

ESRC FESTIVAL OF SOCIAL SCIENCE NORTHERN IRELAND



Debate. Discuss. Discover. 3-10 November 2018

WELCOME

It is with great pleasure that we present the 2018 programme for the ESRC Festival of Social Science in Northern Ireland.

This annual celebration of the social sciences has become a regular on the Northern Ireland festival calendar. Once again, Northern Ireland's three universities have come together to produce an exciting programme of talks, screenings and workshops that showcase the range and quality of social-science based research carried out by our academics – everything from building peace to business ethics and migration to the menopause!

Our message throughout the festival remains the same as ever: social science research is everywhere and impacts on everyone. So if you're a student, a policymaker, in business or simply passionate about your particular interest, then we encourage you to take a look at the programme, come along and not only listen, but have your say!

This programme was developed by Queen's University Belfast, The Open University and Ulster University.

Booking information

All events are free. The majority of events are open to the public, however some are aimed at school pupils only and these are indicated clearly in the event listings.

For those events where booking is required, you can book online at getinvited.to/esrcfestivalni18

Disabled access

Please contact venues directly for any queries around disabled access.

Programme changes

Please note that all events are subject to change. Be sure to check the website or follow us on social media for the most up-to-date information.

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THROUGHOUT THE FESTIVAL (6-9 NOVEMBER)

The [ART] in Family Exhibition

Susie Rea

How we as a society manage disease, disability and difference in the face of advances in reproductive technologies challenges all of our ethical and moral boundaries. This exhibition of new photographic and sound-based artworks explores the human impact of the 'new genetics' revolution. The work forms part of a practice-based research project examining the fault lines where medicine, society and technology meet.

Time(s): 9am-5pm

Venue: Ulster University, York Street Campus



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Untold stories: touring Belfast's grassroots peacebuilding history

Emily Stanton

Tickets please for this extra special bus tour that traces 50 years of bottom-up peacebuilding and activism in Northern Ireland. Take a tour through the four main quarters of Belfast and witness a long history of civil activism for peace.

Time(s): 10am-12.30pm

Venue: Bus tour. Meeting point is Ulster University, York Street entrance.



Launch of the Community Conversation Toolkit

Dr Jessica Bates/Dr Una O'Connor Bones

Join us for the launch of the Community Conversation Toolkit developed by Ulster University which helps communities to contribute their views on sustainable education provision in their area. You can even explore how you can use it in your own community or workplace.

Time(s): 1pm-3pm

Venue: The MAC, Belfast



TUESDAY 6 NOVEMBER



Migration: Who is a migrant? Experience the realities

Dr Gunjan Sondhi

If you've ever wondered what a migrant looks like and what life is like for them, then come to our interactive workshop and challenge your ideas on migration and explore different experiences of being a migrant.

Time(s): 10am-12noon

Venue: The MAC, Belfast



Corporate social responsibility: a force for good

Dr Shirley-Ann Hazlett

What is the relationship between a business's social responsibility (CSR) and an individual's personal responsibility? Pre-invited schools only will take part as we discuss this very topical of issues.

Time(s): 10am-12.30pm

Venue: Riddel Hall, Queen's University. (Closed event).



Where are the ethics in business?

Dr Shirley-Ann Hazlett

Ethics, integrity, trust, and the relationship with business sustainability and competitiveness. This interactive workshop is for pre-invited schools only and will explore what ethics can and do mean in a business environment.

Time(s): 2pm-4.30pm

Venue: Riddel Hall, Queen's University. (Closed event).



Borders, backstops and Brexit

Queen's on Brexit

Not bored yet with Brexit? Then come along and join in the discussion around the issues facing the UK and the particular challenges that Brexit poses for Northern Ireland.

Time(s): 12.30pm-2pm

Venue: The Senate Room, Queen's University





Stimulating SME Innovation and Creativity through HR Development

Dr Judith McKnight

We all know the role of the HR team in our workplaces, but were you aware of the potential to enhance SME innovation and creativity through HR-based interventions? Join us as we explore recent research into the impact of such interventions and you might even enhance your own creativity within the workplace.

Time(s): 7pm-9pm

Venue: The Conor Lecture Theatre, Ulster University, York Street, Belfast



Community-led tourism, heritage and peacebuilding in Northern Ireland

Dr Maire Braniff

How can academics, and in particular social scientists, help contribute to peacebuilding and conflict transformation? Join us for this short lecture and screening, followed by a Q&A session featuring participants involved in community-led peace tourism projects.

Time(s): 7pm-9pm

Venue: The MAC, Belfast



History counts: using numbers to understand the past

Dr Alan de Bromhead

Ever wondered how data can shed light on existing historical debates? This closed workshop is aimed at pre-invited A Level students only.

Time(s): 10am-3pm

Venue: Riddel Hall, Queen's University. (Closed event).



