

MIC PROFESSIONAL DOCTORATE IN EDUCATIONAL AND CHILD PSYCHOLOGY NEWSLETTER



You are very welcome to the fourth edition of the MIC Doctorate in Educational and Child Psychology Newsletter. Thanks to all our trainees, graduates, colleagues and friends for their contributions to this issue. Thanks also to Marie for compiling all of the submissions and for all of your support this semester. We have a wonderful mix of items again this year, from engagements, weddings and sporting achievements to graduation, research activity and awards.

We are very grateful to our partners in NEPS and the HSE for their ongoing support for our trainees, not only via placement supervision and guest lecturing expertise , but more recently via funding supports which have transformed the training experience for our students.

It's also the time of year when we are beginning the application process for a new intake in September 2024 and we look forward to meeting the next generation of Educational and Child Psychologists in the new year.

To our trainees and graduates, we are continually amazed by your hard work, dedication and commitment. We admire your fortitude and resilience as you navigate the ups and downs of your own life events that inevitably occur during the course of the three years of the programme.

Finally, heartfelt congratulations to our 2023 graduates. As a programme team, witnessing our students receive their doctoral awards in the presence of friends and family makes all the hard work worth while.

Wishing everyone the best for the holiday period and for 2024.

From all the DECPsy team





DECPsy Wedding Bells!



Congratulations to DECPsy graduate, Dr Aoife Lalor & PJ Keane, also a graduate of MIC on their recent wedding in Sheen Falls Kenmare



Congratulations to Dr Eibhlin Ryan and her husband John on their wedding
Eibhlin is currently working as a Senior Psychologist in North Tipperary Children's Services



DECPsy Year 3, Tara O'Carroll pictured with Dr Therese Brophy at the Christmas Research Day .
Tara was presented with flowers from the DECPsy team to wish Tara and her fiancé Joe well for their wedding day on New Year's Eve.



Congratulations to DECPsy Year 3 trainee, Caroline Dineen and her fiancé Luke on their recent engagement in Three Castle Head this July



Engagements



Congratulations to Year 3 DECPsy Student Naoise Delaney and Loran on their engagement in Croatia during the summer.

Graduation 2023

We were delighted to see ten of our students receive their doctoral awards at the MIC Conferring ceremony on Friday 27th October. Congratulations to all, we are very proud of your achievement. Thanks also to all our wonderful supervisors, everyone in our own EPiSE department and our colleagues in Psychology, to the DECPsy team and all in RGSO for their support on the road to graduation.

2023 Graduands photobombed while waiting to be conferred!



Back row l to r: Dr Ciara Raleigh, Dr Kate O'Neill, Dr Elaine O'Keeffe, Dr Eoin Hassett

Middle Row l to r: Dr Orla O'Callaghan, Dr Catriona Kennedy, Dr Rachael Browne

Front Row l to r: Dr James Groarke, Dr Kate Mulcahy, Dr Emma Louise Bohan



DECPsy graduates pictured with Professor Eugene Wall, President, Professor Niamh Hourigan, VP Academic Affairs, Professor Emer Ring, Dean of Education, Professor William Leahy, Dean of Arts.

Congratulations to our departmental colleague, Dr Maria Dervan, also in the photo, on her graduation.

DECPsy Graduation 2023

Each year, the President, Professor Eugene Wall hosts a dinner to celebrate the achievements of MIC doctoral graduates and their supervisors in advance of the conferring ceremony. Some of the DECPsy attendees are pictured below.



L to R: Dr Elaine O’Keeffe, Dr Siobhan O’Sullivan, Dr Catriona Kennedy, Dr Kate Mulcahy, Dr James Groarke, Dr Emma Louise Bohan, Dr Orla O’Callaghan, Dr Therese Brophy, Dr Kate O’Neill



Dr Rachael Browne and Dr Emma Louise Bohan pictured above with Professor Eugene Wall, President of MIC at the graduation ceremony.

Graduation 2023

Dr Ciara Raleigh is pictured below with her proud daughters, Izzy, Rosa, Lucy and Grace on graduation day.



