

The Childrens' Research Network for Ireland and Northern Ireland

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The Network

The Children's Research Network aims to build long-term and strong relationships across research, practice and policy in Ireland and Northern Ireland

- It supports researchers and those interested in research to build an inclusive community of researchers, practitioners and policymakers.
- It promotes high quality research that is grounded in real world issues and it supports evidence-based policy-making and practice development.
- It raises awareness of the research issues relevant to and across the life span of children and young people.

Key Activities 2018

- Research Summer School June – September
- PhD Symposium *Scholarship and Continuity of Research with Children and Young People in Ireland* Joint with UCD 24th August
- *Revolutionising Play*, International Play Conference joint with MIC 15th September
- Children's Research *Digest Children and Young People's Play*, Volume 5, Issue 2, September 2018
- Mentoring Programme –launched January 2018

To sustain the Network we are working to:

- Increase the number of members
- Undertake events and publications of most interest to members and potential members
- Encourage members to engage in network activities and to introduce and advocate the network to non-members
- Gain sufficient funding from government and other funders

Thank you

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What is the Trinity Research in Childhood Centre?

- Trinity Children's Research Centre established in 1996 – Schools of Psychology and Social Work and Social Policy
- Trinity Research in Childhood Centre launched in 2016 – 12 Schools across all three Faculties
- 200 plus researchers, with 7,500 publications and circa €20 million in project awards
- Hallmarks – bio/psycho/social model of child development with outcomes measured across the life-course

Relationship with the Children's Research Network

- We welcome the opportunity to host a network with compatible aims and objectives
- We are in the early days of a building a relationship – but we foresee synergies developing
- We think that the only way to meet policy aspirations to have Ireland become the best country in the world to grow up in is to develop a research base that establishes ways to let us know how we get there and when we have arrived.
- With capacity approaching 500 researchers the challenge is to realise the potential that such resources offer in meeting this research agenda.