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## ***Feminist Communities for Climate Justice Project Advisory Group Members***

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### **Emma-Jayne Geraghty**

Emma Jayne Geraghty is head of movement building at Friends of the Earth Ireland, a trainer, facilitator and a youth and community development worker with strong climate justice & feminist analysis. She is passionate about creating the necessary conditions that center and support young people and communities that have been marginalised by systemic injustices and or are facing the frontlines of climate change impacts to play a central role in the just transition. She has led and implemented innovative projects for climate justice, youth education and empowerment, human rights and Traveller rights in Ireland, at an EU level and internationally.

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### **Hilary Tierney**

Hilary is Associate Professor and programme lead for Community Work and Youth Work in the Department of Applied Social Studies in Maynooth University. She gets to work every day with amazing people who are committed to social change, to developing our capacity for critical curiosity and creating a world worth living in.

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### **Jennifer Salmon**

Jennifer (Jenny) Salmon is a 21-year-old LLB student at Trinity College Dublin. She is the Climate Youth Delegate for Ireland for 2023/24. Jenny recently attended SB58 in Bonn in preparation for COP28 where she looks forward to representing young Irish voices and their priorities. In 2022/23 she represented Irish youth at an international level at COP27 in Egypt with NGO Concern Worldwide as their inaugural Youth Climate Ambassador. With Concern Worldwide, Jenny has advocated for climate justice, speaking at events and on social media, to amplify the voices of those presently suffering the effects of the climate crisis. Her core focus in respect of climate activism is continuing to amplify the voices of those suffering now, and increasing youth participation.

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### **John Barry**

John Barry is a father, a recovering politician and Professor of Green Political Economy in the Centre for Sustainability, Equality and Climate Action at Queens University Belfast. He is also co-chair of the Belfast Climate Commission, a member of the Committee on Climate Change's Economics Advisory Group on Adaptation and Resilience, and member of the Sustainable Future Committee of the Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust.

What keeps him awake at night is the life opportunities and future wellbeing of his and other children in this age of the planetary emergency and intersecting social and economic injustices within and between countries. What also keeps him awake at night is the following question: why it is easier for most people to believe in the end of the world than the end of capitalism and economic growth.

His areas of academic-activist research include post-growth and heterodox political economy; decarbonisation and decolonisation; the politics, policy and political economy of climate breakdown and climate resilience; socio-technical analyses of low carbon just energy and sustainability transitions; climate injustice-based nonviolent direct action and social mobilisation; and the overlap between conflict transformation and these sustainability and energy transformations.

His last book was *The Politics of Actually Existing Unsustainability: Human Flourishing in a Climate-Changed, Carbon-Constrained World* (2012, Oxford University Press), and he is currently writing a book provisionally entitled, *The Greatest Story never told?: The origins, tyranny and end of ecocidal economic growth* (Agenda Publishers).



### **John Sweeney**

Emeritus Professor John Sweeney, at Maynooth University since 1978, received his B.Sc. and PhD in the Meteorology and Climatology of Air Pollution from Glasgow University. He has taught also at a number of universities in North America and Africa and has published over 100 scientific papers and authored/edited/co-authored 4 texts on various aspects of climatology and climate change in Ireland. He has served as President of the Irish Meteorological Society, the Geographical Society of Ireland and An Taisce as well as being the Irish representative on a number of European academic bodies. He has contributed to reports of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change and is also a regular contributor to print and broadcast media on matters related to climate change science and policy.

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### **Maria Power**

Dr Maria Power, Doctorate in Social Science (2014) and Qualifications in Facilitation, Group Work and Management Training, Accountancy & Social Studies. Dr Maria Power is Managing Director of Community Consultants, committed to Climate Action and a Just Transition to a low carbon society. Working in interagency settings with a focus on planning, evaluation, chairing, and facilitation of discussions on Community led Climate Action including diversity.

She works with the following: Youghal Blue & Green Community Network to support Youghal to transition to an energy efficient town and enhance blue and green activities for all residents in Youghal and surrounding areas, including West Waterford; MaREI UCC to support impact evaluation processes, prepare case studies and reviews on evaluation methods and impacts. She provides support to key agencies and universities delivering and reflecting on community engagement in environmental, coastal and energy projects, e.g. MaREI UCC, TCD/Geography, NUIG/Curam, Tyndall Institute UCC and many local projects and in particular Youghal Blue and Green Community Network [youghalblueandgreennetwork.ie](http://youghalblueandgreennetwork.ie)

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### **Mary Murphy**

Mary Murphy is Head of Department and Professor in the Department of Sociology, Maynooth University, with research interests in ecosocial welfare, gender, care and social security, globalisation and welfare states, and power and civil society. She co-edited *The Irish Welfare state in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Challenges and Changes* (Basingstoke, Palgrave, 2016) and authored *Creating an Ecosocial Future* (Policy Press, May 2023).

