

# Invitation to inaugural meeting of the Children's Research Network Special Interest Group on Child and Youth Migration



## Overview of the proposed Special Interest Group

We are exploring the feasibility of establishing a CRN Special Interest Group (SIG) for individuals across the island of Ireland, involved in or interested in the area of child/youth-centred research and evidence-informed policy and practice in relation to Child and Youth Migration.

Some potential activities the group could engage in:

- Establish a platform for people working on or interested in research in evidence-informed practice and policy in this area to build networks and discuss their work
- Identify research gaps and explore the better use of research evidence
- Collaborate on specific research projects
- Issue regular bulletins informing the wider interested community on events / publications and other updates from the sector
- Develop and support existing efforts to promote Universities of Sanctuary and other actions to promote social inclusion
- As part of a commitment to reciprocity, run outreach activities and events involving children and young people involved in or affected by migration, where feasible, appropriate and meaningful

We invite anyone involved in related areas of Child and Youth Migration to become members of the Special Interest Group, e.g. **academia / independent research; NGOs; government/statutory bodies; community, voluntary and social enterprise entities; service providers, etc.**

While you do not have to be a member of the Children's Research Network to attend the inaugural meeting, we do ask those who intend to participate going forward to become members (for an annual fee of €30/approx.£28; Part-time employed: €25/approx.£23; Student or Unwaged: €15/approx.£13).

Please indicate your interest in the group / availability to attend our inaugural meeting by 1<sup>st</sup> Oct 2019: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TZRJ68P>

Decision on date of meeting will be made on or before 2<sup>nd</sup> October.

For more information, please contact Dr Derina Johnson, CRN Research Coordinator, at [ChildrensResearchNetwork@tcd.ie](mailto:ChildrensResearchNetwork@tcd.ie)

## Agenda for Inaugural Meeting

1. Welcome and Introduction to the Children's Research Network and its Special Interest Groups
2. Introductions by attendees
3. Discussion on scope and ambitions of group
  - a. Proposed mission / aim / objectives
  - b. Potential activities (e.g. events / collaborations / publications)
4. First steps
  - a. Chair & Vice-Chair
  - b. Communication with group
  - c. Expanding membership
5. AOB
6. Next meeting

## Children's Research Network (CRN)

The aim of the Network is to support the research community in Ireland and Northern Ireland and to better understand and improve the lives of children and young people, by creating and maintaining an inclusive, non-profit network.

The Network seeks to:

- Connect researchers to each other and to practitioners and policy makers
- Focus on developing structures and mechanisms to promote the sharing of information
- Link more experienced and early career researchers
- Develop a range of membership services that support researchers in this field

Learn more on our website: <https://childrensresearchnetwork.org/>

## CRN Special Interest Groups

Our Special Interest Groups (SIGs) focus on advancing and promoting research on a specific area or issue of research with children and young people. The SIGs are primarily a space for like-minded professionals to come together, share information and network. They hold meetings up to four times per year, and, with support from CRN, can lead various activities which align to the TORs which they agree upon. The proposed Child and Youth Migration Special Interest Group would join four other current groups:

- Early Childhood Research SIG
- Child & Youth Participation SIG
- Outdoor Play & Participation SIG
- Child Sexual Abuse & Child Exploitation SIG

For more information on the Special Interest Groups: <https://childrensresearchnetwork.org/network>

For an example of a SIG Bulletin: <https://childrensresearchnetwork.org/knowledge/resources/early-childhood-research-bulletin-7>