UPCOMING EVENTS
A special issue of Frontiers in Psychology: ‘Better Together: A Joined up approach to health, well-being and rehabilitation’

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Friday 2-3pm Weekly
Think Tank continues every Friday, 2-3 pm in E1 017d. All are welcome!

Good News
Dr. Michael Quayle joined the Centre on January 1st. Dr Quayle joins us with a great research record. He is committed to tackling social issues using social psychological theory and methods. He is very much welcomed to UL by all of us.

Dr. Rachel Sumner was invited to consider and respond to graduate research presentations at UCC.

Dr. Stephen Gallagher and Brenda O’Connell (PhD student) were awarded $15,000 by the Carolan Research for a stress-management intervention for caregivers titled ‘Building Resources in Caregivers’.

Dr Elaine. Kinsella was awarded an Irish Research Council New Foundations grant to support a special issue of the journal Frontiers in Psychology, to host a small-group conference for work World Mental Health day 2015 and public video blogs.

Prof. Orla Muldoon was awarded an Irish Research Council New Foundations collaborative award to work with the Irish Penal Reform Trust and the Child Development Initiative on the development of an intervention aimed at supporting fathers in prison and their families.

Featured Project: Families and Imprisonment by Daragh Bradshaw

Men’s sense of being and behaving as fathers is often irrecoverably eroded during their time in prison. Prolonged absences, difficult visits and the stress and resentment associated with prison make it difficult for fathers and children to maintain meaningful relationships. However, maintaining imprisoned fathers contact with their partners and their children is an important component in efforts to reduce recidivism and to protect vulnerable children from criminal careers. Recognizing the importance of such family connections, the Irish Penal Reform Trust is currently implementing changes to facilitate meaningful father-child interaction and support families affected by imprisonment.

The current research aims to capture the experience of imprisoned fathers and their families as well as assess how changes within the prison have affected mothers, fathers and children. Results from this project will influence future policy surrounding provisions made for imprisoned families. Potential impact can be seen to affect recidivism, inter-generational offending and rehabilitation, being felt by incarcerated fathers, their families and society in general.

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Featured Person: Two minutes with...Dr. Rachel Sumner

This is currently the subject of a meta-analysis. Perhaps meeting a big name in my field and giggling like a teenager meeting a pop-star. Still cringing a bit (Editorial note: perhaps your answer to question 3 here?)

What keeps you awake at night? Not a great deal. Sleeping is one of my all-time favourite activities.

What is your guilty pleasure? The Caramel squares from Eden. I don’t feel guilty enough not to eat them at every available opportunity obviously.

Who would you invite to your ideal dinner party? Friends who are scattered around the world. Moving around for PhDs and early career jobs (and having friends that do the same) means you never really get all the people you care about in the one place.

In the movie of your life who would play you? Well that is quite a loaded question in a psychology department. I’ve actually had to resort to crowdsourcing and the most appropriate suggestions I’ve had is Jessica Hynes.

NEW RELEASES


Out and About

Dr. Stephen Gallagher gave a talk titled ‘Behaviour Change for Physiotherapists’ to the Chartered Physiotherapists in Rheumatology and the Mid-West Branch.

Dr. Elaine Kinsella is currently developing her work with colleagues in University of Queensland, Australia.