



### Northern Ireland's place in Europe Post-Brexit

Professor David Phinnemore

Academics from across Queen's University Belfast will share their thoughts on the ever-shifting dynamics of Brexit and its impact on key areas. Whether your interest is in human rights, free movement, the environment, agriculture or business, this is a great opportunity to hear from and engage with senior researchers and academics from Queen's.

**Time(s):** 12.30pm – 2pm

**Venue:** Belfast Room, Ulster Museum



### The Songbirds – a play inspired by dementia

Professor Assumpta Ryan

This play brings to life the experiences of those living with dementia and their family carers. It captures the shared journey and resilience of people living with dementia in a respectful, educational and honest way. The Songbirds is a play about memory, about humanity, about love and life. It celebrates the lives and stories of those people on a living journey every day with dementia.

**Time(s):** 6.30pm – 8pm

**Venue:** Accidental Theatre, 12-13 Shaftsbury Square, Belfast



Debate, Discuss, Discover, 2-9 November 2019



## WELCOME

It is with great pleasure that we present the 2019 programme for the ESRC Festival of Social Science in Northern Ireland.

This annual celebration of the social sciences offers a fascinating insight into some of Northern Ireland's leading social science research and how it influences social, economic and political lives. From big ideas like language, memory and ethics to pressing issues such as Brexit and the climate crisis, you will be surprised at how relevant the Festival's events are to society today.

Queen's University Belfast and Ulster University have come together to produce an exciting programme of talks, workshops and plays that showcase the range and quality of social-science based research carried out by our academics. Everyone – from school children to the business community – can hear about, and take part in, social science research at the Festival's many fascinating events.

This programme was developed by Queen's University Belfast 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 **ESRC-Festival-NI-2019.eventbrite.com**. Please contact [esrciaa@qub.ac.uk](mailto:esrciaa@qub.ac.uk) or [esrcfestivalni@ulster.ac.uk](mailto:esrcfestivalni@ulster.ac.uk) if you have any queries.

### 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.

### Programme design

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## WEDNESDAY 6 NOVEMBER



### History Counts: using numbers to understand the past

Dr Alan de Bromhead

This workshop aims to introduce pre-invited A-level students to economics-based approaches to studying history, and show how quantitative historical data can shed light on existing debates. It will explain how economic history can improve our understanding of the past, and show how data can be used to investigate historical phenomena and long-running trends.

**Time(s):** 10am – 3.30pm

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



### The Body Social - feminism, performance, protest

Professor Sarah Edge/Dr Pamela Whitaker

A day devoted to feminism, performance, protest and empowerment. In the morning, view the work of Sarah Edge and Pamela Whitaker, whose research examines how the body can be employed as a form of resistance in art practice. They will be joined by Rosy Martin, an internationally renowned artist, who will discuss her work with photographer Jo Spence.

**Time(s):** 10am – 4pm

**Venue:** The Black Box, Belfast



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## MONDAY 4 NOVEMBER

## TUESDAY 5 NOVEMBER



### Doing time: the reality of prison for young men

Dr Conor Murray

Have you ever wondered what prison is really like? This session will focus on the experiences of young men who have gone to prison in Northern Ireland, in the context of masculinity. A panel discussion will delve into issues such as violence, marginalisation and drug use.

**Time(s):** 6pm – 8pm

**Venue:** The MAC, Belfast



### So....umm let's y'know talk about spoken language

Dr Catrin Rhys

Spoken language is full of 'errs', 'umms' and 'y'knows'. Are they really just empty 'filler words'? Join conversation experts for this workshop, listen to recordings of everyday examples of spoken language and find out why these 'filler words' really matter.

**Time(s):** 12noon – 2pm

**Venue:** The Black Box, Hill Street, Belfast







### Belfast's forgotten medical history

Dr Ian Miller

Starting with an engrossing historical walking tour, discover which diseases and illnesses afflicted those living in Victorian Belfast, find out what life was like in Belfast's asylums and learn how doctors coped during the Troubles. At the end of the walking tour, talks will be given in Ulster University's Belfast campus by leading medical historians. Wrap up warm!

