

INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT: CHARITY OR SOLIDARITY?

Date: 19th October 2018, Time: 10:30-16:00,

Venue: The Connolly Hall, Liberty Hall Theatre, Dublin

In Ireland the role of development NGOs is rarely interrogated. There is a shared discourse across the government, NGO and academic sectors which might not encourage critical enquiry. One criticism of the work of non-governmental organisations (NGOs) especially with schools has been that, in the past, too much emphasis was placed on the dependence of those in the 'South' and the need for individuals in the North to act for change, principally through charitable activities. This focus is creating a power imbalance that we might wish to interrogate from a social justice or solidarity perspective.

PROGRAMME

9.30-10.15 Registration and Coffee

10.15-10.30 Welcome: Karl Byrne, Education Sector, National Organiser, SIPTU

10.30-12.30 SESSION I: ENGAGING CIVIL SOCIETY IN THE GLOBAL SOUTH

This session, chaired by Su-Ming Khoo will open up the debate on what we mean by civil society and the role that NGOs can play engaging with civil society in the global South. We examine the evolution of NGOs in recent decades as the international development scene changes and thus their own priorities and modes of operating. Are NGOs playing a progressive role in terms of social transformation? Speakers include:

David Joyce: Trade Unions and Global Solidarity

Tina Wallace: NGO Dilemmas Revisited

Ronaldo Munck: The Rise and fall of the NGOs in Latin America

12.30-13.30 Lunch

13.30-16.00 SESSION II: ENGAGING CIVIL SOCIETY IN THE GLOBAL NORTH

This session will engage with the debate on how international NGOs can move beyond a funding relationship with the public to one based on a social justice approach that can support a more nuanced and long-term citizen engagement with global issues. Led by Stella Murray, an experienced facilitator, this session will be activity driven and discussion oriented, affording a useful opportunity to debate issues that are central to NGO and development educator practice.

A workshop organised by the [Development Studies Association Ireland](#), Civil Society Study Group and Centre for Global Education. [Register now at: https://goo.gl/czSY4n](https://goo.gl/czSY4n)