

# Social Justice Week 2021

8-12 March

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**Week**  
A Call to Action

## Re-affirming Social Justice during a Global Crisis

Join us during Social Justice Week to explore Social Justice themes as they arise in Ireland and across the globe

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## **Message from the Chairperson**

Maynooth Social Justice Week in Maynooth University is a collaboration between students, staff and other agencies to highlight global and national injustices and inequalities. The events of the week aim to promote a collective analysis of these issues and to stimulate solidarity and a socially-just response in our community and beyond.

This year, in the midst of a global pandemic which has both highlighted and amplified inequalities locally and globally, celebrating social justice week together as a community has an even greater importance. The Committee has specifically chosen the theme 'Re-affirming Social Justice during a Global Crisis' to emphasise the importance of a social justice lens as we collectively analyse the impact of the crisis, as well as build our response individually, as a community and as a society. We are our actions and what we do now creates our collective future.

On behalf of the Social Justice Week Committee 2021 I would like to thank the organisers of all the events on the programme. Also thanks to all the contributors to these events from the University community and beyond.

I would also like to acknowledge and thank the massive commitment of the Social Justice Week Committee 2021 for the hard work in curating such a strong programme in this challenging year.

Ciara Bradley

**Chair, Social Justice Week Committee 2021**

# **PROGRAMME OF EVENTS**

The **University Library** is doing a series of posts on social media, entitled *Open Access eBooks on Social Justice* promoting one open access eBook on social justice a day from our collections.

**Check out @library\_MU**

**Social Justice Week 2021** shares the week with some other event such as:

**Green Week:** <https://www.eugreenweek.eu/>

**Fair-Trade Fortnight:** <https://www.fairtrade.ie/get-involved/current-campaigns/>

**MSU's Diversity Fortnight:** <https://www.facebook.com/MaynoothSU/posts/3761826563854516>

**International Women's Day:** <https://www.internationalwomensday.com/>

**MONDAY,  
8<sup>th</sup> MARCH**

TIME	EVENT
12 noon	<p><b>Online screening of the film <a href="#">‘Picture A Scientist’</a></b></p> <p><b>Hosted by:</b> The Office of the Vice President for Equality and Diversity From Sunday 7th March 12:00 – Saturday 13th March at 12:00 noon</p> <p><a href="#">Picture a Scientist</a> paints a nuanced, emotional but unflinching portrait of the struggles women in research have faced in recent decades up to today. While the film focuses on science, it is recognised that it is equally applicable to all disciplines and the film challenges audiences of all backgrounds and genders to question their own biases and move toward change.</p> <p><b>To Register / Join:</b> Register to watch the film and attend the panel <a href="#">HERE</a>.</p>
12.30 to 14:00	<p><b>Gender and Academic Freedom (Webinar)</b></p> <p><b>Hosted by:</b> Scholars at Risk Ireland in collaboration with Centre for Resistance Studies, Trinity College Dublin and the Irish Centre for Human Rights, NUI Galway.</p> <p>Andrea Pető, Professor in the Department of Gender Studies at Central European University, Vienna, Austria and a Doctor of Science of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences.</p> <p>Elżbieta Korolczuk, Sociologist, working at Södertörn University in Stockholm and American Studies Center, Warsaw University.</p> <p>Seda Altuğ, a lecturer at the Atatürk Institute for Modern Turkish History at Boğaziçi University, Istanbul.</p> <p><b>To Register / Join:</b> Register for this webinar <a href="#">HERE</a>.</p>

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<p><b>13.00 to 14.30</b></p>	<p><b>‘Thinking about Teaching’: Reflecting on Education and Social Justice</b></p> <p>Students and staff of the ‘Think about Teaching’ course are opening their (virtual!) classroom doors to the university community. The session will offer you the chance to share your perspectives on education and social justice issues, and to learn from our students and the work that we do!</p> <p><b>To Register / Join:</b> A link to the class will be sent through email. Please register your interest to <a href="mailto:sean.henry@mu.ie">sean.henry@mu.ie</a></p>
<p><b>14.00 to 15.00</b></p>	<p><b>Launch of Ireland's National Gender Equality Dashboard for Higher Education Institutions (HEIs)</b></p> <p><b>Hosted by:</b> The Office of the Vice President for Equality and Diversity and AIRO (All-Island Research Observatory). Launched by: Simon Harris, TD, Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science</p> <p>Based on published Higher Education Institutional Staff Profiles by Gender from the HEA, this dashboard developed by <a href="#">AIRO</a> provides an interactive and comparative visualisation of key staff data and gender profiles from Irish higher education institutions. The dashboard offers a valuable baseline (2017-2019) from which progress can be measured across Universities, Colleges and Institutes of Technology.</p> <p><b>To Register / Join:</b> Register for the event <a href="#">HERE</a>.</p> <p>Event link and further information will be emailed to registered attendees in advance of the event.</p>