**Time(s):** 4pm – 6pm

**Venue:** Belfast City Hall, Donegall Square North



### The Arts: forms of engagement, questions of value

Dr Victoria Durrer

Arts and culture researchers, policymakers and practitioners showcase

new research exploring the ways in which people engage with the arts. We'll also explore approaches to identifying and valuing that engagement. The keynote speaker will be Dr Ben Walmsley, Associate Professor of Audience Engagement at the University of Leeds. The event will be followed by a light reception.

**Time(s):** 5pm – 7pm

**Venue:** The Brian Friel Theatre, Queen's University Belfast



### Memory as a form of resistance during conflict

Nisan Alici/Cira Palli-Aspero

This engaging and vibrant seminar will discuss the role of memory, drawing on the context of conflict. Join the discussion to uncover how we as individuals, communities, organisations and society can engage in the act of resistance through remembering or forgetting.

**Time(s):** 6pm – 8pm

**Venue:** The Black Box, Hill Street, Belfast



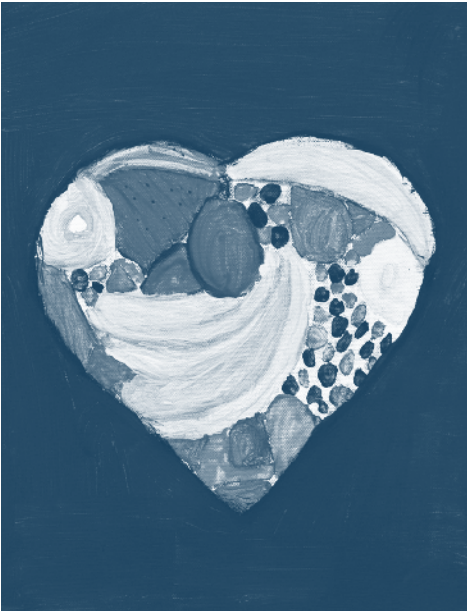
### Football – a game for all?

Dr Paul Kitchen

This event will collect the experiences of football players, spectators and those associated with disability in football within Northern Ireland, in order to identify the challenges preventing further engagement of disabled people in football. The seminar will draw on local people's experiences of playing football with a disability, and discuss the growth of disabled spectators in this popular sport.

**Time(s):** 6pm – 8pm

**Venue:** The National Stadium at Windsor Park, Belfast



### The art of health and well-being

Claire Carswell

How can the arts improve our health, wellbeing and community? At this event, researchers, health professionals and people living with chronic illness will share their thoughts. The evening will also include musical sessions, visual art exhibits, photography, poetry and an arts activity table.

**Time(s):** 7pm – 9pm

**Venue:** Sunflower Public House, Belfast



### The business of ethics and the ethics of business

Dr Shirley-Ann Hazlett

When it comes to business ethics, it's not always easy to know what's 'right' or 'wrong'. This interactive workshop for pre-invited schools will draw from current business examples, and encourage young people to assume the role of business leaders; exploring where and how ethics should impact on decisions. The sessions will be augmented with video material, short presentations from business leaders and group discussions.

**Time(s):** 9.30am – 3.30pm

**Venue:** St Patrick's Academy, Dungannon (closed event)



### Vaccines: children's right to health

Dr Patrycja Dabrowska-Klosinska

Vaccine scepticism is on the rise around the world, with the World Health Organisation naming it as a top ten global health threat in 2019. There is an urgent societal and public health need to provide parents with knowledge about vaccines, and answer their concerns about vaccination. This event will help

meet that need, and will engage pre-invited parents and children through a Q&A session and interactive play.

**Time(s):** 1.30pm – 2.30pm

**Venue:** Rosetta Primary School, Belfast. (Closed event).



### PSNI: Your views on local policing

Dr Conor Murray

An event sure to arrest your attention... have your say on the findings of the 'Local Policing Review 2018: Public Consultation'. Come along and find out about the key take home messages from the consultation. You can also engage in a Q&A session with a panel of experts, including the authors of the report and members from the Police Service of Northern Ireland and the Northern Ireland Policing Board.

