

Forum Insights

PEPAYS Ireland Physical Education, Physical Activity, Youth Sport Ireland

PEPAYS-Ireland is a nationally and internationally recognised research centre focused on advancing the physical, health, and social well-being of children, youth and adults of all abilities through high quality scholarship and research publications.

Mission Statement

To use high-quality, multi-disciplinary and multi-entity research to shape, influence and inform policy and practice relating to advancing the health and well-being of populations in the areas of physical education, sport, physical activity and health.

This work is facilitated through **three research themes:**

Research cluster	Chairperson
Facilitating Learning through Teaching and Coaching	Dr. Melissa Parker and Dr Daniel Tindall (University of Limerick)
Active schools, Active Communities	Dr Déirdre Ní Chróinín (Mary Immaculate College) and Dr Sarahjane Belton (Dublin City University)
Talent Development	Dr Mark Campbell (University of Limerick)

Management of the organisation

The work of PEPAYS-Ireland is managed by two Co-Directors (Dr Ann Mac Phail, University of Limerick and Dr Elaine Murtagh, Mary Immaculate College) and an external advisory board. Administrative support is provided by a PhD scholarship student (Ian Sherwin).

Advisory Board members:

- John Halbert, Chair National Council for Curriculum and Assessment
- Peter Smyth Irish Sports Council
- Pat Daly GAA
- Ann Hope Trinity College Dublin
- Paul Donnelly Sport Northern Ireland
- Leslie Lambert Ferrum College, USA
- Mary O’Sullivan University of Limerick
- Deborah Tannehill University of Limerick

Members of the PEPAYS-Ireland include staff from educational, sporting, academic and health sectors.

Current activities

PEPAYS-Ireland organises an on-going lecture series which hosts both national and international speakers. Our three research clusters organise “Let’s Talk...” events, where a relevant academic reading is selected and then discussed by members. PEPAYS-Ireland also supports a 3-year PhD student scholarship. PEPAYS-Ireland currently has one designated research space within the Department of Physical Education and Sport Sciences at the University of Limerick. Our main event is the annual research conference which attracts approximately 100 delegates. The 2015 Research Form will take place on 9th June in the University of Limerick. The theme of the forum is “Applying Research to Practice and Policy for Promotion of Lifelong Physical Activity”.

Funding from the Teaching & Learning Forum is supporting the development of a new website for PEPAYS-Ireland. This includes a new logo for the organisation, incorporation of Twitter and Facebook live feed and online registration capabilities (membership and annual Forum) . It is planned to launch the new website at the 2015 annual PEPAYS Ireland Research Forum.

Why be involved in PEPAYS-Ireland?

PEPAYS-Ireland will connect researchers and policy makers, encouraging researchers to consider how best to influence decision-making at practice and policy levels. The intention of PEPAYS-Ireland is that it remains a central place across Ireland in which high quality, transferable research related to physical education, physical activity, health and sport across all age groups can be discussed, disseminated and inform policy and practice. PEPAYS-Ireland provides a predominantly Ireland-based community in which those interested in learning about, and contributing to, evidence-based research related to physical education, physical activity, health and sport across all age groups can reside.

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