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The Centre for Cross Border Studies (CCBS) News & Events

CCBS Supports the Need for a Statutory Duty for Rural Proofing

The Centre for Cross Border Studies has today published its response to the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development's public consultation on policy proposals for a Rural Proofing Bill.

Rural proofing has been a commitment of the Northern Ireland Executive since 2002 and is part of the existing policy-making process across government in Northern Ireland. It is designed to ensure fair and equitable treatment of rural communities so that policies do not have a detrimental impact on rural dwellers. The purpose of the Rural Proofing Bill is to strengthen the existing policy requirements around rural proofing. CCBS is supportive of the need for rural proofing to be placed on a statutory footing. Read the full response [here](#).

The Future of Cross-Border Cooperation in a rural context

The Rural Community Network's latest edition of Network News was dedicated to considering what the future may look like for rural communities, with several contributors from a range of sectors offering predictions for trends in their particular areas of expertise. Anthony Soares, CCBS's Research & Policy Manager, contributed a piece entitled "Bordering on the Future", in which he considers the challenges and opportunities for rural communities to engage in cross-border cooperation. Among the opportunities he identifies is the possibility for rural communities to identify areas for cross-border cooperation to be included in local authorities' community development strategies and Peace Action Plans. However, he also notes that such opportunities can only be realised with the full commitment of those with executive responsibilities in

both jurisdictions on the island of Ireland. For more information, click [here](#).

Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust funds CCBS project

CCBS was recently successful in securing funding from the Rowntree Charitable Trust in support of a new project that will seek to produce a grass-roots vision for North-South and East-West cross-border cooperation. CCBS is delighted to have received support from JRCT to take forward the “Towards a New Common Chapter” project in which, working with a range of groups from Ireland and Northern Ireland, including women’s groups and those from Protestant communities, together we hope to establish a framework where the needs of communities that can be addressed through cross-border cooperation are voiced and integrated into local and regional strategies.

Possible role for CCBS in a Wellbeing Framework for Northern Ireland

The Carnegie Roundtable on Measuring Wellbeing in Northern Ireland recently published a report on the work it has been undertaking to promote the measuring of wellbeing in Northern Ireland, following on from the work the Carnegie UK Trust has done in Scotland. The report, “Towards a Wellbeing Framework: Findings from the Roundtable on Measuring Wellbeing in Northern Ireland”, underlines as one of its conclusions the importance of “sharing of lessons and collaboration with the Republic of Ireland, Scotland, Wales, England and across Europe at central and local government levels, including the use of North-South and East-West bodies”. It adds: “The Centre for Cross Border Studies could have a role here in supporting dissemination of lessons across the island of Ireland”. CCBS had provided the Roundtable with a response to its discussion document, “Measuring Wellbeing in Northern Ireland: A new conversation for new times”, in which CCBS had stressed how “it is vital that we recognise that that wellbeing is dependent on the wellbeing of the citizens of the neighbouring jurisdiction, and of those further afield (particularly within the European context), and that any resulting narrative crosses with those of others. Failure to recognise this and to engage in a process that seeks to address wellbeing in isolation - concerned exclusively with outcomes limited by a border - will result in missed opportunities to achieve greater degrees of sustainable wellbeing”. In light of the Carnegie Roundtable’s latest report, CCBS will therefore consider how best it can help to fulfil that process. For the Carnegie Roundtable report, click [here](#); for CCBS’s original response to the Carnegie Roundtable’s discussion document, click [here](#).

Cross-border Health

Heart disease and disability in older people

Older people in Northern Ireland (NI) are more likely to suffer from coronary heart disease than those in the Republic of Ireland (ROI). They are also far more likely to have a limiting long-term illness and disability according to a study recently launched by CARDI. The study, led by Professor Frank Kee, Director of the Centre of Excellence and Deputy Director of the Centre for Public Health, examined the rates and impacts of heart disease among people over 50 by analysing existing datasets-The Irish Longitudinal Study on Ageing (TILDA) and Northern Ireland Health Survey (NIHS). Read more [here](#).

International Training Programme on Ageing- Call for Applications

CARDI, in association with the The Irish Network for Research in Dementia and Neurodegeneration ([INRDND](#)), [The Alzheimer Society of Ireland](#) , [Alzheimer's Society Northern Ireland](#) and the [Canadian Institutes of Health Research Institute of Aging](#) will host a three day International Training Programme on Ageing on 22, 23, 24 September in Trinity College Dublin. It will focus on the theme of dementia. This training event is aimed at PhD postdoctoral students and early career researchers. For more information on the programme (including confirmed speakers) and application procedures click [here](#). The closing date for applications is Monday 29 June 2015.

Social inclusion and ageing with an intellectual disability

More adults with an intellectual disability in the ROI and NI are living to older ages. This edition of the CARDI "Focus on" series examines social inclusion and ageing with an intellectual disability. Read the article [here](#).

All-Ireland Cancer Consortium Conference 2015

The Centre for Cancer Research and Cell Biology at Queen's University Belfast, in conjunction with the Ireland-Northern Ireland-National Cancer Institute Consortium, will host the All-Ireland Cancer Consortium Conference 2015 at the Riddel Hall, Queen's University Belfast between 10 and 13 May 2015. Read more [here](#).

IPH Open Conference

The Institute of Public Health in Ireland's Open Conference will be held in Croke Park on Tuesday 13 October 2015. The themes this year are as follows: Cross sectoral work on the social determinants of health; Income inequalities and health - closing the gap; Research and evidence strengthening policy and practice; Excellence in leadership in public health and Influencing the teenage years - impact for life. For more information, click [here](#).

The All Ireland Public Health Repository now contributes to OpenAIRE

The All Ireland Public Health Repository is part of Institute of Public Health's Health Well website. The repository focuses on information resources that are needed to develop solutions to improve health and wellbeing, tackle health inequalities and address the social determinants of health across the island of Ireland.

