

# Programme

9.30 Registration

10.00 Clare Women's Network Community Women's Singing Group

*Welcome by Mary Timmons, chair of Limerick Women's Network*

## Morning Panel

### **Why 16 Days of Action Against Violence against Women...Every Year?**

*Chaired by Nessa Ni Chasaide, vice-chair of Banúlacht*

### **Overview of Violence against Women in Ireland**

*Margaret Martin, director of Women's Aid*

### **Violence against Women: A Global Overview**

*Leila Sheikh, Tanzanian journalist/activist*

*Plenary discussion*

11.20 Tea/coffee

### **The Road Ahead: Strengthening Global and Local Responses to End Violence against Women**

*Dr Nata Duvvury, co-director of Global Women's Studies Programme, (NUI Galway)*

*Plenary discussion*

12.45 Lunch

1.45 **Workshops**

3.15 **World Café Round Table Discussion: Commit, Act, Demand!**

*Chaired by Ailbhe Smyth, co-convenor, Feminist Open Forum*

4.15 **Closing words by Kathy Murphy, chair of Clare Women's Network**

*Closing song by Clare Women's Network Community Women's Singing Group*

# WORKSHOPS

## 1 **Local and Global Responses to Violence against Women**

*Nata Duwury, NUI Galway; Sharon O'Halloran, Safe Ireland*

## 2 **What is Violence against Women?**

*Denise Dunne, Clare Haven House; Siobhán Curran, Joint Consortium on Gender Based Violence/Amnesty International*

## 3 **One Size Doesn't Fit All: Making Services More Inclusive**

*Nobuhle Ncube, AkiDwA; Emma Jane Hoey, National Traveller Women's Forum; Iris Elliott, NUI Galway*

## 4 **Challenging Violence against Women through Feminist Activism**

*Ailbhe Smyth, Feminist Open Forum*

## 5 **The 16 Days Campaign: Community-based Responses**

*Maria McLaughlin, Adapt House; Mary Farren, West Clare Women's Forum; Aileen Foran, Hill Street FRC*

## 6 **Looking after Me: Relaxation Skills**

*Noirín Long*

## 7 **Where the Legal System Fails Women**

*Ursula Regan, family law solicitor/Women's Aid*

## 8 **Violence against Women and HIV: A Global Pandemic**

*Leila Sheikh, Tanzanian journalist/activist*

## 9 **Women and Armed Conflict**

*Gorana Mlinarivic, NUI Galway; Deirdre Ni Cheallaigh, Joint Consortium on Gender Based Violence/Trócaire*

# SPEAKERS



## Margaret Martin

Margaret Martin is the director of Women's Aid. Her background is in education and training, where she has 20 years experience. Margaret was a volunteer member of Dublin Rape Crisis Centre in the early 1980s. In particular, she has worked with marginalised and disadvantaged women's education groups and was the team leader for Ireland's first training manual for women's education groups – "From the Personal to the Political." Margaret acted as a consultant for NGO representatives on the Task Force on Violence against Women. Prior to working with Women's Aid, Margaret was Projects Manager for the National Women's Council of Ireland.



## Leila Sheikh

Leila Sheikh is a journalist activist who has specialized in media advocacy and public education programs. As well as designing the first crisis centre program in Tanzania to give support to women undergoing intimate partner violence, she has also designed an outreach and training program to sensitize Tanzania's public about violence against women, including domestic violence, rape, sexual harassment and female genital mutilation. She has written extensively on violence against women and produced television documentaries on the issue. In 1998, Leila coordinated the lobby for the enactment of the Sexual Offences Special Provisions Act (SOSPA 1998), which changed the outlook of the judicial system in Tanzania, and amended the Penal Code to shift the blame from a rape victim to the offender. Leila is a political scientist by training, a journalist by profession and a volunteer in programmes that aim to assist vulnerable women in Tanzania, including survivors of violence, widows with HIV/AIDS, albino women and older women.