**Time(s):** 6pm – 8pm

**Venue:** Ulster University, York Street, Belfast



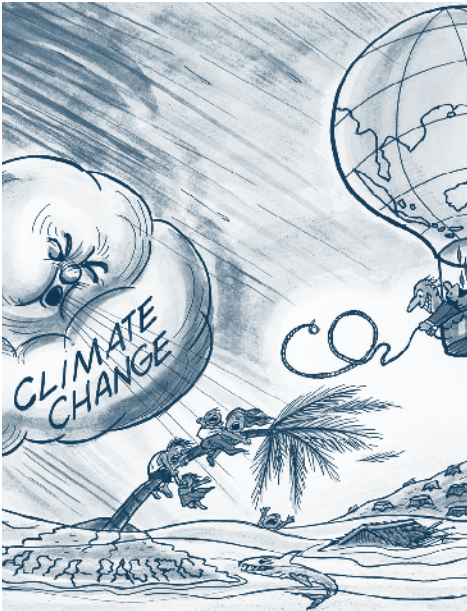
### Seven reasons why a child needs a right to privacy online

Aine Maxwell

What does privacy mean to you? Why should you care about privacy? Why should you want to protect your privacy? Pre-invited 13 and 14 year old students will explore what the concept of privacy means to young people, especially in the context of the increasingly enveloping digital world and 'The Internet of Things'.

**Time(s):** 1pm – 3.20pm

**Venue:** Abbey Grammar School, Newry. (Closed event).



### Creating our sustainable future

Dr Amanda Slevin

Creating our Sustainable Future is an interactive workshop where participants will engage with pressing socio-economic issues, discuss climate breakdown, and create a piece of art to communicate their vision for a greener, healthier and more sustainable future. There will also be a short quiz and a performance of 'Anna's Journey' – a new short play co-written and performed by QUB staff and students.

**Time(s):** 7pm – 9.30pm

**Venue:** Canada Room & Council Chamber, Queen's University Belfast



### Putting food poverty in NI on the map

Natasha McClelland

Do you live in an area at risk of food poverty? This interactive workshop will present the findings of research looking at the experiences of rural dwellers in Northern Ireland suffering from food poverty. Hear the latest research findings on this societal problem, and give us your views so that we can shape further research in this area.

**Time(s):** 10am – 12 noon

**Venue:** The MAC, Belfast



### Derry: food culture, history, production and the future

Dr Sarah Moore

This interactive event for pre-invited guests will explore all things food in Derry~Londonderry! We'll hear the

perspectives of food anthropologist Dr Alex Koenler, as well as college students and primary school children. Guests also have the opportunity to taste food exhibited by local food producers, and tour the Foodovation facility in North West Regional College.

**Time(s):** 10.30am – 12.30pm

**Venue:** North West Regional College, Strand Road, Derry~Londonderry. (Closed event).



### Social enterprises in Northern Ireland: promoting business for social good

Dr Martin Kelly

How can businesses help society? This event considers why social enterprise organisations that set out to meet societal needs through positive social impact are of such high interest to students, entrepreneurs, academics and government policy makers. Using examples from practitioners and research studies, we will consider what makes a sustainable social enterprise.

**Time(s):** 10.15am – 3.30pm

**Venue:** Riddel Hall, Queen's University Belfast



### Unfinished business: a Bill of Rights for NI

Dr Anne Smith/Professor Colin Harvey

Over 20 years on, and there is still unfinished business from the Belfast/ Good Friday Agreement. Join Anne Smith of Ulster University and Colin Harvey from Queen's University Belfast to discuss and debate the way forward for a Bill of Rights for Northern Ireland and be part of shaping our future.

**Time(s):** 11am – 1pm

**Venue:** Room MS 105, Ulster University, Northland Road, Derry~Londonderry



### Sex work and the law in Northern Ireland

Dr Caoimhe Ní Dhónaill

In 2015, Northern Ireland adopted the 'Nordic', or 'Criminalisation of the purchase of Sex' model in regards to sex work. This is a controversial approach to controlling sex work, and is the subject of some debate. Four years after its implementation, the Department of Justice funded a review of the law. At this event, the researchers who conducted the review will disseminate their findings. Their presentation will be followed by a Q&A session.

**Time(s):** 2pm – 3.30pm

**Venue:** Old Staff Common Room, Queen's University Belfast