The Repository now contributes to the pan-European OpenAIRE website. OpenAIRE supports the implementation of the EC and ERC Open Access policies. More recently, the Repository's membership of RIAN has been approved. RIAN is supported by the Irish Government's 'Strategic Innovation Fund' and brings the contents of Irish document repositories together to make Irish research material more freely accessible.

These recent developments will provide access to a huge range of additional information resources, particularly academic research. It also means that Irish materials on The

Health Well website will be automatically disseminated through the world-wide network of document repositories. The Repository currently contains over 2,000 resources from a wide range of organisations such as IPH, DHSSPS, Department of Health (Ireland), Public Health Agency, safefood and Public Health England.

[View The All Ireland Public Health Repository](#)
[View The Health Well](#)
[Access more information on OpenAIRE](#)
[Access more information on RIAN](#)

Minimum Unit Price for Alcohol

The Department of Health and DHSSPS jointly commissioned a health impact assessment as part of the process of developing a legislative basis for minimum unit pricing. The modelling study, undertaken by the Sheffield Alcohol Research Group (University of Sheffield), demonstrated that the introduction of a minimum unit price for alcohol would offer significant benefits in terms of health improvement, alcohol-harm reduction and cost savings to society.

[Access the Republic of Ireland Report](#)
[Access the Northern Ireland Report](#)

Scholars at Risk (SAR)

News and updates will be posted on [the SAR section of the Universities Ireland website regularly](#).

Funding Opportunities

InterTradelreland All-Island Seedcorn Investor Readiness Competition 2015

Early and new start-up companies across the island are being offered the opportunity to learn more about how to cash in on a €280,000 prize fund in the InterTradelreland All-Island Seedcorn Investor Readiness Competition 2015.

An InterTradelreland adviser will discuss the benefits of entering the competition which include, invaluable guidance, tips and advice from InterTradelreland experts, investors and other entrepreneurs, how to improve your business plan and investment pitch and demonstrate to investors that your business is worth investing in.

To date, InterTradelreland has supported more than 2,150 enterprising companies through the Seedcorn process with previous finalists going on to secure more than €187m worth of new equity. Past winners from Northern Ireland include Catagen and Sophia Search from Belfast who were overall winners and Jenarron Therapeutics, Dunmurray; See. Sense, Newtownards and Cirdan Imaging, Lisburn who were all regional winners.

The closing date for initial applications is 29 May.

More information on the competition can be found [here](#).

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[European-funding-guide.eu](#) is an EU-funded student finance portal and European Funding Guide. This platform helps students in 16 EU countries access more than 12,000 scholarship programs and other forms of financial aid, worth a total of 27 billion Euros. [European-funding-guide.eu](#) helps students in all academic fields, in all semesters and in 16 European countries. It helps them find personal matches in scholarships, awards and grants out of the more than 12,000 that are available, worth €27 billion. Students only have to enter their profile and the automatic matching software instantly selects the programmes that best fit the individual student's profile. European Funding Guide includes financial support for the cost of living, an internship, a language course abroad, or support for an academic research project.

Learn [more here.](#)

International Fund for the Promotion of Culture

Are you an artist or creator? An NGO or a non-profit private or public body, whose activities contribute to the promotion of culture and artistic creation? If your project is compliant with the criteria indicated in the Operational Guidelines of the International Fund for the Promotion of Culture (IFPC), you can submit your project application and be considered in order to benefit from the financial support of the Fund.

You are strongly advised to read the Frequently Asked Questions prior to applying. Priority is given to young artists and creators aged 18 to 30 years old. Only a limited number of projects will be approved for funding.

Deadline for submission is 29 May 2015 at noon CEST - Paris, France time.

Read [more here.](#)

Three EU-funded Ph.D positions on Environmental Governance and Compliance (4 years) - University College Dublin, Sutherland School of Law

This is an exciting opportunity for talented students to play an important role in a cutting-edge project at the intersection of law, governance, psychology and economics, investigating the way that laws influence our decisions to engage (or not to engage) in environmentally compliant behaviour in Europe.

Non-compliance with the EU's environmental rules is one of the key weaknesses of the EU's environmental policy, and the EU has over the past decade brought in rules to encourage decentralised, society-led governance by local private actors, including environmental NGOs but also private individuals and companies, in an attempt to improve compliance levels. Yet surprisingly little is known about the extent to which this major change in environmental governance rules has actually influenced compliance levels in practice, and why. The central question of this project is therefore: Can the design of environmental governance rules influence us not only to comply with the letter of the law, but also to go further?

[Further Information.](#)

Peacebuilding

INCORE 15th International Summer School 2015

INCORE (International Conflict Research Institute) at the Ulster University wishes to invite you to the 15th International Summer School. The International Summer School will run from 22nd-26th June 2015 at the historic Magee Campus in the city of Derry-Londonderry, on the shores of Lough Foyle in the north west of Northern Ireland, easily accessible by road, rail and air. This year's Summer School will be run in partnership with the Clinton International Summer School.

The INCORE Summer School provides a structured learning opportunity to analyse the dynamic and constantly changing field of conflict transformation and peacebuilding. Focusing on the latest research and concepts in peace and conflict studies and practice, participants are invited to compare, contrast and learn from different perspectives. The School offers a unique opportunity to create links between theory, practice and policy. Special attention is given to how the experience and research of both practitioners and academics can impact upon policy makers within the field of conflict transformation, peacemaking, peacebuilding and reconciliation.

Click [here](#) for further Information.

If you would like to include a cross-border event, research or news item in the next issue of Border-Zine please send to [Thomas Haverty](#) by Thursday 7th May.



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