

Programme

9.30 Registration

10.00 **Welcome by Gráinne Begley, Banúlacht Chair**

Keynote Address

*Minister of State for Trade and Development,
Jan O'Sullivan T.D.*

Creating Global Solidarity - Building Feminist Movements

Siobhán Madden, Feminist Researcher

Violence Against Women - An Issue for Global Solidarity

*Maimuna Kanyamala, Director of Kivulini Women's Rights
Organisation, Tanzania*

Plenary Discussion

11:30 Tea/Coffee

11:50 **Reclaiming Feminism for Women's Community Groups**

*Interactive session facilitated by Liz Price and Edel Geraghty, Limerick
Women's Network and Elaine Dalton, Clare Women's Network*

13.00 Lunch

14:00 **Workshops**

15:45 **Feminist Movement Building in Action – Mná Sasa**

16:20 **Closing by Colette Laffan, Limerick Women's Network**

WORKSHOPS



1 **All Women, All Different, All Equal?**

Unequal power relationships exist between women worldwide, which create challenges for collective feminist action. These challenges will be looked at in the context of building a feminist solidarity movement.

Siobhán Madden, Feminist Researcher

2 **Women, Peace and Security – Why United Nations Security Council Resolution (UNSCR) 1325 Matters**

UN Security Council Resolution 1325 focuses on the impact of conflict on women (e.g. wartime sexual violence) and the undervalued role of women in the prevention and resolution of conflicts and in peace-building and post-conflict reconstruction. This workshop will explore how grassroots women's organisations can hold the Irish Government to account in relation to its National Action Plan on UNSCR 1325.

Shirley Graham, Hanna's House

3 **Violence Against Women - Irish and Tanzanian strategies.**

This workshop will outline the strategies used by Kivulini Women's Rights Organisation, ADAPT Women's Refuge and the National Traveller Women's Forum, in addressing Violence Against Women.

Maimuna Kanyamala, Kivulini Women's Rights Organisation, Tanzania; Deirdre Barrett, ADAPT House; Emma Jane Hoey, National Travellers Women's Forum

4 **Introduction to Women's Human Rights**

This workshop will give an introduction to women's human rights globally.

Anne Doyle and Fíona Bateman, Clondalkin Women's Network and Celestina Nyenga, Kivulini Women's Rights Organisation, Tanzania

WORKSHOPS

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Women's Reproductive Human Rights - Holding Governments Accountable at the UN

This workshop will focus on how women's and advocacy organisations have used UN human rights mechanisms, such as the Universal Periodic Review, to hold governments to account for their lack of action on women's reproductive human rights.

Maeve Taylor, Irish Family Planning Association

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Claiming Power - The Women's Manifesto Project

The Longford Women's Manifesto is a successful model of working to ensure that women's voices and demands are heard at Local Authority decision making level. This workshop will explore the process of drawing up the Women's Manifesto and how it can be adapted and utilised by women's community groups across Ireland.

Eilish Corcoran, Longford Women's Link

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Mná Sasa Creative Workshop

The Mná Sasa Manifesto was drawn up by Irish and Tanzanian women community activists. The Mná Sasa Manifesto is a call for a global solidarity movement of grassroots feminists. This workshop will prepare a collective performance of the Mná Sasa Manifesto.

Mary Kabati, Tanzania Home Economics Association Tanzania; Ann Fitzgerald, Waterford Women's Centre; Siobhán Daly, Drama Facilitator



SPEAKERS



Minister of State for Trade and Development, Jan O'Sullivan T.D

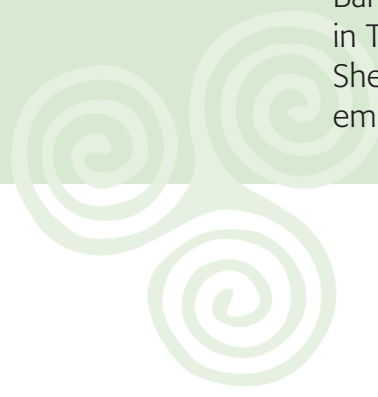
Jan O'Sullivan was appointed Minister of State at the Department of Foreign Affairs with special responsibility for Trade and Development in March 2011. She was first elected to Dáil Éireann as a member of the Labour Party in a by-election in 1998, and re-elected in all subsequent general elections. She was elected to Limerick City Council in 1985 and was elected Mayor of Limerick in 1993. She was elected to Seanad Éireann in 1993, where she was Leader of the Labour Group. Jan O'Sullivan has a strong interest in equality issues, in particular women's issues. She was the Labour Party spokesperson on Health, Education and Equality from 2007 – early 2011.

