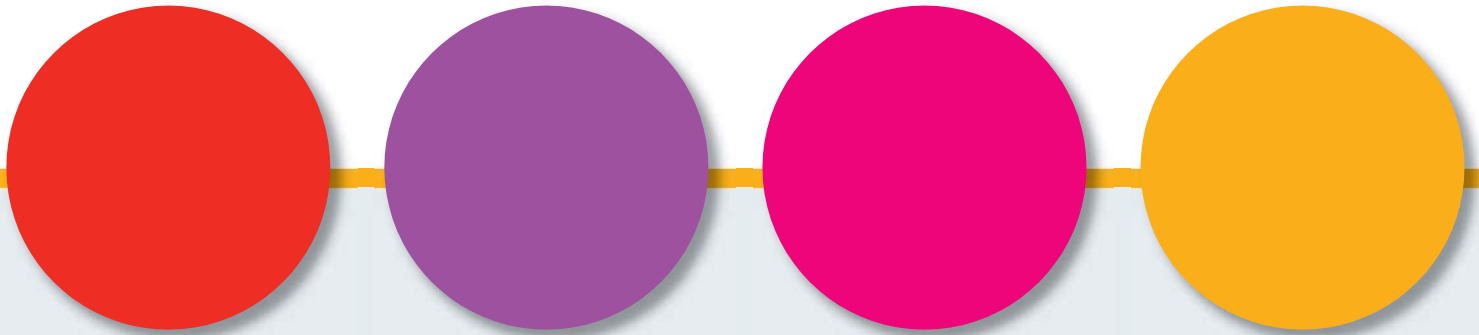




**Growing Up
in Ireland**
National Longitudinal
Study of Children

Growing Up in Ireland Research Conference 2012



Thursday 29th November

Ballsbridge Hotel



An Roinn Leanaí
agus Gnóthai Óige
Department of
Children and Youth Affairs

● CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

8.00am Registration

MORNING SESSION

Chair: Professor Frances Ruane, Director, ESRI

9.00am Introduction and Welcome

9.10am Opening Address

Ms. Frances Fitzgerald T.D. Minister for Children and Youth Affairs

9.20am **Growing Up in Ireland – The First Findings from the Child Cohort at 13 Years**

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

	Session A. Ballroom 2	Session B. Ballroom 1	Session C. Sylvian Suite
10.00am	<p><i>Social class of Irish-speaking families and children's behaviour</i></p> <p>Ursula Ní Choill, Tom O'Dowd, Udo Reulbach</p>	<p><i>Factors associated with the choice of childcare provision for a large cohort of Irish mothers</i></p> <p>Fran McGinnity, Aisling Murray and Sinéad McNally</p>	<p><i>Growing Up Online: Patterns of ICT use among the nine year old cohort</i></p> <p>Brian O'Neill and Thuy Dinh</p>
10.30am	<p><i>Does a healthy immigrant effect exist among Irish-born children?</i></p> <p>Emma Ladewig, Tom O'Dowd and Udo Reulbach</p>	<p><i>The association between crèche care and infant's health</i></p> <p>Dervla Kelly, Tom O'Dowd and Udo Reulbach</p>	<p><i>Spending Time with Family and Friends: Children's Views on Relationships and Shared Activities</i></p> <p>Colette McAuley, Caroline McKeown and Brian Merriman</p>
11.00am	Tea/Coffee		
	Session D. Ballroom 2	Session E. Ballroom 1	Session F. Sylvian Suite
11.20am	<p><i>Gender differences in risk and protective factors for academic achievement</i></p> <p>Maeve Thornton</p>	<p><i>Patterns in family structures among 9-year-olds</i></p> <p>Anne-Marie Brooks</p>	<p><i>A socio-economic profile of childhood disability in Ireland: evidence from the Growing Up in Ireland survey</i></p> <p>Áine Roddy and John Cullinan</p>
11.50am	<p><i>Self-fulfilling prophecy? Academic expectations among teachers and parents of children with special educational needs</i></p> <p>Joanne Banks, Delma Byrne and Selina McCoy</p>	<p><i>Comparison of stepmother and stepfather families in Ireland</i></p> <p>Kristin Hadfield and Elizabeth Nixon</p>	<p><i>Inequality of multimorbidity and onset of chronic illness in Irish infants and children</i></p> <p>Tom O'Dowd and Udo Reulbach</p>
12.20pm	<p><i>Behaviour policy in primary schools</i></p> <p>Amanda Quail and Emer Smyth</p>	<p><i>Multi-dimensional poverty among 9-year-olds</i></p> <p>James Williams and Christopher T. Whelan</p>	<p><i>Child injuries in Ireland: Risk factors related to family, school, neighbourhood and the child</i></p> <p>Ela Polek</p>
12.50pm	Lunch		

● CONFERENCE PROGRAMME (CONTINUED)

