

# Banúlacht International Women's Day Conference

Thursday, March 8th 2007, 9.30 to 5.30 p.m.  
Axis Centre, Ballymun

Followed by a Performance of "The Vagina  
Monologues" by Ringsend Action Project





# A **women's** conference to explore local and **global** perspectives on activism

## Programme

<p>9.30 Registration</p> <p>10.00 Welcome</p> <p>10.15 Morning Panel            ♦ <b>Key-note speakers:</b> <i>Lebo Mashile</i> and <i>Elva O'Callaghan</i></p> <p>11.30 Workshops            ♦ Poetry as a medium for change            ♦ Drama as a medium for change            ♦ Singing as a medium for change            ♦ Art as a medium for change            ♦ Focus on Immigration Law            ♦ Focus on the General Election</p>	<p>1.30 Lunch</p> <p>2.45 Afternoon Panel            ♦ Reflections from conference participants            ♦ <b>Key-note speakers:</b> <i>Salome Mbugua</i> and <i>Kathleen Lynch</i></p> <p>5.00 International Women's Day Reception</p> <p>6.00-7.30 Performance of <i>The Vagina Monologues</i></p>
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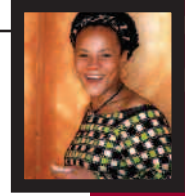


Ringsend Action Project are staging this performance of "**The Vagina Monologues**" by Eve Ensler as part of V-Day 2007. More information on V-Day is available at [www.vday.com](http://www.vday.com)

# Keynote speakers

## Lebogang Mashile

Lebo Mashile is a published author, executive producer, actress, poet, independent record producer. Her life revolves around words and expression. Her poetry aims to provoke debate and challenge discrimination and misogyny. She is a founder member of *Feela Sistah Spoken Word Collective* formed in March of 2003 to give voice to positive black women. Lebo performed her poetry at the World Social Forum in Nairobi in January this year.



## Elva O'Callaghan

Elva O'Callaghan has been a community worker for the past eight years and has a degree in community and youth work from NUI Maynooth. She is the Co-ordinator of the National Collective of Community Based Women's Networks. Elva has worked in particular in the areas of gender equality, anti-poverty and anti-racism



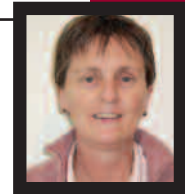
## Salome Mbugua

Salome Mbugua Henry is a native of Kenya. She has over 16 years experience of working with disadvantaged and marginalised groups especially women and young people, in Kenya, Uganda and Ireland. She is the founder and current Director of AkiDwA the African Women's Network in Ireland. Salome has received numerous awards for her work in promoting interculturalism in Ireland.



## Kathleen Lynch

Professor Kathleen Lynch has a deep and long-standing commitment to the understanding and promotion of equality and social justice both locally and globally. She has been actively engaged in research and policy development with both statutory and non-governmental organisations committed to equality over the last twenty years. She is a member of the board of a number of non-governmental organisations and has served on a number of government-appointed bodies with an equality.



# Workshops

Workshops will explore the question of '**what makes change happen?**' and '**how can women in Ireland work in solidarity with women in the South**' through music, drama, poetry and art workshops (as well as discussion based workshops on the themes of immigration policy and the upcoming general election).

*Places in some workshops are limited and will be allocated to those who book first.*

# Booking Form



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Organisation (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

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Preferred Workshop: \_\_\_\_\_

Any dietary requirements?    yes     no     If so, specify: \_\_\_\_\_



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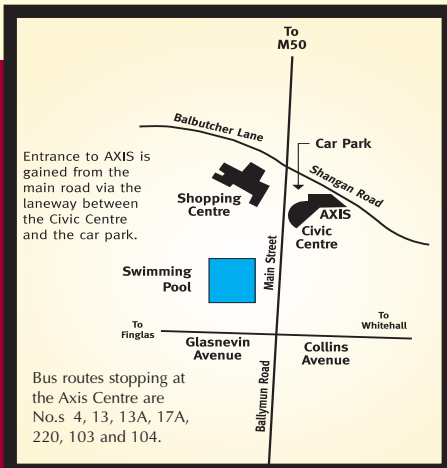


## Conference fee

Development/Statutory Agencies	€55 (Members €45)
Women's/Development Education Groups	€40 (Members €30)
Individuals	€30 (Members €20)
Unwaged	€15
Asylum seekers	€5

*Please make cheques payable to Banúlacht*

*Places are limited, so early booking is essential. Bookings must be accompanied by the relevant fee (which includes a ticket to the Vagina Monologues).*



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