



Green European Foundation, with the support of Green Foundation Ireland, will host the

Dublin Summer School 2016

"European Migration: Causes and Effects"

National College of Ireland, IFSC, Dublin 1

Friday 27 and Saturday 28 May 2016

REGISTRATION STARTS at 6:00pm on Friday and at 10:00am on Saturday



1892: 15 year old Irish girl, Annie Moore, was the first migrant to pass through Ellis Island in the United States of America. In the period from 1890 to 1900 alone over 388,000 people emigrated from Ireland to the USA. The above statue of Annie and her two brothers is in Cobh, County Cork where they sailed from.



2016: Migrants from Syria arriving on the island of Lesbos in Greece. More than a million migrants and refugees crossed into Europe in 2015, sparking a crisis as countries struggled to cope with the influx, and creating division in the EU over how best to deal with resettling people.

Our discussion at the Dublin Summer School will focus on how civil society can manage migration and our attitudes to it in a positive and constructive way, with a broader remit of linking migration to poverty and indeed to climate change and general Green issues.

The phrases "European migrant crisis" and "European refugee crisis" became widely used in April 2015, when five boats carrying almost 2,000 migrants to Europe sank in the Mediterranean Sea, with a combined death toll estimated at more than 1,200 people. The shipwrecks took place in a context of on-going conflicts and refugee crises in several Middle Eastern and African countries, which brought the total number of forcibly displaced people worldwide at the end of 2014 to almost 60 million, the highest level since World War II. This number continues to grow on a daily basis.

How can Ireland, as a member of the European Union, play its part in finding a solution to this humanitarian crisis?

Our speakers will include:

Barry Andrews (Chief Executive Officer of GOAL)

John Barry (Professor of Green Political Economy at QUB)

Nessa Childers (Independent MEP for Dublin)

Valerie Cox (RTÉ journalist)

Catherine Devitt (Environmental Justice Officer, Jesuit Centre for Faith and Justice)

Sandy Dunlop (Terenure Initiative)

Mark Fielding (Chief Executive Officer of ISME)

Brian Killoran (Chief Executive Officer of Immigrant Council of Ireland)

Maria Giovanna Manieri (Advisor on Migration and Asylum, European Parliament)

Duncan Stewart (Broadcaster and Chair of Green Foundation Ireland)

Please note that there will be a charge of €5 to attend our Summer School as a contribution towards helping to defray our costs.

Further updates on the Summer School will appear at www.greenfoundationireland.ie

We are now taking bookings on our website – early booking is advised.

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