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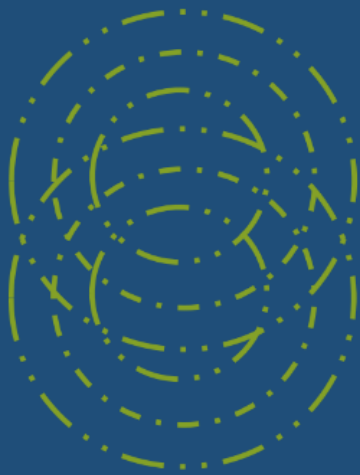
Welcome to our fourth issue of the COSHARE Network Newsletter, all about Early Career Researchers (ECRs)

As someone in the early stages of their own research career, the content of this issue is close to my heart. I hope insights included within the current issue can support those starting out on their research journey, particularly the opportunity to hear from and connect with others as well as learn about opportunities happening in our community.

In this issue our 'Meet the Members' section showcases some impressive ECRs from within the COSHARE network, Dr Megan Reynolds, Dr Carol Rhonda Burns and Dr Kate Dawson. We'll also be getting a more in depth perspective from Dr. Dawson on her early career journey as part of a Q&A. Finally, we have a dedicated section for events and job opportunities of potential interest to ECRs.

But first, a look back on our March Event: "Elevating Voices, Eliminating Violence"

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Job Advertisements:

Active*Consent Team at the University of Galway:

Role: Project Manager (1.0 FTE, Grade 5)

Duration: Circa 3 years,

Salary: €57,931 to €78,536

Application Deadline: July 4th at 5pm

Further Details [attached here](#) - applications can be sent to padraig.macneela@universityofgalway.ie

UCD Dignity and Respect Support Service:

We are recruiting a Dignity and Respect Support Adviser

The post-holder will work proactively with students and employees who disclose issues of a bullying, harassment or sexual misconduct nature and those who are reported.

Salary: 95 Admin Officer

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Contract duration: 5 years

Closing date: 12:00 noon (local Irish time) on 12th July 2024.

For more information and to apply: visit the [UCD Vacancies Page](#).

Informal enquiries:

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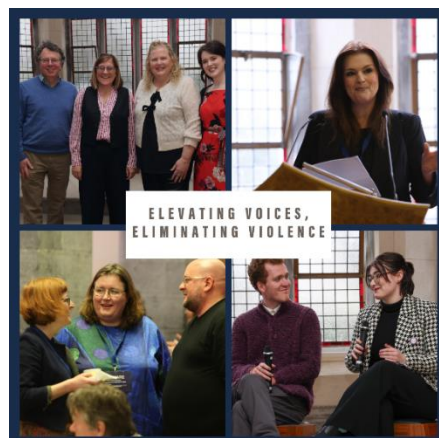
Elevating Voices, Eliminating Violence | 11th & 12th March 2024

It was so wonderful to host "Elevating Voices, Eliminating Violence: Advancing Evidence Based Strategies for SVH Prevention in Higher Education" COSHARE's second networking event at the University of Galway. A heartfelt thank you to Fiona Drouet from [EmilyTest](#) for sharing Emily's Story. Fiona's poignant narrative reminded each of us about the profound importance of our work in SVH prevention. Your courage and advocacy serve as a beacon for us all.

Thank you to Gemma MacNally, James McCormack, Michelle Caulfield, and Kara Stewart for their invaluable contributions in sharing approaches and strategies for Disclosure Management training. Special acknowledgment to our expert panellist's Caitriona Gleeson, Sarahjane Grennan, Fredrick Okungu and Dr Helen Maher whose expertise illuminated the complexities of SVH prevention.

Special thanks to Sandy Cox for gracefully sharing her knowledge and experiences, providing insights into the US context and the advocacy role. Your grounded and practical approach to peer-to-peer education was both enlightening and inspiring, offering a valuable perspective that enriches our collective understanding. It was such a treat to hear from the University of Galway '[Campus Consent Champions](#)', Tonya Pell, Amy Staudt & Daniel Lynch for their dedication in sharing their experiences of being champions on the ground, engaging in peer-to-peer education.

The discussions were not only insightful but also crucial in addressing the pressing issues of Consent, Sexual Violence, Harassment, and Equality within our academic institutions. The commitment and passion exhibited by the speakers and attendees were truly inspiring, highlighting the collective effort needed to create safer and more inclusive spaces. - *Rebecca Connolly, SVH Prevention and Response Programme Coordinator, University of Galway*



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Meet the Members: Megan Reynolds

What do you do?