Dr Keeley White congratulates Dr James Groarke on graduation day



Dr Rachael Browne receiving her parchment accompanied by her research supervisor, Dr Siobhán O'Sullivan



Dr Eoin Hassett receiving his parchment accompanied by his research supervisor, Dr Aoife McLoughlin

DECPsy Stakeholder Advisory Committee

Our first DECPsy Stakeholder Advisory Committee (SAC) meeting took place on Monday 23rd October at MIC. The SAC is an advisory body to the DECPsy programme with membership including the Head of Department, the programme team, student representatives and senior representatives from our funding partners, NEPS and HSE. We were delighted to welcome representatives from NEPS and the HSE to MIC on the day.

Professor Eugene Wall, President MIC welcomed the SAC attendees and highlighted the significance of funding developments for Educational Psychology training in Ireland.

Our thanks to all of our stakeholders for a positive and collaborative inaugural meeting.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank Professor Wall, Professor Emer Ring and Dr Johanna Fitzgerald for their support during a period of significant change in professional educational psychology training in Ireland. We also wish to thank our colleagues in MIC Finance, Fees and the Education Office for their hard work and expertise in putting structures in place to facilitate funding arrangements.



SAC attendees welcomed by Professor Wall

Back row L to R: Dr Theresa Tierney, (NEPS) Dr Ed O’Dea (HSE), Orla O’Gorman (MIC), Daniel Flynn (HSE), Gabrielle Greene (MIC), Dr Margaret Farrelly (MIC), Dr Trevor O’Brien (MIC), Dr Aisling Burke (HSE), Dr Laura Brennan, (HSE)

Front Row L to R: Dr Aoife McLoughlin (MIC), Dr Therese Brophy (MIC), Professor Eugene Wall (MIC), Cayleigh Dunworth (MIC), Dr Siobhan O’Sullivan (MIC), Dr Elaine McCarthy, (Graduate Representative), Patricia Radley (HSE)

Missing from photo: Professor Emer Ring (MIC), Bridget Egan (NEPS), Dr Sophia Kalafati (HSE), Patricia O’Neill (HSE) , Marie Quaid (MIC), Elaine Gleeson (MIC)

Sporting News



Congratulations to Dr Eoin Harte on his selection for the 2023 FIFA International List of Assistant Referees. Eoin was also one of the match officials for this year's 2023 FAI Senior Cup Final which took place at the Aviva Stadium in Dublin on November 12th. Eoin is currently working as a Senior Psychologist on one of the CDNTs in Limerick City



Well done to a group of our current trainees who ran the Galway Bay 10km in October this year .

L-R in the picture: Madeline Dolan, Deirdre Barry, Naoise Delaney, Aoife Mulrooney, and Emma Teahan

Sporting News

Dublin City Marathon



Well done to DECPsy Year 1 trainee, Catherine Quinn who completed her first Dublin City Marathon this year. Super achievement, well done Catherine!

Catherine has also been busy on the research front. She presented her Master's Thesis at the PSI Conference which took place in November in Cork.

Catherine's paper was titled:
A longitudinal analysis of the relationship between parental style and parental stress in primary caregivers of children with special educational needs.

GPA Lunch



GPA HURLING & CAMOGIE LEGENDS LUNCH

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Official Charity Partnership 2023

SUPPORTING THE JACK AND JILL CHILDREN'S FOUNDATION
CROKE PARK, FRIDAY 21ST JULY

HONOURING THESE LEGENDARY TEAMS:

YEAR	ANNIVERSARY	HURLING	CAMOGIE
2013	10 year	Clare	Galway
2003	20 year	Kilkenny	Tipperary
1993	30 year	Kilkenny	Cork
1983	40 year	Kilkenny	Cork
1973	50 year	Limerick	Cork
1963	60 year	Kilkenny	Dublin

Contact karenthorpe@kickoff.ie to book a corporate table

During the summer, Dr Therese Brophy was delighted to attend a lunch with teammates from the 2003 All-Ireland winning Tipperary camogie team. The lunch was hosted by the Gaelic Player's Association in Croke Park, and included other hurling and camogie teams from decades past. The event also highlighted the wonderful work of the Jack and Jill Foundation.

DECPsy Research Briefs

Publication

Congratulations to DECPsy Year 3, Naoise Delaney on her recent publication success:

McElvaney, R., Monaghan, A., Treacy, C., & **Delaney, N.** (2023). Adolescents' experiences of psychotherapy following child sexual abuse. *Research in psychotherapy: psychopathology, process and outcome*, 26(2).

