

INTRAC Organisation

Purpose

The purpose of INTRAC (the International Research Network on Transitions to Adulthood from Care) is to promote national and international research on the transition from care to adulthood (care-leaving).

Strategic objectives

INTRAC is a community of researchers that works towards the following strategic objectives:

1. Facilitating *dialogue* between care-leaving researchers across the globe.
2. Promoting the *development* of emerging researchers, viz. doctoral candidates; early career academics; and researchers pioneering care-leaving research in their country.
3. Promoting cross-national *research* on care-leaving.
4. Creating or supporting opportunities for *publication* of national, international and comparative studies on care-leaving.
5. Facilitating the *utilization* of research findings to inform policy and practice.

Membership

Membership of INTRAC is open to researchers who are conducting research on care-leaving. Admission to membership requires evidence of being involved in conducting research on care-leaving. Continued membership requires an ongoing record of research publications (inclusively defined as reports, articles, chapters, dissertation, co-authored, etc.).

Membership is of Global INTRAC, from which these members may participate in Exco, the INTRAC Steering Group and/or CoRiT.

While INTRAC is open to any individual who meets the membership criteria, INTRAC's operating language is English only.

Membership fee

There is no membership fee. Members will be required to pay as they go for individual INTRAC events (e.g., a meeting or conference), to generate funds to cover costs of the events and for ongoing running costs (e.g., admin assistance, website).

Activities

A variety of INTRAC meeting formats are scheduled to facilitate different types of interaction, viz.

1. **Executive (Exco)**. A small Executive committee (six members) should be elected by the members of Global INTRAC from the membership of Global INTRAC, to serve for a two-year term, renewable once, with representation from across the globe and with one doctoral student (or recent graduate).
 - a. Meetings via ITC.
 - b. Exco is responsible to oversee the functioning and finances of INTRAC, oversight of the INTRAC conference, and to promote the achievement of its objectives.

- c. Ideally, Exco members will not all end their term simultaneously, to ensure continuity of leadership over time.
 - d. Exco will establish a website and other digital tools to support the activities of INTRAC (<https://globalintrac.com>).
2. **INTRAC Steering Group.** A larger sub-group of Global INTRAC members, with representation from across the globe, including doctoral or masters¹ students who are members of CoRiT.
- a. The INTRAC Steering Group comprises one INTRAC member per country. The selection of which member in a country will attend the Global Group meeting should be determined by the country.
 - b. When voting, each country has one vote. Countries who are not present at a meeting may not cast a proxy vote.
 - c. The INTRAC Steering Group comprises one CoRiT member per country. The selection of which member in a country will attend the Global Group meeting should be determined by the CoRiT members in the country.
 - d. The INTRAC Steering Group meets annually, at members' own expense.
 - e. Attendance of the INTRAC Steering Group is restricted to researchers who are actively involved in care-leaving research, as evidenced by recent publications or doctoral or masters graduates.
 - f. The INTRAC Steering Group drives INTRAC's programme and plans and facilitates international research partnerships.
 - g. Members of INTRAC are required to volunteer to host a meeting of the INTRAC Steering Group, and to endeavour to generate funds to cover meeting costs (venue, catering, etc.). Upon request from the host country, the Steering Group will provide some kind of INTRAC activity to contribute to the furtherance of care-leaving research in the host country.
3. **CoRiT (Community of Researchers in Transition).** All INTRAC members who are doctoral or masters students conducting research on transitions from care, including those within 36 months of graduation, can qualify to be members of CoRiT. (These details have yet to be finalised by CoRiT.)
- a. The purpose of CoRiT is to develop a community of young researchers (doctoral and masters students and recent graduates) whose primary research work is on the transition from care to adulthood.
 - b. CoRiT will operate via two main ways:
 - i. A meeting as part of INTRAC global meeting (see below).
 - ii. Via an email list which will include a wider group of young researchers, including these who cannot afford to join the meetings. Being part of this list will provide opportunities to collaborate on research, in symposia proposals, publications, etc.
 - c. Participation in INTRAC meetings will be limited to one doctoral/master student from each country in each meeting. The regional INTRAC groups nominate a representative for CoRiT. (This might be a decision of the regional CoRiTs if they exist.)
 - d. CoRiT will take part in one of the sessions of INTRAC Global Meeting as participants, in another session they will present CoRiT activities, and they

¹ Including masters students is important for developing countries, where many universities do not offer doctoral degrees, meaning there are few doctoral students, resulting in a barrier to Global South participation.