TIME	EVENT
<p><b>16.00 to 18.00</b></p>	<p><b>'Chains or Change'</b></p> <p><b>Hosted by:</b> Maynooth University Social Sciences Institute (MUSSI)</p> <p>Maynooth University Social Sciences Institute is pleased to host an International Women's Day 2021 public event to mark the 50th Anniversary of the manifesto of the Irishwomen's Liberation Movement</p> <p><b>To Register / Join:</b> Register for the event <a href="#">HERE</a>.</p>
<p><b>16.00 to 17.00</b></p>	<p><b>Human Rights of Asylum Seekers</b></p> <p><b>Hosted by:</b> MU Law Department</p> <p>Ms. Katie Mannion, Managing Solicitor in the Irish Refugee Council's Independent Law Centre.</p> <p><b>To Register / Join:</b> To join this online lecture email <a href="mailto:amina.adanan@mu.ie">amina.adanan@mu.ie</a></p>
<p><b>18.00 to 20.00</b></p>	<p><b>A Training Session on Migration &amp; Human Rights in Ireland and Q &amp; A session.</b></p> <p><b>Hosted by:</b> MU Free Legal Advice Centre (FLAC)</p> <p>Dr. Clíodhna Murphy</p> <p><b>To Register / Join:</b> Zoom ID: 790 676 1414 Passcode: No Passcode</p>

**TUESDAY,  
9<sup>th</sup> MARCH**

TIME	EVENT
<p><b>10.00</b> to <b>11.30</b></p>	<p><b>Equality, Social Justice and Human Rights: A Community &amp; Youth Work Lens on Key Issues</b></p> <p><b>Hosted by:</b> Department of Applied Social Studies</p> <p>During this scheduled class session BSocSc Community &amp; Youth Work will present their perspectives on a number of social justice issues highlighted to them during their recent practice placements.</p> <p>Observers are welcome.</p> <p><b>To Register / Join:</b> Please register your interest by email to <a href="mailto:marianne.oshea@mu.ie">marianne.oshea@mu.ie</a></p>
<p><b>10.00</b> to <b>11.00</b></p>	<p><b>Angela's Ashes through a Syrian refugee's eyes: An exploration of Syrian-Irish cultural and literary connections through a reflection on the work of writers Nizar Qabbani and Frank McCourt</b></p> <p><b>Hosted by:</b> College Connect, Maynooth Access Programme, Maynooth University of Sanctuary Committee and Irish Refugee Council.</p> <p>Kinda Nassli with commentary from Dr. Rita Sakr, chaired by Sandra Mpranyira</p> <p><b>To Register / Join:</b> Zoom ID: 969 8217 8834 Passcode: 504451</p>

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<p><b>16.00 to 17.30</b></p>	<p><b>Access to University for Refugees, People Seeking Asylum and Migrants: Bringing Together Research, Creativity and Discussion</b></p> <p><b>Hosted by:</b> College Connect with Feli Speaks, host Zoryana Pshyk, College Connect Peer-Researchers and Young Paperless and Powerful.</p> <p><b>To Register / Join:</b> Zoom ID: 969 285 170 Passcode: 618537</p>
<p><b>19.00 to 21.00</b></p>	<p><b>Screening of the documentary "<a href="#">Nasrin</a>", followed by discussion</b></p> <p>Front Line Defenders, in collaboration with Trinity College Dublin's 'Centre for Resistance Studies', is delighted to bring you the opportunity to view an at-home screening of the powerful documentary film <a href="#">Nasrin</a>, followed by a panel discussion with Jeff Kauffman and Marcia Ross (director and producer of Nasrin), Mary Lawlor, (United Nations Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders), Reza Khandan (Iranian activist &amp; husband of Nasrin Sotoudeh), and Iranian women human rights defenders (WHRDs) Mahdieh Golrou and Rezvaneh Mohammadi.</p> <p><b>To Register / Join:</b> You can register to view the documentary <a href="#">HERE</a>.</p> <p>A password protected link to view the film will be sent to those who register by email on March 5th and the documentary will be available to view until March 9th, in your own time. *Please note tickets to view the documentary are limited, so early registration is advised.</p>