InPact Conference 2023, Lisbon

Dr Therese Brophy, pictured below, presented a paper at the InPACT Conference, which took place in Lisbon from 22nd-24th April 2023. The paper was titled:

The impact of a nature-based retreat on the self-care and peer support intentions of students enrolled on post graduate training in educational and child psychology in Ireland: A pilot study

This research opportunity was supported by funding from the MIC Research and Graduate School.

Dr Brophy also chaired a session at the INPACT conference with the following theme:

EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY: Language and cognitive processes; Perspectives on Teaching

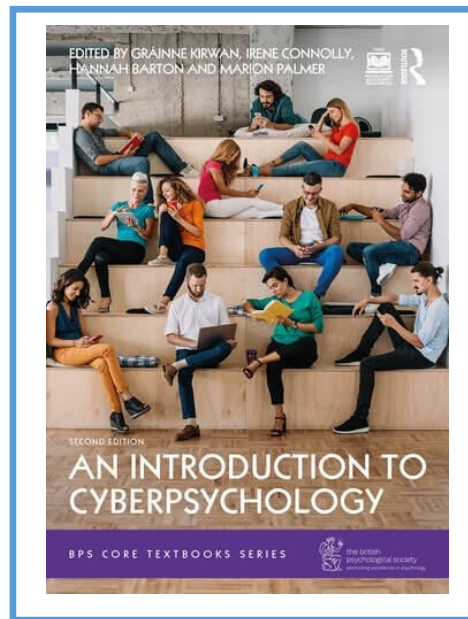


Publications and Conferences

Congratulations to DECPsy Year 1, Derek Laffan who co-authored a chapter titled, 'The Dark Side of the Internet' for the textbook 'Introduction to Cyberpsychology (2nd Edition)'.

The book will be available to buy from Routledge in January 2024 and is included in the British Psychology Society's (BPS) Core Textbook Series that introduces students to the realm of Cyberpsychology.

A fantastic achievement Derek, well done!



Huge congratulations to DECPsy Year 2 trainee, Hilary Dolan, pictured on the left, recipient of a MIC Doctoral Award.

Well done also to Hilary on the following research activity.

July 2023: Paper presented at the European Congress of Psychology:

'A systematic review of adolescents' perspectives on climate change'.

November 2023: Paper presented as part of the Special Interest Group for Addressing the Climate and Environment symposium at the PSI conference:


'An Exploration of Adolescents' Perspectives on the Climate Crisis'

Hilary also had an article published in the October edition of the Irish Psychologist: Key learnings from "Addressing Issues of Equality, Diversity and Inclusion in Educational Psychology: Current challenges and opportunities" .

This article will be added to the EDI reading list for the Institute of Education /University College London Doctoral EP training course.

DECPsy Open Evening

Dr Siobhan O'Sullivan and Dr Therese Brophy hosted an online open evening for interested applicants to the Doctorate in Educational and Child Psychology. The event was very well attended and the attendees had lots of interesting and informed questions towards the end. Sincere thanks to Orla O'Gorman, Aisling Butler, Cayleigh Dunworth, Orla O'Gorman and Laura Phelan, trainees from our Year 1 cohort, who attended and gave their perspectives on the application process and the programme itself. Thanks also to Marie Quaid for setting up the event and managing the Q & A.



DOCTORATE IN EDUCATIONAL AND CHILD PSYCHOLOGY OPEN EVENING

Join us on Friday 1 December 2023 at 4.30pm - 5.30pm for a special online presentation and Q&A on the Professional Doctorate in Educational and Child Psychology


ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:
By the closing date for applications applicants must have:

1. A minimum upper second class honours (2.1) degree in psychology or an equivalent qualification, recognised by the Psychological Society of Ireland or equivalent, as conferring eligibility for Graduate Membership.
2. An equivalent of two year's relevant full-time experience working in the field of education, psychology or healthcare settings.

DATES OF OPEN/CLOSING OF APPLICATIONS:
Applications for the Professional Doctorate in Educational and Child Psychology (DECPsy) will open on Monday 27 November 2023 and close at 5pm on Friday 26 January 2024

PROGRAMME DIRECTORS:
Dr. Therese Brophy & Dr. Siobhan O'Sullivan

To register for the online session, please email marie.quaid@mic.ul.ie



Continuing Professional Development

Best Practice for the Assessment and Diagnosis of Autism: A Review

We are very much looking forward to an upcoming CPD event on the topic of *Best Practice for the Assessment and Diagnosis of Autism*, organised by Dr Margaret Farrelly. This online CPD event, which is scheduled to take place on 17th January 2024 includes presentations from Dr Farrelly, Professor Somer Bishop and Professor Eric Fombonne, and finishes with a Q&A. There has already been significant interest in this timely CPD event and we are delighted to host it here at MIC. Thanks to Margaret for coordinating this event and for her collaboration with Dr Bishop and Dr Fombonne, and to Marie Quaid for supporting the set up of the event.