- also will join the leisure activities. During the remainder of the time in Global Meetings, CoRiT will hold their own separate meeting and plan their independent and future activities.
- e. We strongly recommend contributions and support of CoRiT by senior members of INTRAC. Forms of support can take place through joining CoRiT meetings as advisers, as well as through inviting CoRiT members to seminars and workshops at their home universities.
 - f. From 36 months after graduation, CoRiT members are eligible to become INTRAC members if all the above criteria apply to them.
 - g. CoRiT current members will chose four of its members to be their CoRiT Executive Committee for a three-year term. One of the four will be nominated to be the head of the CoRiT Executive committee, who will also be the representative of CoRiT in the INTRAC Executive Committee.
4. **Global INTRAC.** A biennial global meeting of INTRAC members will be appended to an existing conference and is open to all INTRAC and CoRiT members.²
- a. A day or more can be added before or after the existing conference for INTRAC-exclusive events.
 - b. Delegates should be registered to attend the conference (with the optional addition of presenting a paper or poster at the conference).
 - c. The conference to which the INTRAC Conference is appended will be determined by Execo, with inputs from the Steering Group. It should be a conference that is aligned with the strategic objectives of INTRAC. Currently, INTRAC appends to the EUSARF conference, but efforts should be made to vary the region of the conference and to include the Global South.
 - d. Costs of this meeting will be covered by delegates.
 - e. A subsidy for members from ODA countries from INTRAC membership fees will be offered where possible to facilitate global representation.
 - f. The Conference provides a broader forum for dialogue about INTRAC's objectives. It is not primarily a space for presenting research (this is done at the existing conference to which it is appended), but rather to working towards achieving INTRAC's objectives. Activities may include:
 - i. Intercountry networking among those present.
 - ii. Learning about research being done elsewhere in the world.
 - iii. Encouraging the development of research in countries.
 - iv. Generating funds for INTRAC's limited operational needs.
 - v. Advancing a care-leaving agenda in the country hosting the meeting.
5. **Thematic Interest Groups.** INTRAC encourages the formation of thematic interest groups, e.g., employment, longitudinal research, LGBTQI issues, etc.
6. **Regional INTRAC Groups.** INTRAC encourages regions to form their own regional groups.
- a. These groups could be for a single country, such as in the case of larger countries (e.g., USA), language-specific countries (e.g., Romania), or countries where members are unlikely to be able to travel to global meetings due to limited funds (e.g., countries in Africa).
 - b. These groups should ideally be for a region, such as Latin America or the Middle East.

² e.g. the current link with EUSARF

- c. The purpose of these groups is to promote similar objectives to INTRAC, but at a national or regional level, and to make INTRAC activities more accessible to those who cannot join the Steering Group or fund travel to the Global INTRAC meetings.
- d. Regional groups may request to affiliate to INTRAC. Affiliated groups do not have group representation on INTRAC.
- e. Regional groups (e.g. the Africa Network of Care-Leaving Researchers, ANCR) are not required to adopt INTRAC's name or branding and are not regarded as subordinate or answerable to INTRAC. They can merely affiliate to INTRAC.
- f. A list of INTRAC affiliates will be compiled. There are no obligations or benefits to affiliation, other than to be able to state the affiliation.
- g. Membership of a Regional Group does not provide membership of INTRAC. The INTRAC membership form must be completed to obtain INTRAC membership.

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