

# Together in Diversity

**A European Conference on Community Development and Interculturalism**

Dublin Castle, Dublin, Ireland  
Thursday 6th & Friday 7th November 2008

## **Conference partners:**

- Community Action Network (CAN)
- Community Development Foundation (UK)
- Combat Poverty Agency (Ireland)
- Community Workers' Co-operative (Ireland)
- European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions
- European Network Against Racism
- Integrating Ireland
- International Association of Community Development
- National Consultative Committee on Racism and Interculturalism (Ireland)
- New Communities Partnership (Ireland).



# Conference partners





## What is the conference about?

Over the past 50 years, cultural diversity inside and between EU member states has created opportunities and challenges unimaginable by the original signatories of the first European Treaty. Issues such as migration, poverty, social inclusion and human rights are transforming both urban and rural social contexts.

What is intercultural dialogue in this context?

What is the contribution of community development to intercultural dialogue?

What is the contribution of community development to creating an intercultural society?

What can we share and learn about integrating intercultural approaches within community development practice?

What are the challenges of this?

A range of Irish and European bodies concerned with community development and interculturalism issues have come together to create a two-day European conference to reflect on these questions. The conference marks 2008 as the EU Year of Intercultural Dialogue and features international and Irish speakers, field visits and opportunity for discussion.

The event is for:

- Community activists and community workers across the EU
- Groups and associations of migrants, ethnic and indigenous communities across the EU
- Local, regional or national decision-makers across the EU concerned with creating intercultural and socially inclusive communities.

The event will:

- Use the theme of intercultural dialogue to explore contemporary migration and poverty within the EU
- Explore the role of community development in this context
- Promote the role of community development in challenging racism and in shaping an intercultural and equal society
- Include a focus on poverty and social inclusion among migrants and ethnic and indigenous communities within the EU
- Share experiences and network with others working on intercultural and community development issues across the EU.

# Conference programme

## Thursday 6th November 2008

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<b>9.30 am</b>	Registration
<b>11.00 am</b>	Field visits to intercultural and/or community development organisations and projects in Dubin (see booking form for details)
<b>1.00 pm</b>	Return from field visits Showcases and photo exhibitions of intercultural and community development projects/activities
<b>1.00 pm</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
<b>2.30 pm</b>	Welcome and Opening Remarks Ms Anastasia Crickley, N.U.I. Maynooth, NCCRI, European Fundamental Rights Agency
<b>3.00 pm</b>	Keynote address Media and Policy Project: giving a voice to migrants and refugees Ms Nazek Ramadan, Migrants Resource Centre, London, and European Anti-Poverty Network (EAPN)
<b>3.30 pm</b>	<b>Tea/coffee break</b>
<b>4.00 pm</b>	Building an intercultural and socially inclusive society through community development – sharing what works and overcoming challenges <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Ms Ronnie Fay, Pavee Point Ireland,</li><li>- Mr Hubert Krieger, European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions Cities for Local Integration Policy Network</li></ul>
<b>4.45 pm</b>	Facilitated roundtable discussion groups
<b>5.15 pm</b>	Presentation of conference discussion paper – <i>Together in Diversity</i> – Principles and Challenges for Intercultural Community Development Practice
<b>5.30 pm</b>	Closing Remarks
<b>7.30 pm</b>	Conference evening dinner for participants who have pre-booked in city centre venue (see booking form for details)