AFTERNOON SESSION

Chair: Professor Vincent Cahill, Dean of Research, Trinity College Dublin

1.50pm	Keynote Address: Ballroom 2 The Importance of Longitudinal Studies for Policy Development Professor Lucinda Platt , Director of the Millennium Cohort Study and Professor of Sociology at the Institute of Education, University of London	
3.00pm	Tea/Coffee	
3.20pm	<i>The association between adverse life events and socio-emotional outcomes</i> Mark Morgan and James Williams	<i>Measured parental weight status and familial socio-economic status correlates with childhood overweight and obesity at age 9</i> Eimear Keane, Janas Harrington, Patricia Kearney, Ivan Perry and Richard Layte
3.50pm	<i>The prevalence of speech and language impairment among a nationally representative sample of Irish nine-year-olds</i> Zoe Rooke	<i>Psycho-social implications of overweight and obesity among nine year old children</i> Mark Ward, Evelyn Mahon and Richard Layte
4.20pm	<i>The effect of user fees on the utilisation of GP services by children in Ireland</i> Anne Nolan and Richard Layte	<i>The relationship between sedentary behaviour and overweight / obesity in nine year old children</i> Dervla Kelly, Tom O'Dowd and Udo Reulbach
5.00pm	Conclusion and Conference Close Ms. Moira O'Mara, Department of 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.

The study is following the progress of two groups of children: a Child Cohort of 8,500 children who were interviewed at 9 and 13 years and an Infant Cohort of 11,100 children interviewed at 9 months and 3 years. This latter group of children and their families will be re-interviewed at 5 years of age in 2013.

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, 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. The Department of Children and Youth Affairs is funding it in association with the Department of Social Protection and the Central Statistics Office. The Department of 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*** fourth annual research conference and has been organised by the joint ESRI/TCD Study Team to launch a series of Key Findings from the recently completed Child Cohort at 13 years. The conference will also provide a platform for discussion on a broad range of research from both the Infant and Child Cohorts.

The Keynote Speaker is Professor Lucinda Platt, Director of the Millennium Cohort Study and Professor of Sociology at the Institute of Education, University of London. Over twenty papers will be presented at the conference. These will all be based on data from ***Growing Up in Ireland*** and will focus on a range of topics including health, parenting and education.

● KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Professor Lucinda Platt

Lucinda Platt is Director of the Millennium Cohort Study and Professor of Sociology at the Institute of Education, University of London. The Millennium Cohort Study (MCS) is a survey following the lives of over 19,000 children born across the UK around the turn of the millennium. Prior to taking up the role of Principal Investigator in the Millennium Cohort Study, Professor Platt was based at the University of Essex, where she was one of the original co-investigators on *Understanding Society: the UK Household Longitudinal Study*. She continues to lead the ethnicity strand of this major household panel survey. She is also involved in two major cross-national studies of immigration.

Professor Platt's research is concentrated in the area of ethnic minority advantage and disadvantage, ethnic identity; religiosity; and poverty, especially child poverty. She is particularly interested in bringing longitudinal approaches to bear in these areas. She has published widely on these topics, including conducting a number of commissioned reports for government departments as well as academic journal articles and books.

● PRESENTERS

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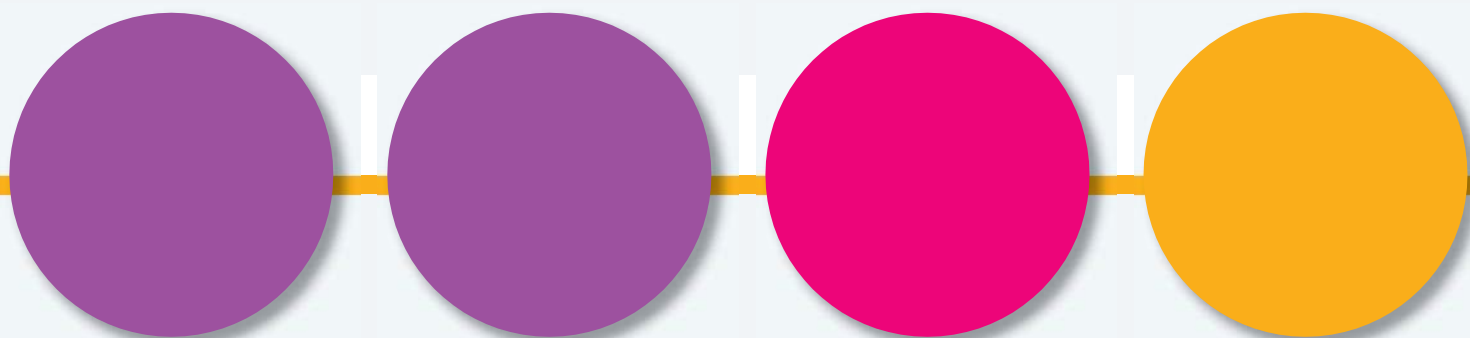
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Growing Up in Ireland



● HOW TO GET THERE

The Ballsbridge Hotel is located on Pembroke Road, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4. **Participants should enter via the Conference Centre.**

The hotel is a three minute walk from Landsdowne Road Dart Station and each of the following Dublin Bus routes stop on Pembroke Road: – 4, 7, 8, 18, 120. The Air Coach link from Dublin Airport stops at the front gate of the hotel.

There is a taxi rank outside the entrance of the hotel and a car park is also available to conference delegates at the hotel for €5 for the day.

● 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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All conference queries should be directed to Ms. Burke by email or by phone, 01 8632050.