An active advocate for social justice and gender equality, she was appointed to the Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission (2013-2017) and is currently a member of the Council of State in Ireland.

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### **Nicole Lonican**

Nicole is the Coordinator of the Disability Participation and Consultation Network with Inclusion Ireland and a law student. Nicole is committed to work in the area of the progression of fundamental human rights and has a background in coproduction, mental health, coaching, education, training and capacity building.

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### **Mimi Unamoyo**

Mimi is a human rights activist with a special interest in women's rights. She graduated in Law in the Democratic Republic of Congo, specialising in Family Law. She worked as a trainee lawyer in a solicitor's firm in Kinshasa. She came to Northern Ireland in 2009 seeking protection from political persecution in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

Since 2011, Mimi has organised several seminars and workshops under her own name in order to highlight the abuse of women's rights in DRC at the Northern Ireland Parliament Building Stormont, Belfast City Council, and various community centres. As a result of her relentless quest for justice for women in DRC, in 2012 she was invited before the International Development Committee to make a case of the abuse of women's rights in DRC.

In November 2012, Mimi was granted refugee status after 4 years of torment. In June 2013, Mimi was part of the Northern Ireland Council for Ethnic Minority delegation sent to Geneva to outline the issues of discrimination facing asylum-seeking and refugee women in Northern Ireland at the 55th session of the UN Committee for Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) on their examination of the UK's seventh periodic report.

In 2015 she was admitted to Queens University Belfast to further her education. In 2018, Mimi was graduated in LLM Human Rights Law.

As a human rights activist, Mimi is passionate about using her skills to help women who seek refuge or asylum in Northern Ireland. In order to achieve her goal, in 2019, she created a refugee and asylum-led organisation so-called Northern Ireland Refugees and Asylum Seekers Women Association (Bomoko NI).

Bomoko NI is based in Belfast. This is a unique refugee and asylum seekers led organisation in Northern Ireland. Bomoko NI brings together women from different backgrounds, cultures, and beliefs to bond together as one and to address their own issues and concerns.

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### **Niall Crowley**

Niall Crowley is an independent equality and human rights expert, working with a range of European institutions, including the European Commission and the Council of Europe, and in a range of jurisdictions. This work has involved a particular focus on equality and non-discrimination policy, equal treatment legislation, equality bodies, and organisational systems for equality and non-discrimination.

At a national level his work in Ireland, has encompassed innovation in developing and supporting values-led approaches to equality and human rights within public sector and civil society organisations, with a particular focus on supporting implementation of the public sector equality and human rights duty. He is co-founder of Values Lab, through which this values-led work has progressed.

Prior to this, he was chief executive officer of the Equality Authority in Ireland for ten years from its establishment in 1999. This was the national equality body with a broad mandate covering nine grounds. Before that he worked in Pavee Point Traveller and Roma Centre for twelve years, ultimately as co-director.

He is author of 'Civil Society for Equality and Environmental Sustainability: Reimagining a force for change' published in 2022 by TASC and St Stephen's Green Trust.



### **Fiona Dukelow**

Fiona Dukelow is a senior lecturer in social policy, research associate with the Institute of Social Science for the 21st Century (ISS21) and co-director of the Diploma in Environment, Climate and Sustainability at University College Cork. She researches and teaches in the areas of Irish social policy and eco-social policy, and she has a particular interest in post-growth perspectives on welfare, work and care. She was the lead author of the baseline policy report for the Feminist Communities for Climate Justice project. More information on Fiona's research can be found [here](#).



### **V'cenza Cirefice**

V'cenza Cirefice is an artist, researcher and activist from the Mournes, who explores environmental justice through a feminist lens. She has worked as a researcher and facilitator on gender and environmental justice with Young Friends of the Earth Europe, Plan International, The Women's Earth and Climate Action Network, and the global divestment movement. She organises with the Galway Feminist Collective, [Making Relatives Collective](#), [EJNI](#) (Environmental Justice Network Ireland) and [CAIM](#) (communities against the injustice of mining).

Currently, she is working towards a PhD at the University of Galway on resistance to extractivism in the North of Ireland through a material ecofeminist and feminist political ecology perspective. She has published on a range of issues from [women resisting extractivism](#), reproductive health, justice and [period poverty](#) and [refugee solidarity](#).