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## Friday 7th November 2008

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<b>9.30 am</b>	Registration
<b>10.00 am</b>	Welcome and opening remarks Gary Craig, Professor of Social Justice, University of Hull International Association of Community Development
<b>10.15 am</b>	Keynote address Systematisation of experiences in social change: learning from our practices Mr Oscar Jara, Popular Educator, Costa Rica
<b>10.40 am</b>	Networking and Discovery Café (tea and coffee served) Three rounds of facilitated conversations where all conference participants have the opportunity to exchange views, ideas and experiences on the key themes in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- the conference discussion paper presented on the previous day</li><li>- Oscar Jara's address</li></ul>
<b>12.15 pm</b>	Keynote address United in Difference: The Work of London Citizens and its Living Wage Campaign Professor Jane Wills, Queen Mary University, London
<b>12.40 pm</b>	Lunch
<b>1.30 pm</b>	Building an intercultural and socially inclusive society through community development – sharing what works and overcoming challenges <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Mr Reginald Okoflex Inya, New Communities Partnership Ireland</li><li>- Mr Gianni Orsini, Fundació Desenvolupament Comunitari Barcelona</li><li>- Mr Joe Lenighan, Synergy</li></ul>
<b>2.15 pm</b>	Facilitated roundtable discussion groups
<b>3.15 pm</b>	Review of conference themes and implications for future work Gary Craig, Professor of Social Justice, International Association for Community Development
<b>3.45 pm</b>	Conference close Mr Clement Esebamen, Senior Policy Advisor to the (Irish) Minister for Integration

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# Speaker biographies

## Anastasia Crickley

Anastasia Crickley is Head of the Department of Applied Social Studies, National University of Ireland, Maynooth, where she has played a lead role in the development of professional education for community and youth work at both undergraduate and postgraduate levels. She is a member of the Governing Authority of the University and has played an active role in promoting equality, diversity and interculturalism on campus. Anastasia is an active member of the Community Workers' Co-operative, of the Migrant Rights Centre, Ireland and Pavee Point. She is Chairperson of the National Consultative Committee on Racism and Interculturalism.

Anastasia is a firm believer in the need to link local, national, European and global concerns. She is the first Chairperson of the European Fundamental Rights Agency based in Vienna, and was previously Chairperson of the European Union Monitoring Centre on Racism and Xenophobia. She is Special Representative of the Chair in Office of Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) on discrimination and contributes to UN and Council of Europe fora.

## Nazek Ramadan

Nazek Ramadan is a Migrant and Refugee Empowerment Worker at the Migrant Resource Centre (MRC) in London. The MRC works with migrants and refugees in partnership with other agencies, to effect social justice and change, enabling migrants and refugees to fully participate in this society.

Nazek is coordinator of the very successful 'Migrant and Refugee Media and Policy Project' focusing on inclusion and representation of migrants and refugees in Britain at a policy and strategic level. This includes the production of *The New Londoners* - the first migrant and refugee free newspaper in London. [www.migrantsresourcecentre.org.uk](http://www.migrantsresourcecentre.org.uk)

## Gary Craig

Gary Craig, the world's first Professor of Social Justice is Head of the Centre for Research in Social Inclusion and Social Justice at Hull University in the UK. His main areas of research interest are race and ethnicity, children and young people, poverty and inequality, community development and local governance. He is also Associate Director of the Wilberforce Institute for the study of Slavery and Emancipation (WISE) and is the immediate past President of the International Association for Community Development.

## Oscar Jara

Oscar Jara – popular educator and analyst of the role of popular education in social change – lives and works in Costa Rica. Born in Peru, he studied Sociology and Philosophy and is a long-standing activist and writer on education and social movements. His 1981 book *Educacion Popular: La Dimension: Educativa de la Accion Politica*; and his 1994 book: *Para Sistematizar Experiencias- una propuesta teórica y práctica* - are widely cited, especially by those who have an interest in the work of Paulo Freire. Jara is coordinator of a Latin American support programme in adult education and is Director of the educational and research centre CEP Alforja, in San Jose in Costa Rica. [www.alforja.or.cr](http://www.alforja.or.cr)

## Jane Wills

Jane Wills is Professor of Human Geography and Director of the City Centre at Queen Mary, University of London. Her research explores what changes in work mean for politics, labour organisation and power relations. Her recent research includes 'Global cities at work: migrant labour in low-paid employment in London' which offered comprehensive empirical evidence about the role and experiences of migrant workers and their families in low-paid employment in London and highlighted the implications for public policy. Jane has also been researching the London living wage campaign and the community coalition behind the campaign. More information can be found at: [www.geog.gmul.ac.uk/livingwage](http://www.geog.gmul.ac.uk/livingwage).



