

Thursday 16th June 2016

Morning Chair: Ciara Bradley, Maynooth University & CWI

**10.00 Symposium:
Reflecting on community work, sectors and approaches**

- **Mike Allen** Director of Advocacy, Focus Ireland: Housing Rights in Ireland & Working with Communities
- **Disability Federation of Ireland:** Disability Rights and Equality: Working with communities
- **Lorna Gold** Head of Policy and Advocacy, Trócaire: Environmental Justice, Sustainable Development Goals & Communities

11.00 Roundtable Discussions with coffee break

12.30 Plenary Discussion

Afternoon Chair: Sinead Smith, CWI

**2.15 Symposium:
Looking to the Future: Acting for Social Change -
New Spaces, Collaborations and Innovations
in Community Work**

- **Dessie Donnelly** Director of Development, Participation and the Practice of Rights: Human Rights Indicators in Action
- **Rachel Mullen,** The Values Lab: The Equality and Human Rights Public Sector Duty- a Values-Based Approach
- **Edel McGinley** Director Migrant Rights Centre Ireland: Justice for the Undocumented-Community Work and Human Rights in Action

3.15 to 4pm Roundtable discussions

4pm to 5pm

Plenary session and closing comments **Ann Irwin** CWI and **Oonagh McArdle** Department of Applied Social Studies, Maynooth University



Summer School

**Community Workers
Connecting,
Reflecting and
Acting to Realise
Social Change
in Ireland**

When:

Wednesday June 15th
and Thursday June 16th

Where:

Education House
North Campus
Maynooth University

Organised in association with



**Maynooth University Department of
Applied Social Studies**

**Roinn Staidéir Shóisialta
Fheidhmigh Ollscoil Má Nuad**



The summer school has three main objectives:

- **Connecting** community workers, community work organisations, struggles and sectors;
- **Reflecting** on the current context of community work in Ireland and the opportunities and challenges this presents to all of us;
- **Acting** together to develop new and innovative community work responses to realise social change in Ireland

Cost:

€25 for waged workers, €20 for CWI members, €15 for unwaged and students which will cover a main course lunch on each of the two days of the programme, programme materials and associated costs.

Accommodation:

a limited number of shared university accommodation has been booked and is available at a reasonable rate.

Attendance/ CPD certificates available for participants.

See separate booking form attached for details on booking your place

CWI Summer School Programme

Wednesday 15th June 2016

Morning Session

10.00 Registration: Tea/ Coffee

10.15 Welcome & Background:

Ronnie Fay on behalf of CWI and **Maurice Devlin** Head of Department of Applied Social Studies, Maynooth University

Creative Presentation: Community Work in Ireland Today

11.30 Break

11.45 Key Note Address by Rob Gregory

Connecting Community Work, Human Rights and Local Government: “Neighbourhoods that Work”

Rob Gregory has been leading a multi-million pound community economic development programme “Neighbourhoods that Work”, with funders such as the Big Lottery to tackle coastal poverty. The programme has been informed by learning from community development approaches over a number of years. He is an accredited Empowerment Peer with the Local Government Association and worked across the region with local authorities and civil society organisations to develop community empowerment practice. He is a member of the International Association for Community Development (IACD) and the Society of Local Authority Chief Executives (SOLACE) in the UK.

12.30 Current context, challenges and trends in community work in Ireland

Rachel Doyle: Community Work Ireland (CWI)

12.45 Open Forum

13.00 Lunch & Solidarity Walk

Afternoon session: Chair Ronnie Fay

14.30 to 15.30

Symposium: Connecting Community Struggles & Ideas

- **Hugh Frazer** adjunct professor Maynooth University and co-ordinator of the European Commission’s European Social Policy Network: Current Issues & Trends in Anti- Poverty Work in Ireland and the EU
- **Derbhla Ryan** Sex Workers Alliance Ireland: Community Work with Marginalised Women
- **Brendan Ogle**, Education Officer Unite, member of Right to Change: Political Mobilisation in Ireland post austerity, building new alliances with communities & community workers
- **Anastasia Crickley** Chairperson CWI and UNCERD: Community Work, Human Rights & Minorities

15.30 to 17.00 Roundtable Discussions with coffee break

17.00 Plenary Discussion

Evening Event:

8pm dinner - Optional event for attendees

Information on booking will be on registration forms