**Growing Up in Ireland 6th Annual Research Conference**

The 6th Annual ***Growing Up in Ireland*** research conference took place on **Wednesday 26th November 2014**, in the Croke Park Conference Centre Dublin. To download a copy of the conference brochure please click [here.](http://www.growingup.ie/fileadmin/user_upload/Conference_2014/conference_presentations/GUI_Conference_Brochure_2014_-4_page.pdf)

The conference was opened by Dr James Reilly T.D., Minister for Children and Youth Affairs, who launched the latest ***Growing Up in Ireland*** report, **Dynamics of Child Economic Vulnerability and Socio-Emotional Development: An Analysis of the First Two Waves of the *Growing Up in Ireland* study.** To download a copy of this report please click [here.](http://www.growingup.ie/index.php?id=276)

The opening presentation, **Dynamics of Child Economic Vulnerability and Socio-Emotional Development** was presented by Dr Dorothy Watson, Associate Research Professor at the Economic and Social Research Institute and can be downloaded by clicking [here.](http://www.growingup.ie/fileadmin/user_upload/Conference_2014/conference_presentations/GUI_2014_Dynamics_of_Childhood_Economic_Vulnerabiltiy_4.pdf)

**Keynote Speaker**

The keynote address on **The impact of educational experience and school exclusion on criminal careers: Findings from the Edinburgh Study of Youth Transitions and Crime**, was given by Professor Susan McVie. Her paper looks at the critical role played by schools in diverting many of our young people away from a life of crime and highlights the challenges and benefits of conducting a longitudinal study which connects the events of childhood with adulthood, while understanding the various transitional points along the way. This is available to download by [clicking here](http://www.growingup.ie/fileadmin/user_upload/Conference_2014/conference_presentations/McVie_-_Growing_Up_in_Ireland_Conference_-_26.11.14.pdf).

Susan is Professor of Quantitative Criminology at the University of Edinburgh, Co-Director of the Edinburgh Study of Youth Transitions & Crime, and Director of the Applied Quantitative Methods Network (AQMeN) Research Centre. Susan's research interests and published work predominantly focus on: youth crime and justice; crime patterns and trends; criminal careers and developmental criminology.

**Conference Presentations**

24 papers were presented at the conference. These were based on ***Growing Up in Ireland***'s Child and Infant Cohorts and were focused on a range of topics including health, parenting, education and socio-emotional well-being.

Presentations from the conference can be downloaded below and a Book of Abstracts is available [here](http://www.growingup.ie/fileadmin/user_upload/Conference_2014/conference_presentations/Conference_2014_Book_of_Abstracts.pdf).

**Session A**

[**One of the gang? Peer relations among students with special educational needs in mainstream primary schools**](http://www.growingup.ie/fileadmin/user_upload/Conference_2014/conference_presentations/session_a/one_of_the_gang_Banks_et_al.pdf)

*Joanne Banks, Selina McCoy and Denise Frawley*

[**Parents' educational expectations of children with and without Special Educational Needs (SEN): In-depth analysis using Wave I of the Growing Up in Ireland Child Cohort**](http://www.growingup.ie/fileadmin/user_upload/Conference_2014/conference_presentations/session_a/parents_educational_expectations_sen_Cosgrove.pdf)

*Jude Cosgrove*

**Session B**

[**Does time spent watching television in early childhood affect socio-emotional development?**](http://www.growingup.ie/fileadmin/user_upload/Conference_2014/conference_presentations/session_b/does_time_spent_watching_television_Egan_and_Murray.pdf)

*Suzanne Egan and Aisling Murray*

[**Are classroom internet use and academic performance higher after government broadband subsidies to primary schools?**](http://www.growingup.ie/fileadmin/user_upload/Conference_2014/conference_presentations/session_b/Broadband_for_schools_Lyons_et_al.pdf)

*Sean Lyons, Marie Hyland, Richard Layte, Selina McCoy and Mary Silles*

**Session C**

[**Use of the Public Health Nurse Service in Ireland during the first nine months of life**](http://www.growingup.ie/fileadmin/user_upload/Conference_2014/conference_presentations/session_c/Public_health_nurse_service_Brooks_and_Hanafin.pdf)

*Anne-Marie Brooks and Sinead Hanafin*

[**Planned home birth and breastfeeding in Ireland**](http://www.growingup.ie/fileadmin/user_upload/Conference_2014/conference_presentations/session_c/planned_home_birth_and_breastfeeding_Quigley_Taut_Zgaga.pdf)

*Clare Quigley, Cristina Taut, and Lina Zgaga*

**Session D**

[**Identifying factors contributing to school disaffection among primary school pupils**](http://www.growingup.ie/fileadmin/user_upload/Conference_2014/conference_presentations/session_d/Identifying_factors_contributing_to_school_disaffection_among_primary_school_pupils_Thornton_and_Darmody.pdf)

