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WELCOME

We are delighted to present the 2021 programme for the ESRC Festival of Social Science in Northern Ireland. This year, the Festival will be a mixture of virtual and in-person events.

Queen's University Belfast and Ulster University have worked together to produce an informative and entertaining programme of talks, screenings, workshops and tours that showcase the range and quality of social science research carried out by our academics. And, to reflect the COP26 climate change conference taking place in October and November, this year's Festival includes a number of events themed around climate change.

The Festival is an annual, UK-wide celebration of social science and the contribution it makes to major societal and economic challenges. It offers a fascinating insight into some of the country's leading social science research and how it influences our lives – now and in the future.

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 those aimed at particular audiences are clearly marked in the event listings.

For live events, pre-registration is essential. You can book online at <https://ESRC-Festival-NI-2021.eventbrite.co.uk>

A recording of online events will become available throughout the month and will be available on our **Festival YouTube channel**.

Please contact esrciaa@qub.ac.uk or esrcfestivalni@ulster.ac.uk if you have any queries.

ACCESSIBILITY

Online events will be hosted on several platforms. Please check the relevant platform to see their accessibility features – **YouTube/Google, Microsoft Teams, Zoom**.

For in-person events, please contact esrciaa@qub.ac.uk or esrcfestivalni@ulster.ac.uk for venue information.

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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For information on events happening in other parts of the UK check out <https://esrc.ukri.org/public-engagement/festival-of-social-science/>

CLOSED EVENT



Making business better? The role of the UN Sustainable Development Goals in organisations

Dr Shirley-Ann Hazlett

How can the UN Sustainable Development Goals help 'make business better' and 'make better business'? Through videos and a workshop (for pre-invited schools only), this event will give attendees a better understanding of the SDGs, challenge current business practice, and assess the potential integration of SDGs as the 'new normal' for all organisations.

Event: Online workshop



CLOSED EVENT



Learning disabilities: a knowledge exchange event to better understand student wellbeing needs

Dr Jenny Davison

Most school-based research looking at young people's wellbeing excludes children attending special schools. This session aims to learn and explore what wellbeing means for those living with and experiencing intellectual disabilities. This knowledge exchange event will use interactive, participatory methods to bring together academic researchers, pupils, and teachers.

Event: Lisanally Special School



THROUGHOUT THE FESTIVAL



The story of Belfast's streets: free walking tours

**Professor Keith D. Lilley and
Dr Tom Thorpe**

This walk will take you around Belfast, linking the city's built environment, public art and urban landscape to its political traditions, social history and cultural heritage. Discover the amazing street art of the city, the stunning architecture and the blue plaques that tell the stories of Belfast's residents from the Plantation of Ulster to the Troubles.

Time: Certain Saturdays and Sundays throughout November, 10.00am – 11.30am. Please check Eventbrite for dates.

Venue: Walking tour will depart promptly from outside Belfast City Hall (in front of Queen Victoria statue). Please assemble at 9.45am.

Booking is essential via our Eventbrite page.



PRE-REGISTER NOW

WEDNESDAY 3 NOVEMBER



A local solution to a global problem: community wealth building and climate

Professor John Barry

What are the opportunities for local government and communities to address the climate crisis, shift our economies beyond 'business as usual', and deliver climate action that secures jobs and reduces inequality? This event will explore community wealth building, a model for local economic development that aims to create a more democratic economy.

Time: 7.00pm – 8.30pm

Venue: Peter Froggatt Centre, Main Campus, OG.007, Queen's University Belfast

Pre-registration for this event is required via our Eventbrite page.



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THURSDAY 4 NOVEMBER



Navigating parental cancer: support and advice for families and professionals

Dr Cherith Semple

At this in-person event, attendees will learn the importance of talking to children about their parent's cancer, what families can do to prepare for the death of a parent, and the role of professionals in supporting families at end of life. The workshop will focus on research findings from the 'Family-centred cancer care' programme led by a team at the Institute of Nursing and Health Research at Ulster University.

Time: 2.00pm – 4.30pm

Venue: The MAC, Belfast

Pre-registration for this event is required via our [Eventbrite page](#).



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FRIDAY 5 NOVEMBER



Epidemic Belfast: a forgotten history of disease, 'madness' and urban life

Dr Ian Miller

At this in-person event, researchers will count down their ten most intriguing, surprising, and sometimes gruesome findings of how Belfast's residents experienced infection, illness and sickness in the past, before showcasing Belfast's new medical history walking tour after the talks. Pre-booking is essential.

