



Overview

Working Groups are an important aspect of the IHA Work Programme. The IHA establishes WGs in response to current issues and/or trends in the arts and humanities. The overall aim for IHA Working Groups is to foster a transdisciplinary approach and to demonstrate these perspectives on the various grand challenges. In this way, position papers, reports and public seminars are employed to inform the arts and humanities community and the wider public while contributing to HEI and the national research policy agenda in Ireland.

Membership of IHA WGs is open to researchers from any of our member institutions and are usually led by two Co-Chairs, supported by the IHA Coordinator and report directly to the IHA Board.

Working Groups

- Current WGs: Environmental Humanities; Medical and Health Humanities; Legal Humanities; Research and Innovation; Research Integrity and Ethics; and Horizon EU.
- IHA individual members may propose establishing a new WG and seek Board approval.

Members and Chairs of Working Groups

- Any colleague from an IHA member institution may join a WG - members are not required to sit on the IHA board.
- Each WG must have two co-chairs.
- Chairs should actively seek member representation from across career stages and disciplines, attending to EDI principles.
- Chairs are responsible for leading the work programme of their WG, overseeing meetings, and arranging meeting minutes.

Work Programme

- WG Chairs and members are responsible for planning and organising work programme activities.
- In consultation with the IHA coordinator, each Working Group will draw up their own Terms of Reference, including details of the Chairs and members; the expected term; priorities and envisioned plans - to be agreed by the IHA Board.

Role of IHA Coordinator

- The IHA coordinator is not ordinarily a member of the WG.
- The coordinator will oversee the establishment and progress of WGs.
- Coordinator will liaise with IHA board on behalf of a WG.
- Prior to a board meeting the coordinator will contact WGs to request updates to be shared with the board.
- The coordinator will disseminate material compiled by WGs such as policy papers and format in IHA document style, upload to the IHA website and disseminate them through social media.
- Coordinator will help promote any IHA WG event.
- The coordinator will assist with the organisation of IHA WG events.
- Coordinator will oversee any items for IHA website including blogs and impact case studies written by WG members.