**WEDNESDAY,  
10<sup>th</sup> MARCH**

TIME	EVENT
9.00 to 10.00	<p data-bbox="309 210 1406 248"><b>Resources for bringing the Global Dimension into the Classroom</b></p> <p data-bbox="309 325 1344 363"><b>Hosted by:</b> Froebel Department (Dr. Aoife Titley) in conjunction with GOAL</p> <p data-bbox="309 434 2060 523">This workshop will introduce student primary teachers to a range of age-appropriate classroom resources which tackle complex global issues such as migration, asylum, climate justice and becoming a change-maker.</p> <p data-bbox="309 561 1523 600">Limited to students in the Froebel Department of Primary and Early Childhood Education</p> <p data-bbox="309 715 1236 753"><b>To Register / Join:</b> For more information email <a href="mailto:aoife.titley@mu.ie">aoife.titley@mu.ie</a></p>

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<p>11.30 to 12.30</p>	<p><b>Panel discussion on the film <a href="#">‘Picture A Scientist’</a> available for viewing all this week</b></p> <p><b>Hosted by:</b> The Office of the Vice President for Equality and Diversity</p> <p>The panel discussion will be centred around the following questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Why is diversity in research important?</li> <li>• What positive actions can we as a community take to improve diversity in research?</li> <li>• How do we address bias in research?</li> <li>• How do we ensure that women and minorities don’t have to carry the burden of making research more fair?</li> </ul> <p>The panel will be moderated by Dr. Gemma Irvine, MU Vice-President for Equality and Diversity, and includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prof Ray O’Neill, MU Vice-President for Research and Innovation</li> <li>• Prof Linda Connolly, Chair of MU Gender Equality Steering Group (GESG), Director of the Maynooth University Social Sciences Institute (MUSSI)</li> <li>• Dr Marion Boland, Head of Research Policy, Science Foundation Ireland (SFI)</li> </ul> <p><b>To Register / Join:</b> Register to watch the film and attend the panel <a href="#">HERE</a>.</p> <p>Event link and further information will be emailed to registered attendees in advance of the event.</p>

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<p><b>13.00 to 14.00</b></p>	<p><b>Resources for bringing the Global Dimension into the Classroom</b></p> <p><b>Hosted by:</b> Froebel Department (Dr. Aoife Titley) in conjunction with GOAL</p> <p>This workshop will introduce student primary teachers to a range of age-appropriate classroom resources which tackle complex global issues such as migration, asylum, climate justice and becoming a change-maker.</p> <p>Limited to students in the Froebel Department of Primary and Early Childhood Education</p> <p>To Register / Join: For more information email <a href="mailto:aoife.titley@mu.ie">aoife.titley@mu.ie</a></p>
<p><b>19.00 to 20.45</b></p>	<p><b>MU Pride LGBTQ+ Panel</b></p> <p>This panel will be taking a look at the global inequalities faced by individuals within our community and how it is important to have pride and take part in collective action.</p> <p><b>To Register / Join:</b> Register <a href="#">HERE</a>.</p>
<p><b>18.00 to 20.00</b></p>	<p><b>The Evolution of Human Rights Protections in Ireland - Gerard Maguire</b></p> <p><b>Hosted by:</b> MU Free Legal Advice Centre (FLAC)</p> <p><b>To Register / Join:</b> Zoom ID: 790 676 141 Passcode: No Passcode</p>

TIME	EVENT
<p><b>19.30 to 21.00</b></p>	<p><b>Time for a Right to Housing in our Constitution: Why &amp; How?</b>  <b>Chair:</b> Rory Hearne, MU Dept Applied Social Studies &amp; Home for Good  <b>Panel:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fr Peter McVerry, Homelessness Campaigner</li> <li>• Orla O Connor, Director of the National Women's Council of Ireland</li> <li>• Niamh O Rourke, Inclusion Health Social Worker</li> <li>• James Rooney, Barrister and Adjunct Assistant Professor of Law, Trinity College Dublin</li> </ul> <p><b>To Register / Join:</b> Register for the event <a href="#">HERE</a>.</p>

TIME	EVENT
	<p><b>Environmental Justice in Ireland</b></p> <p><b>Hosted by:</b> Maynooth University Social Sciences Institute (MUSSI)</p> <p><b>To Register / Join:</b> Register for the event <a href="#">HERE</a>.</p>
<p><b>9.00 to 10.30</b></p>	<p><b>Session 1: What is Environmental Justice in Ireland?</b></p> <p><b>Chaired by:</b> Patrick Bresnihan, Lecturer in Geography MU.</p> <p><b>Panel:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Andrew Jackson, Environmental Justice Network Ireland.</li> <li>• Rose Wall, Centre for Environmental Justice, Community Law and Mediation.</li> <li>• V'Cenza Cirefice, National University of Ireland Galway.</li> </ul>
<p><b>11.00 to 12.30</b></p>	<p><b>Session 2: Environmental Justice &amp; Energy</b></p> <p><b>Chaired by:</b> Sinéad Mercier, MU DAPPSS.</p> <p><b>Panel:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Michelle Kearns, National Traveller Money Advice and Budgeting Service (MABS).</li> <li>• Macdara Doyle, Irish Congress of Trade Unions.</li> <li>• Jessie Dolliver, Not Here Not Anywhere.</li> </ul>

