

# NATIONAL STUDENT CONFERENCE 2023

## UNDER THE SURFACE

ENCOURAGING A CRITICAL  
EXPLORATION OF GLOBAL JUSTICE  
THEMES



28 MARCH



9:30 AM



ONLINE

## National Student Conference 2023 Agenda

Time: 9.30-1.00 pm | Place: Online (Zoom or YouTube)

- 9.30am Introduction to theme '*Under the Surface: Encouraging a critical exploration of global justice issues*'
- 9:40 am Global Citizenship and WorldWide Global Schools: Examples of GCE taking place in schools around Ireland.
- 9.45am Panel discussion: 'Media literacy'
- 10.15am In-class activity
- 10.45am *Break*
- 11.00am Debrief of in-class activity
- 11.05am Panel discussion: 'Story of stuff'
- 11.40am Quiz post panel discussion
- 11.45am *10 min stretch break*
- 11.55am Global Citizenship and WorldWide Global Schools: Examples of GCE taking place in schools around Ireland.
- 12.15pm Panel discussion: 'Allyship and activism'
- 12.45pm Close
- 12.50pm SAT and feedback



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## Meet our MC



### **COLM O'REGAN**

Author, Comedian and Broadcaster

Colm O'Regan is an award winning, critically acclaimed author comedian and broadcaster.

As a standup comedian, he has performed all over the world and has featured on RTE's Late Late Show and on Comedy Central.

He has written and presents the multi-award winning RTE 1 Radio show Colm O'Regan Wants A Word since 2016. He is also the creator of the twitter phenomenon @irishmammies with over 200,000 followers.

Colm is one of Ireland's most in-demand after-dinner comedians. He also MCs awards ceremonies, corporate communications days and has acted as a panel moderator, bringing an entertaining touch to economics in Ireland, Europe and the USA.

He is the author of six best-selling books, including his latest book 'Climate Worrier', writes a weekly column for the Irish Examiner and has written regular radio and TV diaries for RTE Radio 1's Drivetime, BBC World Service's In The Balance and presented inserts for BBC World News' Talking Business for three years.

Colm is also a voiceover artist for advertising and narrator for TV.

## Meet our Panelists



### *Panel 1: Media Literacy*



#### **AOIFE MOORE**

Political Correspondent

Aoife Moore is political correspondent for the Sunday Times Ireland and Irish Journalist of the Year 2021. Born in Derry city during the peace process, she has dedicated much of her career focusing on social justice and women's issues as well as commentary on the Northern Ireland peace process. She has won awards for her coverage of riots in her hometown as well as investigations into Direct Provision, the Mother and Baby Homes and uncovering the Golfgate scandal. She is currently writing a book about modern Sinn Fein.



#### **MARY CRILLY**

CEO of the Sexual Violence Centre Cork

Mary Crilly is a founding member and CEO of the Sexual Violence Centre Cork. Through her work in the Centre, Mary has been providing support to survivors of sexual violence across Cork city and county for nearly 40 years. As a feminist activist, Mary is noted for her work in the areas of sexual violence, domestic violence, sex trafficking, female genital mutilation and stalking. Mary will particularly be speaking on an initiative under the Sexual Violence Centre Cork, called 'Fixedit Ireland' a twitter and instagram page that 'fixes the headlines' of Irish news. This important initiative challenges attitudes towards gender based violence, victim blaming in society, and being passive towards language.

In recognition of Mary's contribution to society, and work in the Sexual Violence centre, in June 2022 Mary received the Freedom of Cork City.

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### *Panel 2: The story of stuff*



#### **OILEAN CARTER STRITCH**

Climate Advocate

Oilean Carter Stritch is a 23 year old climate advocate from Clondalkin, Dublin. Oilean has been involved with Change Clothes Crumlin since its beginning, where she helps to run community sustainability and upcycling events in Dublin. On a national level, she represents Irish youth in the National Climate Delegation and is a part of Plan International Irelands' Youth Advisory Panel. Internationally, Oilean is Ireland's first official Climate Youth Delegate with the Department of Environment, Climate and Communications and the National Youth Council of Ireland, where she attended COP27.



#### **ORLA BUTLER**

Associate Policy Officer for Circular Economy at European Environmental Bureau

Orla Butler works on the Right to Repair campaign on behalf of the European Environmental Bureau. The EEB is the largest network of environmental citizen's organisations in Europe and has been a member of the campaign's steering group since its foundation. Orla's work focuses on policy surrounding circular economy and waste prevention, with particular emphasis on circular electronics. As such, she follows EU policies regarding repair at all stages of a product's life cycle, from design policy to consumer legislation.

## *Panel 3: Allyship and Activism*



### **ABDULAI MANSARAY**

Asylum Seeker, Refugee, and Migrant Activist

Abdulai Mansaray lives in Dublin Ireland, but is originally from Freetown Sierra Leone. Abdulai has first-hand experience of the Direct Provision system, having lived in the Longford centre for almost 3 years until he was kicked out of the centre.

He is an ardent Asylum Seeker, Refugee, and Migrant Activist- Advocating for their Rights to be respected, promoted and protected with dignity and compassion. Due to Abdulai's lived experience of injustice and inequality he developed a strong passion for the area of Human Right Law, and is now pursuing an LLB Hons Degree at TU Dublin. He is also the founder of Richmond court Resident Support Group Longford-helping asylum seekers/refugees in accessing the necessary support available in Longford town. Abdulai's activism is motivated by an Ireland that becomes a place where everyone is empowered to access justice and realise their fullest potential irrespective of age, gender, class, colour, cultural background, physical or mental health disability.



### **BLESSING DADA**

Award winning youth and community activist

Blessing Dada is an award winning youth and community activist. Blessing's passion as well as persistence, has placed her at the forefront of campaigning for tackling the root cause of social inequalities and injustices in Ireland including mental health and well being, gender inequality and systemic racism. Named as one of the 50 people nominated to watch by the Irish Independent in 2022, Blessings advocacy work is inspired by lived experiences, and wanting to be the change she wishes to see in society.

Blessing is involved with numerous organisations, such as SpunOut.ie and Seechange.ie, and can be found participating in various projects, podcasts & mostly writing to spread awareness and calls to action through empathy and education.