Professor Somer Bishop and Professor Eric Fombonne,
in association with the Department of Educational
Psychology, Inclusive and Special Education, MIC presents:

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Title: **Best Practice for the Assessment and Diagnosis of Autism: A review**

Venue: MS TEAMS **Cost:** €80

Time: 2.30pm – 5.30pm

Chair: Dr. Margaret Farrelly

2.30pm – 3.00pm	Review of International Guidelines on the Diagnosis of Autism Speaker: Dr. Margaret Farrelly
3.00pm – 4.00pm	'From Under to Over Diagnosis: Current Issues in ASD Assessment' Speaker: Professor Eric Fombonne
4.00pm – 5.00pm	'Appropriate Use of the Standardised Instruments in Diagnostic Assessment of ASD: Remembering the Goals of Assessment and how to best achieve them' Speaker: Professor Somer Bishop
5.00pm – 5.30pm	Q & A

To register please go to [ASD SEMINAR](#)
Closing date for Applications January 10th 2024
The Link to the Seminar will be sent to you on the morning of the 17th January 2024.

Cognitive Assessment System– 2 CPD Sessions

The DECPsy programme team at MIC hosted a series of CPD sessions on the Cognitive Assessment System: 2nd Edition (CAS-2) during the year. These sessions were led by Professor Jack Naglieri, pictured on the right. Professor Naglieri is Senior Research Scientist at the Devereux Center for Resilient Children and Emeritus Professor of Psychology at George Mason University. Representatives from the Dublin Dun Laoghaire Education and Training Board (DDLETB) and the National Educational Psychological Service (NEPS) attended the sessions along with MIC colleagues. Professor Naglieri is providing training on the CAS-2 to enable psychologists to pilot the CAS-2 in the Irish context.



DECPsy Christmas Research Day

We had a really enjoyable day of connection and learning on the 15th December, with all three cohorts coming together for the Christmas research day. Thanks to our wonderful research coordinator, Dr Aoife McLoughlin for putting together the programme for the day. The trainees enjoyed sessions on Literature Mapping with Dr Kristin Horan, IPA with Dr Sinead Kelleher and Semi-structured Interviews with Dr Marc Scully. Sinead and Aoife also hosted drop in research clinics on the day. Pictured below are trainees from all three year groups with team members.



3 Minute Thesis Competition

DECPsy and Applied Linguistics

Thanks to Dr Joan O'Sullivan, Programme Coordinator for the Structured PhD in Applied Linguistics for judging the 3 minute thesis competition with Dr Aoife McLoughlin at the Christmas Research Day. Thanks also to Joan for coordinating entries from the Applied Linguistics PhD students. Well done to the 3 minute thesis winner for the Applied Linguistics stream, Luiza Macedo Giombelli .



Well done also to Ellen Drohan, winner of the 3 minute thesis competition from the DECPsy stream. Ellen is pictured on the left receiving her prize from Dr Aoife McLoughlin .

Remembrance

We'd like to finish by remembering all of the loved ones we have lost this year, and over the past number of years, and we would like to dedicate this issue to Seamus Brennan, Paddy Kennedy and Oliver Raleigh. May they rest in peace.

A Call by Seamus Heaney

Hold on," she said, "I'll just run out and get him.

The weather here's so good, he took the chance

To do a bit of weeding."

So I saw him

Down on his hands and knees beside the leek rig,

Touching, inspecting, separating one

Stalk from the other, gently pulling up

Everything not tapered, frail and leafless,

Pleased to feel each little weed-root break,

But rueful also . . .

Then found myself listening to

The amplified grave ticking of hall clocks

Where the phone lay unattended in a calm

Of mirror glass and sunstruck pendulums . . .

And found myself then thinking: if it were nowadays,

This is how Death would summon Everyman.

Next thing he spoke and I nearly said I loved him.