*Maeve Thornton and Merike Darmody*

[**Age or stage? Influences on the transition to junior cycle education**](http://www.growingup.ie/fileadmin/user_upload/Conference_2014/conference_presentations/session_d/Age_or_stage_Influences_on_the_transition_to_junior_cycle_education_Smyth.pdf)

*Emer Smyth*

[**An maith leat Gaeilge?: An analysis of variation in primary pupil attitudes to Gaeilge in the *Growing Up in Ireland* study**](http://www.growingup.ie/fileadmin/user_upload/Conference_2014/conference_presentations/session_d/An_maith_leat_Gaeilge_Devitt_et_al.pdf)

*Ann Devitt, Joe Condon, Gene Dalton, Jane O'Connell and Melanie Ni Dhuinn*

**Session E**

[**Friendship and well-being among children with chronic physical and mental health conditions in *Growing Up in Ireland***](http://www.growingup.ie/fileadmin/user_upload/Conference_2014/conference_presentations/session_e/Friendship_and_well-being_among_children_with_chronic_physical_and_mental_health_conditions_Gallagher_Hennessy_and_Polek.pdf)

*Sophie Gallagher, Eilis Hennessy and Ela Polek*

[**Not difficult, just sick: The relationship between temperament and early childhood illness**](http://www.growingup.ie/fileadmin/user_upload/Conference_2014/conference_presentations/session_e/Not_difficult__just_sick_Merriman.pdf)

*Brian Merriman*

[**The effect of a disability on siblings**](http://www.growingup.ie/fileadmin/user_upload/Conference_2014/conference_presentations/session_e/the_effect_of_disability_on_siblings_Collins_and_Doherty.pdf)

*Grainne Collins and Cliona Doherty*

**Session F**

[**On the construction of a health-wellbeing index for 9-month-old Irish infants**](http://www.growingup.ie/fileadmin/user_upload/Conference_2014/conference_presentations/session_f/ON_the_Construction_of_a_Health_Wellbeing_Index_Taut_Kelly_and_Zgaga.pdf)

*Cristina Taut, Alan Kelly and Lina Zgaga*

[**Prevalence of longstanding health conditions among three-year-old children**](http://www.growingup.ie/fileadmin/user_upload/Conference_2014/conference_presentations/session_f/Prevalence_of_longstanding_health_conditions_Barron_Balanda_Fahy.pdf)

*Steve Barron, Kevin Balanda and Lorraine Fahy*

**Session G**

[**Maternal and child psychosocial factors associated with dental-problems during early childhood**](http://www.growingup.ie/fileadmin/user_upload/Conference_2014/conference_presentations/session_g/Maternal_and_child_psychosocial_factors_associated_with_dental-problems_Crowe_et_al.pdf)

*Michael Crowe, June Nunn , Colman McGrath, Lorraine Swords, Alan Kelly , Michael O Sullivan*

[**Low mood among 13-year-olds in Ireland**](http://www.growingup.ie/fileadmin/user_upload/Conference_2014/conference_presentations/session_g/Low_mood_among_13-year-olds_in_Ireland_Williams_et_al.pdf)

*Mark Morgan, James Williams and Maeve Thornton*

[**A psychometric measure of social capital among Irish adolescents**](http://www.growingup.ie/fileadmin/user_upload/Conference_2014/conference_presentations/session_g/Social_Capital_among_13_year_olds_Kenny.pdf)

*Oona Kenny*

**Session H**

[**Involved fatherhood - The Quiet revolution**](http://www.growingup.ie/fileadmin/user_upload/Conference_2014/conference_presentations/session_h/Involved_fatherhood_Moore.pdf)

*Barbara Moore*

[**How open are the Irish? Exploring inter-cultural family formation in Ireland**](http://www.growingup.ie/fileadmin/user_upload/Conference_2014/conference_presentations/session_h/How_open_are_the_Irish__Hannan_et_al_.pdf)

*Carmel Hannan, Antje Roeder and Merike Darmody*

[**Cash poor/time poor? Maternal employment dynamics and adolescent outcomes in the UK, Ireland and Denmark**](http://www.growingup.ie/fileadmin/user_upload/Conference_2014/conference_presentations/session_h/Cash_poor_time_poor_Keilthy.pdf)

*Patricia Keilthy*

**Session I**

[**Exploring the association between sleep duration and overweight and obesity in infants**](http://www.growingup.ie/fileadmin/user_upload/Conference_2014/conference_presentations/session_i/Exploring_the_association_between_sleep_duration_and_overweight_and_obesity_in_infants__Mangan_and_Zgaga.pdf)

*Laura Mangan and Lina Zgaga*

[**Where you live matters: The local environment and physical activity among children**](http://www.growingup.ie/fileadmin/user_upload/Conference_2014/conference_presentations/session_i/Where_you_live_matters_Ward.pdf)

*Mark Ward*