## Café World Networking

The world café is an innovative yet simple methodology for hosting conversations about questions that matter. These conversations link and build on each other as people move between groups, cross-pollinate ideas and discover new insights into the questions or issues that are most important in their life, work or community. As a process, the World Café can evoke and make visible the collective intelligence of any group, thus increasing people's capacity for effective action in pursuit of common aims.

## Field visits (see booking form for details)

A range of organisations will be hosting project visits. Each field visit is within walking distance of Dublin Castle. The aim of the visits is to highlight the practice of local projects working from a community development approach and to provide the opportunity for projects to showcase their work and material as well as providing an informal opportunity for questions and answers. Participants are asked to select their first and second preference on the booking form.

## Working Language of Conference

The proceedings of the conference will be through English. Translation will be available through French and Arabic subject to demand. Café Networking may also take place in French and Arabic subject to demand.

## Costs

<b>Public sector or statutory body</b>	<b>€150</b>
<b>Funded voluntary or community group</b>	<b>€75</b>
<b>Unfunded group or association</b>	<b>€50</b>

Limited free places are available.

For further information contact Michelle Griffin at 353 1 6026630 or [michelle.griffin@combatpoverty.ie](mailto:michelle.griffin@combatpoverty.ie)

## Venue

The conference takes place at **Dublin Castle Conference Centre**, Dame Street, Dublin 2, Ireland. Refreshments and lunch will be provided. (See map overleaf for full details)

## Access

The venue is accessible for people with disabilities. Please indicate on the booking form if you have special needs, require sign language or have particular dietary requirements.

## Social care/bursaries

A contribution towards essential social care costs/bursaries for participants from community and voluntary groups can be requested. This must be agreed in advance with Combat Poverty. Please indicate on the booking form that you are seeking reimbursement of social care costs.

## Accommodation

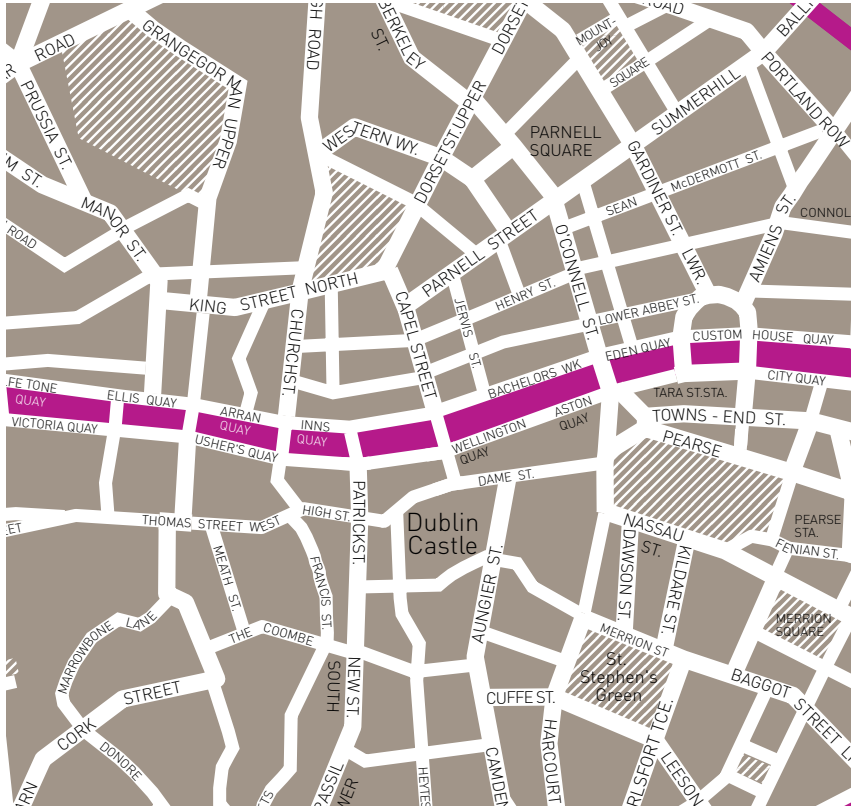
The accommodation listed below vary in price range and are within walking distance of the conference centre in Dublin Castle.