Siobhán Madden

Siobhán Madden has a long track record in feminist community activism and education. Siobhán is a former chair of Banúlacht and was the documenter of the Mná Sasa Manifesto. She has taught Social Psychology and Women's Studies with the Open University. Siobhán has a long standing interest in how we link the personal and the political, particularly in the context of neoliberalism. Building on her work on the Mná Sasa Manifesto, Siobhán is exploring narrative (story) practices as a way of doing this. She is currently a PhD candidate in NUI Maynooth.

Maimuna Kanyamala

Maimuna Kanyamala is a feminist activist from Mwanza, Tanzania. She is the Executive Director and a founder of Kivulini Women's Rights Organisation, which works to mobilise local communities to prevent violence against women and girls. Maimuna has campaigned and worked on women's rights for the past 20 years in Tanzania. Over the last five years she has worked in partnership with Banúlacht, to build global solidarity between women's groups in Ireland and in Tanzania, by working on issues such as gender-based violence and poverty. She was awarded the 2011 Tanzanian Woman of Courage Award by the US embassy in Tanzania in April this year.



Women's Human Rights – Creating Global Solidarity

This conference will promote feminist movement building, women's human rights and solidarity between women locally and globally. The conference will explore feminist activism and women's demands for greater voice, presence and influence at local, national and international levels, on issues such as domestic violence, conflict and peace building and reproductive rights. At a time of economic crisis, funding cuts and lack of political will to fulfill women's human rights, this conference aims to inspire, mobilise, challenge and re-energise participants with a vision of global feminist solidarity.

The conference will take place during the 16 Days of Action Against Violence Against Women.

The 16 Days Campaign is an international campaign that started in 1991. The 16 Days begin on 25th November (UN Day Opposing Violence against Women) and end on the 10th December (Human Rights Day). These dates were chosen to symbolise the link between violence against women and human rights abuses and to highlight that, today, women and girls are subjected to many forms of human rights violations, solely on the basis of their gender. The 16 Days Campaign is an opportunity for individuals and groups, around the world, to act for the elimination of all forms of violence against women.

For more information, see *Women's Aid* (www.womensaid.ie)
or the *Centre for Women's Global Leadership* (www.cwgl.rutgers.edu)



Banúlacht-Women in Ireland in Global Solidarity is a feminist development education organisation that works in solidarity with women's community-based organisations in Ireland and in the global South ("developing countries") for the implementation of women's human rights. For more information about Banúlacht and to download publications and policy documents, go to www.banulacht.ie



Limerick Women's Network was established in 2001. It is the only dedicated group in Limerick city committed to working with women experiencing multiple types of poverty and disadvantage. The network focuses on the issues of equality and anti-poverty. It aims to be open, friendly, fun and vibrant, encouraging positive change for women through inclusion, empowerment and participation.

Conference Booking Form

Women's Human Rights – Creating Global Solidarity

Name _____

Organisation (if applicable) _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

Email _____

Do you have any special dietary requirements? yes no

Please specify _____

Do you require sign language interpretation yes no

Workshops

Workshops will be allocated on a first-come first-served basis, please indicate your first and second choices:

1st choice _____ 2nd choice _____

Conference fee

For organisations with no funding, waivers or reduced fees are available. Please contact one of the organisers (see below) by 28 November. For all others, the following fees apply (per person):

Statutory/Development agencies: €60

Women's organisations (funded): €45

Member organisations and individuals: €35

Small women's groups and unwaged individuals: €15

Asylum seekers: €1

Cheques should be made payable to Banúlacht.

Please complete and return *booking form* with appropriate fee by Monday 28th November

If you live in Limerick or Clare, please send your booking form to

Liz Price, Limerick Women's Network, Unit 2. Sarsfield Gardens, Moyross Limerick

Tel: 061 275 970 or 087 3283746 Email: lpplink7@gmail.com

All others, please send your booking form to

Banúlacht, 20 Lower Dominick St, Dublin 1

Tel: 01 872 3039 Email: caoimhe@banulacht.ie

Places are limited—early booking is essential.