Time: 5.30pm – 7.00pm (Followed by an optional 60-minute medical history walking tour.)

Venue: Sunflower, Belfast

Pre-registration for this event is required via our [Eventbrite page](#).



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MONDAY 8 NOVEMBER



Enjoying your beach and cleaning it too: exploring community activism, litter-free tourism and the value of the beach

Dr Susann Power and
Ms Rachael Singleton

Our tourism economy depends on safe, clean beaches, yet litter remains a critical problem on our coasts. This online event considers how local community activists take it upon themselves to conserve our precious environment by cleaning beaches. We hear how the beach becomes a place between hope and despair, as well as a source of value. We also explore using psychology and User-Centered Design to understand what drives beach littering behaviour and address it in a new behaviour change approach.

Time: 6.30pm – 7.30pm

Venue: Online webinar with Q&A

Pre-registration for this event is required via our Eventbrite page.



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WEDNESDAY 10 NOVEMBER



Expressing a youth perspective on climate damage using animation

Don Duncan

How can we tell the story of climate change in a way that will effect change? How can a youth perspective be of value? And can animation be a useful tool? These are some of the issues to be discussed in an event that will relay the stories that need to be told now about the climate emergency.

Time: 2.00pm – 3.00pm

Venue: Online showcase

Pre-registration for this event is required via our Eventbrite page.



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WEDNESDAY 10 NOVEMBER



The climate crisis and ensuring a just transition beyond carbon: the role of trade unions

Professor John Barry

A transition beyond fossil fuel dependence is inevitable. However, whether this will be “just” is not. This discussion will feature guest speakers from ICTU and Unite and will examine the crucial role of the trade union movement in the political process of managing the transition in a manner that is inclusive, democratic and where no community or section of society is left behind.

Time: 7.00pm - 8.30pm

Venue: Peter Froggatt Centre,
Main Campus, OG.007, Queen’s
University Belfast

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WEDNESDAY 10 NOVEMBER



Rethinking global water issues: how social sciences can influence safe drinking water

Janeet Rondon-Sulbaran

The SAFEWATER project is an initiative between Ulster University and partner organisations (academic and non-academic) in Brazil, Colombia and Mexico to help people in rural areas gain access to clean water for domestic use. We will demonstrate how existing knowledge in business and marketing can tackle a global challenge by looking at clean water solutions during this event.

Time: 2.00pm – 2.45pm

Venue: Online webinar

Pre-registration for this event is required via our Eventbrite page.



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WEDNESDAY 10 NOVEMBER



Better data for cleaner air: the ADRC NI online air pollution dashboard

Elizabeth Nelson Gorman

Globally, air pollution is one of the most severe environmental threats to public health. Knowing where air quality is poor can help people avoid the negative health impacts, which will have broader effects on society and the economy. The ADRC NI Environmental Health Research Group at QUB has developed an online dashboard to support this impact. This webinar will provide a demonstration of this dashboard, along with an expert discussion.

Time: 11.00am – 12.00noon

Venue: Online webinar with Q&A

Pre-registration for this event is required via our Eventbrite page.



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FRIDAY 12 NOVEMBER



#CookingUpHappiness: a social media campaign highlighting the enjoyment and wellbeing aspects of cooking

Dr Fiona Lavelle and Dr Niamh O'Kane

Join us to shine a spotlight on the enjoyment of cooking, and the potential positives it can have for wellbeing. #CookingUpHappiness is a one-week social media campaign, gathering “happy recipes” to build an online community recipe book. On 12 November, one of the submissions will be cooked up live by a professional chef for everyone to cook along with.

Time: 5.00pm – 6.00pm

Venue: Online cook-along

All are invited to share recipes using the #CookingUpHappiness hashtag during the week of 8 November. Pre-registration for the cook-along on 12 November is required via our Eventbrite page.



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MONDAY 15 NOVEMBER



New Research in 2021: influences on contemporary arts and cultural industries management

Dr Ali FitzGibbon

This is an exciting opportunity to hear about new research from students and international researchers. Discover innovative ways of thinking about how arts and cultural events and programmes happen, and how we can share arts management practice from around the world.

Time: 1.00pm – 2.30pm

Venue: Online showcase and Q&A

Pre-registration for this event is required via our [Eventbrite page](#).



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TUESDAY 16 NOVEMBER



'When the fun stops': international perspectives on the role of critical qualitative inquiries on the impact of gambling marketing

Dr Paul Kitchin and Ms Erin McEvoy

This webinar will explore how the social sciences can reduce gambling harm and add value to the debate on the risks of gamblification in sport and leisure. Join the conversation as our international experts discuss how social science and critical qualitative inquiry can enhance our collective understanding of the impact of gambling marketing, both locally and internationally.