I am a postdoctoral researcher in Dublin City University Anti-Bullying Centre. I am working on the Cilter DTIF Project, which focuses on the detection of cyberbullying, self-harm, suicide-related and grooming content for the development of Cilter technology. I am also researching sexual violence and consent among university students and engaging with numerous stakeholders

Why do you do it?

I have been interested in conducting research into sexual violence amongst university students since my undergraduate degree after watching the documentary 'The Hunting Ground', which depicted sexual violence on campuses across America. At the time it had made me wonder if this issue was occurring on my campus and other campuses in the UK. I developed a passion for research in this area and it led me to undertaking a PhD in Queen's University Belfast. Over the past few years, I had the privilege of working with a team of researchers and engaging with key stakeholders in Northern Ireland to ensure that our research has an impact on policy and practice for survivors. I am very passionate about conducting research that has a positive impact on future research, policy and practice, which in turn benefits survivors of sexual violence.

What are you working on at the moment?

I am working on a several research projects now and developing projects in the sexual violence field of research. Currently, I am a principal investigator on a research project that is investigating smartphone bans in schools in Ireland. Over the next few months, I will be developing research projects that investigate technology-facilitated sexual violence and sexual consent. I am also interested in exploring the role of research ethics in sexual violence research.



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Meet the Members: Carol Rhonda Burns

What do you do?

I am a postdoctoral researcher, interested in trauma and victimization experiences and the associated negative mental health outcomes. I have particular interest in cumulative trauma experiences and how they constellate in the population, and the impact of the transgenerational transmission of trauma. I am skilled in working with large datasets and advanced statistical packages and predictive AI programs however I find all research extremely rewarding.

Why do you do it?

Analyzing data can be challenging but extremely rewarding. Making sense of the numbers and the data and producing effective reports that are easily understood and impactful for other researchers and stakeholders is key to my role as a researcher. I am passionate about sharing my research and working in collaborative teams to share knowledge and information, and to learn from others, developing policies and procedures that ensure best practice. I have been privileged to work on some amazing projects throughout my career with passionate and inspirational peers who are dedicated.

What are you working on at the moment?

I am currently working on the COSHARE survey data, preparing this for analysis and reporting the findings.



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Meet the Members: Dr. Kate Dawson

What do you do?

I'm a newly appointed Lecturer in Psychology at the University of Galway. My research focuses on sexual health more broadly, but I'm really interested in sexual harassment and abuse prevention.

Why do you do it?

In terms of my lecturing role, I really love working with students. They have great research ideas and I enjoy having the opportunity to discuss their thoughts in class. Research-wise, I am passionate about preventing harassment and violence, particularly in looking at how we can understand and eliminate victimisation among women and minority groups.

What are you working on at the moment?

I'm looking at victimisation within the creative industries and applying an intersectional lens in a large international sample to explore how victimisation manifests for those who identify with multiple minority groups.



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Q+A with Dr. Kate Dawson

Tell me about the work you did as an ECR.

My PhD focused on developing an evidence base for youth-centred pornography literacy interventions. I was then funded to do a post doc to develop the intervention - nice full circle moment.

What kept you motivated throughout the early stages of your career?

I was really interested in the topic - I don't know if I would have had the will to continue at times if it wasn't for that. I also went through periods where I was really unmotivated which seems to be the norm.

What's something you're grateful for having in your early career?

I've had lots of chances to collaborate with colleagues around the world and have developed some really great friendships as a result.

What do you think of the frequently used definition of ECRs as "those who have recently completed their PhD"?

I think its a fair term - you've just undergone a steep learning curve in terms of research experience (I did in my case anyway), and there's still quite a lot to learn in the years following completion of your PhD (I'm still learning a lot), so in terms of providing extra opportunities for people at that career stage, using the term ECR can be helpful.

If you could go back to your graduation day, and give yourself one piece of advice, what would it be?

To have been more consistent from the first day I started my PhD. I think I was a bit too relaxed at the beginning and then felt like I had a lot of "catching up" to do in years 2/3. I could have made it easier on myself if I didn't feel quite so rushed.