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### **Claire Kenny**

Claire joined the Independent Living Movement Ireland (ILMI) team as a policy assistant in January 2021. She holds a B.Sc. honours degree in Applied Biology and Biopharmaceutical Science, which has provided her with the skills and knowledge to succeed in her continued role. ILMI is a National Disabled Persons Organisation (DPO), as defined in the United Nations Convention on the Rights of People with Disabilities (UNCRPD).

In ILMI, she works as part of a dynamic staff team with access to a collective of Disabled people across Ireland. She has worked on various projects and research that impact the lives and rights of disabled people. Since joining ILMI, Claire has consistently seen the linkages between our lives and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). It is essential that disabled people's rights, as human beings and global citizens, are firmly embedded in all the SDGs, many of which directly align with the UNCRPD. As a proud disabled woman, Claire believes disabled people must be involved in meaningful, authentic ways in all facets of society, with their contributions valued and rights respected.



### **Marianne O'Shea**

Marianne O'Shea is an Assistant Professor at the Department of Applied Social Studies at Maynooth University. A professionally qualified community and youth worker herself, Marianne has worked in practice, policy and research settings locally and internationally before getting involved in professional community and youth work education.

These experiences have contributed to a commitment to working in solidarity with communities and community work practitioners who are experiencing and addressing similar challenges across the globe.

As a lecturer, she works with students from certificate to doctoral level, supporting them to develop, examine and deepen their professional practice in order to contribute to identifying and addressing inequality and injustice. Marianne has a particular interest in the meaningful participation of marginalised groups in educational, policy, civil society and governance spaces.

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### **Sian Muldowney**

Siân Muldowney is the coordinator of the Inner City Organisations Network (ICON), a community network working to address issues of poverty, disadvantage, social exclusion, and inequality affecting the North East Inner City community. Her work focuses on developing community development responses to a range of social, economic and environmental concerns and advocating for systemic change. She has volunteered with many organisations including the Dublin Rape Crisis Centre, Women's Aid and Bohemians FC. Siân is a passionate believer in social justice, equality and inclusion and ensuring that the lived experience is central to the development of policy and initiatives. She is currently on the Board of Tallaght Travellers CDP and the National Traveller Partnership.





### **Bridget Murphy**

Bridget Murphy is a Land Use, Tenure and Agrarian Reform Specialist (South & Southern Africa and Ireland) and Regenerative Hill Farmer in Co. Sligo. Her areas of focus and experience include differing forms of land use, tenure and management, in particular communal property regimes; land use and natural resource management; land-use and resource-use change; land administration ecosystems approach to agriculture (agroecology / regenerative agriculture); ecosystem services; climate change in agriculture; resilience in rural development; and forestry and sustainability.

Agrarian reform goes beyond land distribution to whole system change and transformation of the current industrial model of agricultural and food systems to an agroecological model that delivers social justice and food sovereignty.

She brings a dedicated focus on women and gender equality, as well as a ground-based approach using direct / lived experience and acquired knowledge to areas of research, collaboration, the development of policy and implementation frameworks, institutional arrangements and governance / management.

Her skills include facilitation / training, project and programme management with a specialist organisational development role around change management; participatory research and planning; multi-stakeholder consultation and needs based assessments; institutional development and capacity building; strategy and policy development; policy analysis; public speaking; troubleshooting; and law (BA LLB South Africa).

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### **Amanda Slevin**

[Dr Amanda Slevin](#) is an environmental sociologist, educator and community activist.

Amanda's academic research focuses on multi-level climate action, climate and energy policy, community climate action, energy conflicts, and just transition and is underpinned by her 20+years' experience in community development, adult and community education, and youth work.

Influenced by Freirean praxis, Amanda deliberately combines her practical skills, knowledge and research in order to contribute to multi-level climate action, climate justice, community flourishing and resilience. Her track record of societal impact encompasses over 200 outputs and includes invited high-level contributions to climate and energy policy (UK, Irish and NI Governments). A co-founder of the multi-stakeholder Belfast Climate Commission, Amanda was the first Chairperson of Climate Coalition Northern Ireland (July 2020-2022). She played a key leadership role in NI's largest movement for climate action and worked closely with cross-party, cross-community MLAs, legal experts, and civil society groups around the design, development and introduction of NI's first Climate Change Act (June 2022).

Amanda works in Queen's University Belfast where she is Director of the interdisciplinary Centre for Sustainability, Equality and Climate Action, School of History, Anthropology, Philosophy and Politics. She is also a Funded Investigator and Senior Research Fellow with Climate+, the new tri-jurisdictional, interdisciplinary and multi-institutional Co-Centre for Climate Plus Biodiversity and Water, in which she leads a work package on community climate action and inclusive decision-making initiatives.

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