



Application Form

4th Annual DSAI Postgraduate Workshop
Host: Kimmage Development Studies Centre
19-20 June 2014

Please complete the following sections and submit to postgrad@dsaireland.org.

PLEASE NOTE - DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS: 23 MAY 2014

<i>Name:</i>
<i>Institution:</i>
<i>Degree Type (Masters/PhD):</i>
<i>Stage of Research (Year(s) completed):</i>
<i>Research Topic (Max 300 words):</i>
<i>Key Issues Confronting your Research you would like explored (e.g. developing a research question; choice of methods or theoretical framework; ethical/political considerations particular to your research; link between theory and data; publishing; life after the Masters/PhD) (Max 200 words)</i>
<i>Presenting your research (see overleaf):</i> Please indicate if you will present your research on the 20 June [___]
If travelling from outside the Dublin region, please indicate if you are interested in availing of support towards costs. Support is available for <u>receipted expenses only</u> , up to <u>max €50</u> : Yes _____ No _____
<i>DSA Ireland Postgraduate Network Mailing List:</i> Please indicate if you do not wish to be added to the mailing list [___]

Additional Notes

Objectives of Workshop

- By focusing on project development, enable students to share experiences and insights from each other's work through peer review and evaluation.
- By inviting experienced researchers and practitioners from different sectors as speakers and facilitators, consider broader issues as they relate to researching across disciplines and sectors, and the implications of this for future research directions.
- To create an environment to improve skills for communicating confidently in networking conversations, developing contacts with other researchers, potential collaborators or future employers.

What it will involve for you:

Speed Networking Introductions: Early in the workshop, participants will be asked to briefly introduce themselves and their work. This introductory session will provide an opportunity for others to learn about the area of research you are working on, with more in-depth discussions to take place informally and in small group sessions over the two days.

Small Group Workshops: Participants will break into small group workshops during the two days, where they will: i) discuss key concepts, methods and theories used in their research; and ii) discuss ways of overcoming challenges and next steps of their work. These workshops will be structured around the stage of research and the broad type of research (e.g. implementation, policy etc). They are intended as a space to exchange more in-depth information and research experience from different sectors and disciplines, and to gain feedback from peers and the experienced researchers facilitating small group workshops.

Open Workshop Presentations: A whole-group session will also be organised which involves researchers outlining their work (10 minutes), with discussion facilitated by a panel (5 minutes). The aim is to open up discussion of research processes and to advance learning of what is involved across a variety of topics and research approaches. Presentations should be limited to 6 slides detailing key information on: i) background/context; ii) methods/data collection; iii) analysis; iv) initial findings; v) challenges experienced. Different approaches to presenting your work are welcomed and encouraged.

Plenary Sessions: Invited speakers and experienced researchers will discuss issues and challenges as they arise in their areas of work. More details will be made available on www.dsairland.org as confirmations are received.

Feedback from participants in past workshops has been positive about the impact the workshops have had on their own thinking, about the opportunities it created for interaction and discussion to help contextualise their work in a wider field, and for opportunities to connect with people and maintain contacts after the workshop concluded. We aim to build on this positive experience.