Who are we? Art, migration and democracy

Dr Agnes Czajka

What contribution can critical, participatory art make to reimagining citizenship and belonging? Come along to our Learning Lab where we will look at the role of participatory art in raising public awareness of the connected questions of dis/placement, place-making, migration, citizenship and the production of social democracy.

Time(s): 12-2pm

Venue: The MAC, Belfast



Best practice in Arts Management and Cultural Policymaking

Dr Victoria Durrer

Calling all arts and cultural professionals! Join us as we showcase new research that questions the notion of 'best practice' in the arts and cultural sector.

Time(s): 5-7pm

Venue: Brian Friel Theatre, 20 University Square, Belfast



Climate change: how do we respond?

Dr Amanda Slevin

Are you passionate about combatting climate change? This public event offers a space for shared learning and dialogue around climate change and societal responses to the key challenges facing our society and planet.

Time(s): 7pm-9pm

Venue: The Canada Room, Queen's University



Reflections on the Good Friday Agreement

Join us for a special screening of The Open University's documentary called 'Reflections on the Good Friday Agreement' followed by a discussion with commentators and contributors.

Time(s): 5.30pm -7.30pm

Venue: The Open University, 110 Victoria Street, Belfast



A toolkit for peacebuilding

Eilish Rooney/Azadeh Sobout

How do local communities manage social repair in the aftermath of a violent political conflict? Join our community-led conversation using the Transitional Justice Grassroots Toolkit.

Time(s): 1pm-3pm

Venue: The MAC, Belfast



The Menopause café - all you need to know

Dr Liz Simpson

But were afraid to ask... Calling everyone of all ages! The Menopause Café is now open! Come along, grab a drink and let's talk about the menopause! Share your experiences, knowledge and understanding of the menopause and use the café to network and find support.

Time(s): 7pm-9pm

Venue: The MAC, Belfast



A model of Irish-medium youth working

Elizabeth McArdle

Researchers from Ulster University will present a new model of Irish-medium youth work, in partnership with Glór na Móna, which aims to boost an individual's own relationship to their language.

Time(s): 7pm-9pm

Venue: Glór na Móna, 4 Whiterock Close, Belfast



How exactly is the Northern Ireland economy doing?

Dr Leslie Budd/Dr Esmond Birnie

Everything you wanted to know but were afraid to ask... Several presenters, so several perspectives on the state of the Northern Ireland economy. The panel will talk about how the economy has developed, particularly in the 20 years since the 1998 Belfast Agreement.

Time(s): 7pm-9pm

Venue: The MAC, Belfast



Feminism in Northern Ireland: then and now

Danielle Roberts/Elaine Croy

Join Elaine and Danielle as they discuss the history of the feminist movement in Northern Ireland as well as the current movements. They will look at its greatest challenges, what lessons can it learn from its own past and what are its strengths and successes.

Time(s): 7pm-9pm

Venue: Ulster University, York Street, Belfast



Thinking in time: the developmental psychology of future-thinking

Professor Teresa McCormack

Following a discussion about how future-related decision-making changes as children get older, we invite you to take part in a live experiment where you can try out a variety of the computer-based tasks used in our research.

Time(s): 2pm-3pm

Venue: School of Psychology, David Keir Building, Queen's University Belfast



Can economists change the world?

Alan Shipman

Can Applied Economics improve our world or do policymakers give economists too much attention? Three leading economists will discuss the role of economists in informing and shaping policy, as well as the rewards and frustrations of communicating research findings to policymakers.

Time(s): 10am-12noon

Venue: The Open University, 110 Victoria Street, Belfast



Wise salmon and threatened rivers

Professor Graham Harvey

Salmon are important in the rituals and narratives of many peoples worldwide. This workshop will experiment with and explore the narratives and ceremonies arising from these local traditions and you never know - we might even get a walk to the Big Fish!

Time(s): 12noon-2pm

Venue: The MAC, Belfast



The Racial Equality Strategy 2015-2025: three years on

Mairead Quinn

Three years on from the launch of the Racial Equality Strategy, we will discuss the key tenants of the Strategy, namely the seven shared aims and we will explore how far we have come in achieving these aims.

Time(s): 1pm-3pm

Venue: The MAC, Belfast



Beyond words and numbers: young people and research

Dr Gail Neill

Ever wondered how social science research can be used as a means of engaging young people in lobbying, campaigning and political life? This participatory, multi-sensory workshop will illustrate the active role that young people can play in research, and how youth workers can use research as the basis for action-orientated political programming.

Time(s): 7pm-9pm

Venue: Youth Action NI, 14 College Square North, Belfast



Staging Works of Art

Dr Leah Clark

If you think that works of art can sometimes seem irrelevant or difficult to understand, then join us as we highlight what paintings can tell us about issues that matter today; from gender relations to national borders. You can even help stage a work of art in the form of a 'tableau vivant' and understand better the issues that the painting raises.

Time(s): 10am-12noon

Venue: The Learning Zone, Ulster Museum, Belfast