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<p><b>13.00 to 14.30</b></p>	<p><b>Session 3: Environmental Justice &amp; Housing</b></p> <p><b>Chaired by:</b> Dr Rory Hearne, MU DAPPSS</p> <p><b>Panel:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Panagiota Kotsila, Barcelona laboratory for Urban Environmental Justice and Sustainability.</li> <li>• John Bohan, MU &amp; CATU.</li> </ul>
<p><b>15.00 to 16.40</b></p>	<p><b>Session 4: What next for the green movement in Ireland?</b></p> <p><b>Chaired by:</b> Séan McCabe, TASC Just Transition Centre.</p> <p><b>Panel:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• John Sweeney, Professor Emeritus Maynooth University.</li> <li>• Saoirse McHugh.</li> <li>• David Poland, Young People’s Committee 2030, National Youth Council of Ireland.</li> <li>• Sian Cowman, Slí Eile.</li> </ul>

**THURSDAY,  
11<sup>th</sup> MARCH**

TIME	EVENT
<p><b>10.00 to 11.00</b></p>	<p><b>Precarity and the Pandemic: The impact of Covid19 on non-permanent workers in Higher and Further Education workers.</b></p> <p><b>Hosted by:</b> Irish Federation of University Teachers (IFUT) - Camilla Fitzsimons and Jerry O'Neill.</p> <p>This workshop will share findings from an anonymous survey completed by 70 educators working across Higher and Further Education who are employed on a non-permanent basis. We will share the impact of Covid19 on people's take home pay, hours of employment, and capacity to manage their work whilst attending to a multiplicity of other unanticipated demands. We will then open a discussion on the implications of our findings.</p> <p><b>To Register / Join:</b> For more information and to attend please email <a href="mailto:camilla.fitzsimons@mu.ie">camilla.fitzsimons@mu.ie</a></p>
<p><b>12 noon to 14.00</b></p>	<p><b>Putting Poverty back on the Agenda: Community Work Responses to Emerging Issues.</b></p> <p><b>Hosted by:</b> Department of Applied Social Studies, with EAPN Ireland.</p> <p>Drawing from local and European perspectives, this seminar will create a space to examine and discuss some of the key issues regarding poverty in Ireland, the prevalence and impact of which has been vividly highlighted over the course of the last year.</p> <p><b>To Register / Join:</b> Register for the event <a href="#">HERE</a>.</p>

TIME	EVENT
<p><b>14.00 to 15.00</b></p>	<p><b>Unlocking the Potential of People with Convictions: Removing Barriers to Higher Education.</b></p> <p><b>Hosted by:</b> Department of Law (Prof. Claire Hamilton and Dr. Joe Garrihy).</p> <p>This online seminar will discuss the work of the Unlocking Potential project. The project, funded by the Public Sector Innovation Fund 2020, aims to create a 'toolkit' for HEIs to guide the redevelopment of admissions policies and practices for people with convictions.</p> <p><b>To Register / Join:</b> Register for the event <a href="#">HERE</a>.</p> <p><b>**Note:</b> You will be sent a Zoom link to access this session on 11th March**</p>
<p><b>14.00 to 16.00</b></p>	<p><b>COVID-19 &amp; Global Equitable Access to Healthcare in Health Emergencies.</b></p> <p><b>Hosted by:</b> Aisling McMahon and Access to Medicines Ireland.</p> <p>COVID-19 continues to cause devastating health, economic and social impacts around the world. Nonetheless, as vaccine roll-out has commenced in many countries, there is considerable and much-needed hope for the future. However, there are vast inequalities in access to vaccines around the world, the People's Vaccine predict that 9 in 10 people in many lower income countries will not obtain access to vaccines in 2021, while many higher income countries have enough vaccines for several times their population. This Virtual Seminar brings together a panel of speakers who are actively working in the access to medicines context in Ireland to explore these issues, providing an overview of the current developments, the role of industry and governments in securing equitable global access for COVID-19 vaccines, and lessons we can learn from the past, including</p>

the HIV/AIDS crisis.

