

## 1. Project Title

### Legacy Data:

### Assembling Three Decades Of Irish Abortion Narratives



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## 2. Principle Investigator

Dr Catherine Conlon, Asst Prof Social

Policy See: [Dr Catherine Conlon - School of Social Work and Social Policy - Trinity College Dublin \(tcd.ie\)](https://www.tcd.ie/schools/school_of_social_work_and_social_policy/)

## 3. Application Procedure

To apply for this funded PhD programme please send a copy of your CV/resume and a short statement on why you want to undertake this PhD project under the supervision of Dr Catherine Conlon. You should also include some information on your relevant experience (if any) of qualitative research methodologies and/or reproductive/abortion policy expertise related to the project. Statement should be no more than two pages long.

Applicants should submit their application by email to: Dr. Catherine Conlon: [conlonce@tcd.ie](mailto:conlonce@tcd.ie)

**Application Deadline:** May 1<sup>st</sup> 2021.

## 4. Contact Details

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### Short Description of Research Project

Entitled **Legacy Data: Assembling Three Decades Of Irish Abortion Narratives** this project brings together a unique data archive held by **Dr Catherine Conlon** to conceptualise Ireland's evolving legal, policy and cultural positions on abortion based on narratives of women from Ireland seeking abortion generated at three points in time. Qualitative research interviews with women from Ireland seeking abortion care in Britain on two occasions (1994-6 and 2003-4) and seeking abortion care in Ireland since legalisation (2019-21) offer a unique vantage point on the effects of the specific and evolving legal, policy and cultural treatment of abortion in Ireland on women's sense of their reproductive citizenship, positionality and subjectivity. This is a rich, unique legacy dataset and the project will curate, archive and deposit the dataset as a 'big qualitative data' corpus. A breadth and depth analysis of the corpus will generate grounded, emergent conceptualisation of how changing policy and laws impact on sexual and reproductive health and rights, the constitutional and public policy landscape and most broadly on women's positionality, subjectivity and citizenship. The project will provide the Doctoral

student training in legacy, qualitative data-set curation and management and in big qualitative data analysis methods with a dataset of ample breadth to allow the Doctoral candidate carve out a unique thesis topic.