**Jurys Inn Christchurch**, Christchurch Place, Dublin 8  
t: 353 1 454 0000 f: 353 1 454 0012 [www.jurysinn.com](http://www.jurysinn.com)

## Isaacs Hostel Dublin

2-5 Frenchmans Lane, Dublin 1  
t: 353 1 8556215 f: 353 1 8556574 e: [hostel@isaacs.ie](mailto:hostel@isaacs.ie) [www.isaacs.ie](http://www.isaacs.ie)

For more information on accommodation, visit [www.visitdublin.com](http://www.visitdublin.com) or [www.discoverireland.ie](http://www.discoverireland.ie)



## Enquiries

Conference enquiries should be made to:

Michelle Griffin at [353 1 6026630](tel:35316026630) or [michelle.griffin@combatpoverty.ie](mailto:michelle.griffin@combatpoverty.ie)

Booking forms available online at [www.combatpoverty.ie](http://www.combatpoverty.ie) or [www.iacdglobal.org](http://www.iacdglobal.org)

## Getting there

**Dublin Castle** is situated in the heart of Dublin City on the south side of the River Liffey (off Dame Street). It is en route from Trinity College to Christchurch Cathedral and is approximately a 45 minute taxi ride from Dublin Airport. Dublin Bus routes no. 123 from O Connell Street, 77, 77A, 56A, 49 and 49A from Eden Quay, 37 and 39 from Hawkins Street and 150 from Fleet Street stop at the Palace Street and Cork Hill Gates. There are a number of public car parks nearby. The nearest is: Christchurch Car Park, Werburg Street.



# Together in Diversity Conference

## Booking Form

### European Conference on Community Development and Interculturalism

Thursday 6th and Friday 7th November, 2008

Dublin Castle Conference Centre,  
Dublin Castle, Dublin 2, Ireland

#### BOOKING FORM (Please use CAPITAL LETTERS)

TITLE (Ms, Mrs, Mr)

FIRST NAME

SURNAME

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JOB TITLE (role in organisation)

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ORGANISATION (in full to facilitate registration)

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ADDRESS

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TEL.

FAX

EMAIL

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**PLEASE INDICATE IF YOU WISH TO ATTEND EVENING DINNER (OPTIONAL)** (Cost €20)

**Evening Dinner 6th November, The Market Bar, Fade Street, Dublin 2, Ireland**

An informal opportunity to network over dinner with other conference participants and speakers at a city centre venue

#### PLEASE INDICATE SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

Irish Sign Language

Dietary

Other

Please specify requirements \_\_\_\_\_

Please Indicate if you require translation services, this may be offered subject to demand

French

Arabic

# Project Visit Preferences

**(Please indicate your first and second preference. Every effort will be made to facilitate your first preference, subject to demand)**

## 1. **Dublin Inner City Partnership**

Dublin area-based body located in inner city Dublin that works closely with migrant, refugee and ethnic communities in the city. The Partnership opposes all forms of poverty, discrimination and exclusion, and promotes the participation of the resident community aiming to enhance the quality of life for all inner city residents who experience deprivation and disadvantage.

## 2. **New Communities Partnership**

Visit the office of New Communities Partnership Ireland which will be hosting some of its 73 member organisations across 53 nationalities, building on their strengths and addressing underlying causes of the difficulties new communities are facing in Ireland.

## 3. **Integrating Ireland** and **Galway Refugee Support Group** are collaboratively hosting a project visit.

**Integrating Ireland** is an independent network of over 200 local, regional and national community and voluntary groups working in mutual solidarity to promote and realise the human rights, equality and full integration in Irish society of asylum seekers, refugees and immigrants on the island of Ireland. The project visit will be led by the Regional Outreach and Development Officers who will draw on learning from the organizations outreach, training and development work and highlight examples of members activities.