Time: 7.30pm – 8.30pm

Venue: Online panel discussion

Pre-registration for this event is required via our [Eventbrite page](#).



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WEDNESDAY 17 NOVEMBER



Barriers to domestic violence education in Northern Ireland: pupils' perceptions & experiences

Dr Stephanie Maguire

This webinar will focus on pupils' experiences and perceptions of domestic violence education in Northern Ireland. The session will explore results from a study of 188 pupils aged 16-18 attending post-primary schools - the first study of its kind undertaken in a Northern Ireland context. At the end of this discussion, we will highlight recommendations to facilitate education's role in preventing domestic violence.

Time: 2.00pm – 3.00pm

Venue: Online webinar

Pre-registration for this event is required via our Eventbrite page.



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THURSDAY 18 NOVEMBER



A New Ireland: the state of the constitutional conversation

Professor Colin Harvey

This event will be of interest to anyone thinking critically about post-Brexit constitutional futures across these islands, and constitutional change on the island of Ireland. Professor Harvey will provide an assessment of the current state of the constitutional conversation, followed by questions and comments from the audience.

Time: 7.00pm – 8.00pm

Venue: Online talk and Q&A

Pre-registration for this event is required via our Eventbrite page.



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FRIDAY 19 NOVEMBER



Innovative access options in heritage and cultural venues

Xi Wang

This event will consider current approaches museums are taking to attract visitors back safely, and how accessibility and inclusivity will be affected. Speakers from a range of local and national museums, art galleries and visitor gardens will explore ideas such as the concept of 'slow looking' and multi-sensory tours.

Time: 10.00am – 11.00am

Venue: Online panel discussion

Pre-registration for this event is required via our Eventbrite page.



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FRIDAY 19 NOVEMBER



Insights and intersections: Northern Ireland ethnic minorities' and migrants' relations with the environment

Dr Dina Belluigi

This event will explore the proactive contributions migrants and minority ethnic members of Northern Ireland society make to environmental issues, including around activism, philanthropy, wellbeing, environmental justice, global climate change and agriculture. There will be a range of talks from community groups, civil society organisations, policymakers and researchers, followed by a Q&A.

Time: 2.00pm – 4.30pm

Venue: Online panel discussion

Pre-registration for this event is required via our Eventbrite page.



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WEDNESDAY 24 NOVEMBER



Hand hygiene: why hand washing is important in climate change talks

Dr Marie Vaganay Miller

This event aims to explain how the impacts of climate change can increase the risk of infectious disease and how hand hygiene can be the first and the last defence against these diseases. The session will use a practical demonstration to show the impact of good and poor hand hygiene on pathogens, along with an expert discussion.

Time: 6.00pm – 7.00pm

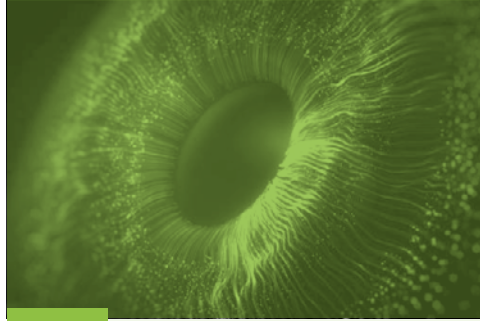
Venue: Online webinar

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THURSDAY 25 NOVEMBER



The art of vision

Professor Tunde Peto

This event will celebrate the beauty of the eye and feature artwork from the Ophthalmology Community in Northern Ireland. The exhibition will include images captured during research by QUB and our collaborators. Researchers from these studies will discuss their work, the importance of vision research, and how it impacts on the wider community.

Time: 1.00pm – 4.00pm

Venue: Foyer of the Peter Froggatt Centre, Main Campus, Queen's University Belfast

Pre-registration for this event is required via our Eventbrite page.



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MONDAY 29 NOVEMBER

TESOL

GRAPHICS

TESOL resources for teachers:
online website launch

Dr Sin Wang Chong

Join us to launch the TESOLGraphic website, an online repository of infographic summaries of secondary research in TESOL for English-as-a-Second-Language, English-as-a-Foreign-Language, English-as-an-Additional-Language, and English for Academic/Specific Purposes teachers. There will be a discussion on using secondary research to provide evidence for innovative ELT methodologies, followed by a demonstration of the repository.

Time: 10.00am – 11.30am

Venue: Online panel discussion

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