



Institute for Lifecourse and Society - ILAS

Enabling Equity across the Life Course: A Showcase of ILAS Research

Join us at the Institute for Lifecourse and Society (ILAS) for an informative day of research discovery and connection. This event will introduce you to the ILAS Research Centres and showcase a range of examples of research within the Institute and with our colleagues and collaborators within and outside the university.

Whether you are a student, researcher or community partner, the ILAS Research Day is your chance to explore impactful work and spark new collaborations. The schedule below provides an outline of the day and a more detailed programme will follow. Please put this in your diary and share with your colleagues who may be interested to attend.

DATE: Wednesday, 21st January 2026

TIME: 09:00 -16:15

VENUE: ILAS Building, University of Galway, H91 C7DK

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The mission of the Institute for Lifecourse and Society (ILAS) is to contribute scientific and practical awareness of human capacity and potential across the life course, thereby impacting positively on knowledge, attitudes, policy and practice, internationally. It is through this mission that ILAS aims to 'Enable Equity Across the Life Course' for individuals and groups.

Schedule

Time	Details
08:30 - 09:00	Registration
Session One:	Introduction and Overview
09:00 - 09:10	Welcome <i>Prof. Rebecca Braun, Executive Dean, College of Arts, Social Sciences & Celtic Studies</i>
09:10 - 09:45	Roundtable Discussion of ILAS Research: Life Course perspectives in policy, solidarity across the life course and meaningfully involved research for voice. Facilitators: <i>Cormac Forkan, UNESCO Child & Family Research Centre</i> <i>Cliona de Bhailís, Centre for Disability Law and Policy</i> Panel: <i>Stasha Antonijevic-Elliott, Centre for Applied Linguistics and Multilingualism</i> <i>John Canavan, UNESCO Child & Family Research Centre</i> <i>Eilionóir Flynn, Centre for Disability Law & Policy</i> <i>Paddy Gillespie, Health Economics & Policy Analysis Centre</i> <i>Martha Killilea, PPI Ignite</i> <i>Geraldine Leader, Irish Centre for Autism & Neurodevelopment</i> <i>Marc Mello, Community Engagement</i> <i>Caroline McGregor, Institute for Lifecourse and Society</i> <i>Pádraig MacNeela, Community Engaged Research in Action</i> <i>Kieran Walsh, Irish Centre for Social Gerontology</i>
09:45 - 10:00	Q&A
10:00 - 10:30	Networking and Refreshments
Session Two:	Showcase of ILAS Research
10:30 - 11:30	Poster Presentations and Research Centre and Unit Exhibits
11:30 - 13:00	Lightening Talks Panel Themes: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Agency, Voice and Human Development• Critical Junctures and Processes• Health and Well-Being• Place and Community• Services and Supports• Social Relations and Connectivity
13:00 - 14:00	Networking and Lunch

Schedule Cont/d.

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Session Three: Research Communication and Future Direction	
14:00 - 15:00	<p>ILAS321 and Research Led Teaching Launched By: <i>Prof. Alma McCarthy, Executive Dean, College of Business, Public Policy and Law</i></p>
	<p>Screening of ILAS321 videos followed by a discussion with the series production team. Chair: <i>Lucy Browne, Project Lead, ILAS321 Series 1</i></p>
	<p>Research Led Teaching Resources, <i>Danielle Kennan, UNESCO Child & Family Research Centre</i></p>
15:00 - 15:50	<p>Future Directions: Engaged and Participatory Research Chair: <i>Ruth Hynes, Research Office</i></p> <p>Panellists including: <i>Ann O'Brien, Community Engagement</i> <i>Brendan Dolan, UNESCO Child & Family Research Centre</i> <i>Mary Lynch, Foróige</i> <i>Ruth McMenamin, PPI Ignite</i></p>
15:50 - 16:00	Q&A
16:00 - 16:15	<p>Final Remarks and Closing <i>Caroline McGregor, Institute for Lifecourse and Society (ILAS)</i></p>

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ILAS Constituent Centres

Centre for Disability Law and Public Policy (CDLP)

Centre for Applied Linguistics & Multilingualism (CALM)

Community Engaged Research in Action (CORA)

Community Engagement

Health Economics and Policy Analysis Centre (HEPAC)

Irish Centre for Social Gerontology (ICSG)

Irish Centre for Autism and Neurodevelopmental Research (ICAN)

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UNESCO Child and Family Research Centre (UCFRC)