

Independent Scientific Advocacy Group



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“I am using every resource available to me at the moment... I actually just couldn't do it and I am not sure my children could do it either.”¹

The Government's 'National Framework for Living with Covid-19' strategy has failed.
Women can't face a fourth wave in March.

On Wednesday February 10th, 12.00 – 1.00 PM we will host a webinar that will present evidence of the real impact of rolling lockdowns with no end in sight, government inaction and high death rates on women in Ireland today.

Register in advance for this webinar:

https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_k24E4SYKQumrl0nnWXN4fg

Chaired by Nessa Cronin, our panel of Gabrielle Colleran, Cliona Ni Cheallaigh, Sharon Lambert, Kelly Tallant and Shauneen Brown will share their experiences and state what they need. ISAG will put forward the case for what would be different in these women's lives under a Zero Covid strategy.

ISAG is offering the group's expertise and experience to work together with the Government and the people to make Ireland the first country in Europe to aim for Zero Covid, and as such we welcome all members of the Oireachtas to attend and hear these women's experiences.

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¹ Dr Aoife Mullally, a consultant in obstetrics and gynaecology at Coombe hospital quoted in The Irish Times Thursday Feb 4th 2021 <https://www.irishtimes.com/news/ireland/irish-news/women-not-being-heard-on-critical-public-health-issues-says-group-1.4476459>

Chaired by:

Nessa Cronin

Lecturer in Irish Studies, Centre for Irish Studies, and Associate Director of the Moore Institute at NUI Galway, & Member of the Independent Scientific Advocacy Group (ISAG)

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“Social & Political Challenges for an all-Ireland Approach to Pandemic Management”

Speakers:

- Gabrielle Colleran

Radiology Lead National Fetal MRI Program and Head of Department of Radiology, National Maternity Hospital; Consultant Paediatric Radiologist and Clinical Lead for Paediatric Radiology Education Children’s Health Ireland (CHI) at Temple Street; UCD Assistant Clinical Professor, Women’s and Children’s Health, University College Dublin

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“The Pandemic and Irish Healthcare”

- Cliona Ni Cheallaigh

Associate Professor Consultant, Clinical Medicine, St. James’ Hospital and Trinity College Dublin

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“Effect of the Pandemic on Marginalized Groups”

- Sharon Lambert

Lecturer in Applied Psychology, University College Cork

<https://t.co/aD4p6YUD8o?amp=1>

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“Impact Narratives from Women on the Front Line”

- Kellie Tallant

Rare Lung Diseases Advocate

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“Life with a rare disease during a pandemic”

- Shauneen Brown

Living with cancer

“Q&A on living with cancer during a pandemic”

At this webinar we will outline the I.S.A.G. response to this situation, including:

- Current analysis of SARS-CoV-2 infection rates in Ireland
- A summary of current information of the relevance of the new SARS-CoV-2 variants to Ireland

Let this lockdown be our last.

We can suppress the virus, and keep Ireland at Level 1

The Independent Scientific Advocacy Group (I.S.A.G.) is a multidisciplinary, all-island, group of scientists, academics, and researchers who have come together to advocate for a SARS-CoV-2 elimination strategy for the island of Ireland. You are invited to attend the ISAG webinar tomorrow morning, where members of the Independent Scientific Advocacy Group will be present to discuss the above.