Charlemont grant report

Recipient name:	Dr Stephan Köppe
Discipline and subject area:	Humanities and Social Sciences; Sociology, Political Sciences and Social Sciences
Amount and year awarded:	€ 1,537 in 2020
Title of project:	Family Conflicts: Love and Hate

Summary of findings:

The key achievements so far are successful data collection, establishing a key research contact in Sweden and disseminating findings to the wider public. Due to Covid-19 travel arrangements were very difficult and I could only collect the data in May 2022. Therefore, analysis and writing only begins now and first published findings are not expected before 2023. In preparation of the fieldwork I have revisited the original pilot study and used these findings to disseminate these to the general public through The Conversation and promoted the hybrid talk I gave in Sweden as part of the Charlemont Grant. The article "Why families fight over inheritances – and how to avoid it" was republished by RTE and attracted more than 30,000 reads in total.





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Plans for continuing collaboration:

At the host institution we have discussed several avenues for future collaboration without concrete plans. Although the host was a very good match overall, my research project is quite niche and could not be integrated in ongoing research at the Aging and Social Change research group. Still, I have received an invitation to apply for a fellowship, which I had declined due to the terms and conditions of the fellowship. Other opportunities will be explored and a reciprocal visit at UCD is envisaged.

Besides the host, I had several meetings with other researchers and ideas for an EU COST action were discussed.

Published work and publication plans:

Two papers are planned. The first paper focusses on the inheritance conflicts in Sweden. A second paper would compare Sweden and England. Since the analysis of the collected data only began, neither a full title nor findings can be provided at this stage.

Dissemination and plans for future dissemination:

Findings were presented at the host institution as part of their seminar series (https://liu.se/en/article/isar). At the moment there are no further presentations planned, but in 2023 appropriate academic conferences will be targeted.

Collaborations and planned collaborations:

At the moment no further collaborations are planned.

Outreach and engagement activities:

The Conversation article disseminated the findings to the wider public and was republished by RTE:

https://theconversation.com/why-families-fight-over-inheritances-and-how-to-avoid-it-177795 https://www.rte.ie/brainstorm/2022/0523/1300579-family-inheritance-wills-disputes/

It attracted a readership of more than 30,000 by mid June.