**Speakers include:**

- Dr Aisling McMahon, Assistant Professor in Law, Maynooth University
- Dr Ciara Conlon, Co-founder, Access to Medicines Ireland.
- Robbie Lawlor, Co-founder, Access to Medicines Ireland.
- James Larkin , PhD student at Royal College of Surgeons Ireland, conducting research on health inequalities and on how the pharmaceutical industry influences healthcare policy and practice.

**To Register / Join:** To register and for Zoom details, please contact Dr Aisling McMahon: [aisling.mcmahon@mu.ie](mailto:aisling.mcmahon@mu.ie)

TIME	EVENT
18.00 to 20.00	<p><b>Race Equity Forum</b></p> <p><b>Hosted by:</b> Maynooth Student’s Union and the Office of the Vice President for Equality and Diversity.</p> <p>Members of staff alongside students from various ethnic minority backgrounds have worked in conjunction to organise a Race Equity Forum. The Race Equity Student Forum is designed to facilitate conversations on what can be done to break barriers for ethnic minority students in Maynooth University and to discuss how diversity, inclusion and race equity can be promoted in the University. This forum will take place on Thursday, 11th March from 6pm-8pm. Please feel free circulate this information to your students.</p> <p><b>To Register / Join:</b> Register for the event <a href="#">HERE</a>.</p> <p>Sign up using the link above. Students should pick three areas they would like to discuss and, they will be allocated break out rooms accordingly.</p>

**Friday,  
12<sup>th</sup> MARCH**

TIME	EVENT
<p><b>10.00 to 12.30</b></p>	<p><b>COVID 19 – a pandemic reflecting and amplifying inequalities (Online Seminar).</b>  <b>Hosted by:</b> Department of Applied Social Studies.</p> <p><b>Session 1 (10.00 - 11.00): COVID 19 - a pandemic reflecting and amplifying ethnic inequalities</b>  <b>Chaired by:</b> Dr Ciara Bradley, MU DAPPSS.</p> <p><b>Panel:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Martin Collins , Co-Director, Pavee Point.</li> <li>• Beulani Mfaco, Spokesperson, Movement for Asylum Seekers in Ireland.</li> <li>• Edel Mc Ginley, Director, Migrant Rights Centre Ireland.</li> </ul> <p><b>Session 2 (11:15 – 12:30): COVID 19 and inequalities for social groups and marginalised communities.</b>  <b>Chaired by:</b> Dr Rory Hearne, MU DAPPSS</p> <p><b>Panel:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Saoirse Brady, Deputy Chief Executive, Children’s Rights Alliance.</li> <li>• Joe Hawkins, National Youth Council of Ireland.</li> <li>• Dr Joe Larragy, Lecturer in Social Policy and Aging, MU DAPPSS.</li> <li>• Joe Donohue, Community Worker, Fatima Groups United.</li> </ul> <p><b>To Register / Join:</b> Zoom ID: 846 5765 1645 Passcode: 535450</p>

TIME	EVENT
<p><b>11.00 to 12.30</b></p>	<p><b>Let's Talk about Race, Racism, and Inclusion in the classroom.</b></p> <p><b>Hosted by:</b> Department of Adult and Community Education (Facilitated by Dr. Camilla Fitzsimons &amp; Lillian Nwanze).</p> <p>Drawing from our lived experiences as well as research findings, we intend to facilitate an interactive and organic discussion about issues of race and racism within the classroom.</p> <p><b>To Register / Join:</b> Microsoft Teams meeting – Join the meeting by clicking <a href="#">HERE</a>.</p> <p>Join on your computer or mobile app</p>
<p><b>13.00</b></p>	<p><b>Green Week 2021: Students Changemakers Panel discussion.</b></p> <p>Examining best sustainable practices &amp; activism with An Taisce Student Ambassador Programme.</p> <p><b>To Register / Join:</b> Register in advance for this webinar <a href="#">HERE</a>.</p>

TIME	EVENT
<p><b>14.00 to 15.00</b></p>	<p><b>Voices unheard - exploring the mental health and wellbeing of refugee youth in schools.</b></p> <p><b>Hosted by:</b> The Centre for Mental Health and Community Research, MU Dept of Psychology and Institute of Social Sciences. Opening address by John Doran, Guidance Counsellor and author of Ways to Wellbeing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr Lindsay Stark, Associate Professor of Social Work and Public Health.</li> <li>• Ilana Seff, Chief Scientist, Washington University, St Louis.</li> </ul> <p><b>To Register / Join:</b> Register for the event <a href="#">HERE</a>.</p>