**Galway Refugee Support Group** will host session on their work at Integrating Ireland's Office in Dublin. GRSG, established in 1998, has its vision the creation of a just and equal society in which those seeking asylum have access to fair procedures, appropriate and adequate services and facilities and where those with refugee status have the opportunity to participate in all aspects of Irish society – cultural, social, economic, political. GRSG are guided by community development principles, locally they employ Community Development Worker and facilitate a number of programmes and projects.

## 4. **National Consultative Committee on Racism and Interculturalism (NCCRI)**

NCCRI is an independent expert body focusing on racism and interculturalism in Ireland. It is a partnership body that brings government and non-government bodies together to develop an inclusive and strategic approach to addressing racism and promoting interculturalism

## 5. **Refugee Information Service**

Located at the heart of Dublin, the Refugee Information Service offers a free and confidential information service to people seeking asylum in Ireland. Research, policy positions in relation to government legislation and public awareness of issues affecting people seeking asylum are also offered.

## ❑ 6. **SPIRASI**

SPIRASI is a humanitarian, intercultural, non-governmental organisation that works with asylum seekers, refugees and other disadvantaged migrant groups with special concern for survivors of torture.

## ❑ 7. **AkiDwA**

AkiDwa is a voluntary, non governmental organisation and a representative body for all African women living in Ireland irrespective of their national/ethnic background, tradition /religious beliefs, socio-economic, or legal status. AkiDwA work focuses on development and human right issues based on a gender perspective.

## ❑ 8. **Pavee Point**

Pavee Point is a partnership of Irish Travellers and settled people working together to improve the lives of Irish Travellers through working towards social justice, solidarity, socio-economic development and human rights.

## ❑ 9. **Crosscare Migrant Project and Housing & Welfare Information**

Two projects of Crosscare, the Social Care Agency of the Dublin Catholic Archdiocese, based in Dublin city centre. Crosscare's work is guided by four values: Respect, Human Rights, Integrity and Excellence. The Migrant Project and Housing & Welfare Information offer high quality information, advocacy and referral services to Irish and non-Irish service users in vulnerable situations, including Irish emigrants and non-Irish immigrants. <mailto:dtoolan@is-ireland.ie>

## ❑ 10. **Cáirde**

Cáirde is a community development organisation working to tackle health inequalities among ethnic minority communities by improving ethnic minority access to health services, and ethnic minority participation in health planning and delivery. Cáirde aims to implement actions which will be seen to have a measurable impact on the delivery of primary health care to a selected number of disadvantaged ethnic minority communities in Dublin. Cáirde works with disadvantaged ethnic minority communities from the continent of Africa, Eastern Europe and the Baltic states.

## Costs

### Please indicate which category

- Public sector or statutory body €150
- Funded voluntary or community group €75
- Unfunded group or association €50  
Limited free places are available. Contact Michelle Griffin for more information at 01 6026630
- Dinner (optional) €20

## Payment Methods

Payment can be made by cheque or money order or by invoice.

If payment is to be made by invoice please state organisation to be invoiced here

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Please note: Invoices must be paid by 5<sup>th</sup> November 2008

Cheques should be made payable to  
**New Communities Partnership Conference Account**

Payment can also be lodged directly to bank account at  
**AIB, 128 Capel Street, Dublin 1**  
**Account Number: 30220283 Sort Code: 93 11 01**

You will receive acknowledgement of your booking within 7-10 days.  
You will receive a delegate pack on the day.

**PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM BY 31<sup>st</sup> OCTOBER to:**  
**European Conference on Community Development and Interculturalism,**  
**New Communities Partnership, 10 Cornmarket, Dublin 8, Ireland.**  
**Email: [conferencebooking@newcommunities.ie](mailto:conferencebooking@newcommunities.ie) Fax: 353 1 6773887**

Bookings should only be made on this booking form and returned by post or fax or email,  
booking forms are available online form [www.combatpoverty.ie](http://www.combatpoverty.ie), or [www.iacdglobal.org](http://www.iacdglobal.org).

In the event of high demand, late booking participants may be placed on a waiting list or it  
may be necessary to restrict the number of participants from organisations.

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