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Events for Early Career Researchers:

[July 22 · 11am - July 26 · 12pm](#)

Welcome to the inaugural Research Summer School at St James's Hospital (SJH). This Summer School is a joint initiative between the Wellcome - Health Research Board Clinical Research Facility (CRF) at SJH, the SJH Research and Innovation Programme, SJH Nursing and the Trinity College Dublin (TCD) School of Medicine. The importance of training and education cannot be overstated in cultivating a workforce that is not only aware of research but actively participates in it. This is a critical step towards realising SJH's goal of evolving into an Academic Health Science Centre (AHSC). With this in mind, our Summer School is designed to serve as a gateway to the dynamic field of clinical research for newcomers, while also offering valuable updates for those with more research experience.

[Register to attend here](#)

[September 20th 2024 10:00am-5:00pm](#)

[Inaugural Health Data Research ECR Forum, Wellcome Building, London](#)

The first annual forum is open to all HDR UK's early career research community and the wider alumni network. It will include workshops and activities, specially selected speakers and the chance to network at a drinks reception. There will be poster sessions – with prizes for the best. One objective is to encourage discussion between early career researchers and their peers in order to foster stronger links between them. It will also be a chance to celebrate the graduation of the first HDRUK-Turing Wellcome PhD cohort and welcome the new Driver Programme Fellows to the HDR UK community.

Save the date now and watch this space for full details (a limited number of travel bursaries will be available).

Email learn@hdruk.ac.uk for more information and to find out about bursaries.

[October 21st-25th 2024](#)

Save the date: Early Career Development Network (ECDN)'s PhD writer's retreat October 21st-25th hosted by Trinity College Dublin. Further details and registration to be released in September. [Watch this space:](#)

Opportunities for Early Career Researchers:

[Queens University Belfast](#)

The Project Manager will assist with the administration, recruitment and collection of data from study participants (pregnant women) as part of the RESPIRE project which is examining the effects of outdoor and indoor air pollution on mothers and babies. This will entail working with hospital clinic staff to contact and recruit mothers attending maternity clinics in Northern Ireland, gaining consent for participation and data collection and entering relevant data into the study database.

Application closing date: 08/07/2024

Salary: £33,785 - £38,765 per annum.

More info at [QUB Website](#)

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Opportunities for Early Career Researchers (ctd.):

TCD Sociology Department:

The Department of Sociology at Trinity College Dublin (TCD) seeks to appoint a Post-Doctoral Researcher on a specific purpose contract. The successful candidate will join a TCD-based research team and collaborate closely with a University College London based on the “Longitudinal Educational Achievements: Reducing iNequalities” (LEARN) project. The successful candidate will get to travel internationally to project meetings and will collaborate with other consortium members.

Job Category and Level: Research, Appointment will be on the IUA Post-Doctoral Researcher Scale PD1 in line with current government pay policy Researcher Salary Scales | Irish Universities Association (iua.ie).

Closing Date: Monday, 22nd of July 2024, 12 pm (Irish time)

Application Procedure

Candidates should submit the following documentation via email to Lorraine Ivers at recruit.sociology.sssp@tcd.ie quoting “RF LEARN Project” in the subject bar.

More info on [TCD's Website](#)

The DKIT RiVeR Project:

Applications are now open for our newly validated level 8 Certificate in the Fundamentals of Understanding and Responding to Domestic, Sexual and Gender-Based Violence Programme. Through funding received from the Higher Education Authority, the DKIT RiVeR project will offer a Scholarship to cover the programme fee for FIVE applicants to the September 2024 intake. [See further details and submit application here:](#)

Active* Consent

Now accepting applications for the Autumn 2024 cohort of *Consent, S*xual Violence and Harassment: Practitioner Skills and Practice*.

With over 130 practitioners trained around Ireland so far, this 10 ECT Level 9 Microcredential course provides professionals with the knowledge and skills to:

- Implement and evaluate consent education and SVH prevention programmes
- Develop policies and best practice to support workplace culture change
- Provide support to those who disclose negative s*xual experiences.

Fees for the course are €500. There are a number of €250 scholarships available - information on scholarship eligibility criteria is available [here](#). Additionally, there are fully-funded places available for FET ETBI staff.

More information on course content, dates and entry requirements can be found [here](#). Those wishing to apply should complete [this form](#) by September 18th at 5pm. Places will be offered on a rolling basis to eligible applicants so those interested are advised to apply without delay.

For more information, get in touch with the module co-ordinator:
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