## Dr Nata Duvvury

Nata Duvvury is lecturer and co-director of the Global Women's Studies Programme at the National University of Ireland, Galway. Dr. Duvvury has extensive international research and programme experience in gender and development, with particular emphasis on gender inequality, domestic violence, rights-based approaches to development, and civil society participation and accountability. She led a pathbreaking 5-year research project on domestic violence in India in partnership with 20 academic institutions and NGOs.

The project provided the evidence needed to propel the passing of a new law on domestic violence in India. Additionally, she has explored the links among women's property and inheritance rights, HIV/AIDS, and violence against women. She has also directed a small grants program in Sub-Saharan Africa to identify innovative interventions to strengthen the property and inheritance rights of women. She recently completed a multi-country study on estimating the costs of intimate partner violence in Bangladesh, Morocco and Uganda.



## Ailbhe Smyth

Ailbhe Smyth is the former director of the the Women's Education, Research and Resource Centre (WERRC) at UCD, where she was senior lecturer in Women's Studies for many years. She has served on numerous State boards and has published widely on feminist issues. Ailbhe has been actively involved in the Women's Movement and other social movement campaigns in Ireland since the late 1970s and currently works as a consultant and educator in the NGO and community sectors.

# 16 Days of Action Against Violence Against Women

One in three women worldwide face abuse, violence and rape every day. In no country of the world are women free from this fear and terror. In Ireland, it is estimated that 213,000 women are living with severe abuse from their boyfriends, husbands and partners. The 16 Days Campaign is an international campaign that started in 1991. Since then, more than 2,000 groups in 154 countries have taken part. The 25th of November (UN Day Opposing Violence against Women) and the 10th of December (Human Rights Day) were chosen to symbolize 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 includes other significant dates, such as International Human Rights Defenders Day (29 November), World Aids Day (1 December) and the anniversary of the Montreal Massacre (6 December).

The 16 Days Campaign is an opportunity for individuals and groups around the world to call for the elimination of all forms of violence against women by

- highlighting the nature and prevalence of violence against women
- raising awareness of violence against women as a human rights issue
- showing solidarity among women around the world
- promoting women's leadership
- lobbying governments
- strengthening local work to tackle violence against women
- making women safer in their own homes

For more information, see Women's Aid ([www.womensaid.ie](http://www.womensaid.ie))  
or the Centre for Women's Global Leadership ([www.cwgl.rutgers.edu](http://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](http://www.banulacht.ie)



**The Clare Women's Network** is a community development project based in Ennis, County Clare. The CWN recognises the inequalities that still exist for women and aims to support women's progression to economic and social independence and well-being. The CWN support women's groups and organisations in Clare, as well as individual women in communities from all backgrounds in accessing essential services, training and education opportunities. Website: [www.clarewomensnetwork.org](http://www.clarewomensnetwork.org)



**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 welcomes all women in Limerick. 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.

# Booking form

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

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

First choice \_\_\_\_\_ Second choice \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have any special dietary requirements? yes  no

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

Do you require sign language interpretation (please let us know by 16 November) yes  no

## Conference fee (per person)

For organisations with no funding, waivers or reduced fees are available. Please contact one of the organisers (see below) by 23 November. For all others, the following fees apply:

Statutory/Development agencies: €60

Women's organisations (funded): €45

Member organisations and individuals: €35

Small women's groups and unwaged individuals: €15

Asylum seekers: €5

Please complete and return *booking form* with appropriate fee by 23 November

### **If you live in Co Clare, please send your booking form to**

Elaine D'Alton, Clare Women's Network, Clon Rd Business Park, Ennis, Co Clare

Tel: 065 682 8731 Email: [clarewomen@eircom.net](mailto:clarewomen@eircom.net)

### **If you live in Co Limerick, please send your booking form to**

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

Tel: 061 275970 or 087 3283746 Email: [lpplink7@gmail.com](mailto:lpplink7@gmail.com)

### **All others, please send your booking form to**

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***Places are limited—early booking is essential.***

**All cheques should be made payable to Banúlacht.**