

UCDVO Annual Forum 2019: Compassion and Action

AGENDA

10.00 - 10.15	Opening: UCDVO
10.15 - 11.45	Storytelling: Noeline Blackwell (Dublin Rape Crisis Centre), Bulelani Mfaco (MASI) and Joanna Siewierska (UCDSU President) Facilitated by Clare Mulvany (Creative & Social Entrepreneur)
11.45 - 12.00	Coffee Break
12.00 - 12.45	Keynote Speaker & Session: Margaret Wheatley (Writer and Consultant) 'Who Do We Choose to Be?'
12.45 - 13.15	Lunch
13.15 - 14.00	Human Library in Red Room.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

MARGARET (MEG) Wheatley Ed.D.



Since 1966, Margaret Wheatley has worked globally in many different roles, and as a speaker, teacher, community worker, consultant, advisor, formal leader. From these deep and varied experiences, she has developed the unshakable conviction that leaders must learn how to evoke people's inherent generosity, creativity, and need for community. As this world tears us apart, sane leadership on behalf of the human spirit is the only way forward.

She is a best-selling author of nine books, from the classic *Leadership and the New Science* in 1992 to her newest book (June 2017) *Who Do We Choose To Be? Facing Reality, Claiming Leadership, Restoring Sanity*.

She is co-founder and President of The Berkana Institute, a non-profit that supports emerging leaders and emerging ideas about how to organise in life-affirming ways. Berkana has worked in many countries, especially in the Global South; its newest work is to provide training and community for leaders from over 20 countries to take on the work of Warriors for the Human Spirit.

She received her doctorate from Harvard University in 1979 in Administration, Planning and Social Policy. She continues to be honored for her ground-breaking work by many professional associations, universities and organisations. She was inducted into the Leadership Hall of Fame of the International Leadership Association in 2014, and the American Society for Training and Development dubbed her a 'living legend' when they honored her with their highest award for contributions to workplace development.

STORYTELLING

CLARE Mulvaney

FACILITATOR



Clare Mulvaney is passionate about the power of story in our lives. She uses writing, photography and yoga to spark insight and action. She is a creative mentor, workshop host and currently an associate lecturer in UCD's Innovation Academy where she hosts 'Design Your Life' programme and creativity modules. She is the author of numerous books including 'One Wild Life: A Journey to discover people who change our world', and is a Social Entrepreneurs Ireland Awardee.

As a founding member of Suas, she previously led their flagship volunteer programme in India and Kenya. She has volunteered on education programmes in the South Pacific, India and Eastern Africa and has worked as an English Lecturer at Peking University. As a documentary photographer, her imagery focuses on highlighting the work of social organisations. Her yoga practice and teachings help to ground it all.

NOELINE Blackwell

STORYTELLING PANELLIST



Noeline Blackwell is a human rights lawyer who is Chief Executive of the Dublin Rape Crisis Centre which works to prevent the harm and heal the trauma of sexual violence. She has previously worked as the Director of FLAC, the Free Legal Advice Centres, and as a solicitor in private practice. She has been a member of a number of NGO boards, the Commission on the Future of Policing, and a statutory board.

BULELANI Mfaco

STORYTELLING PANELLIST



Bulelani has protested since his high school days when he had to march for textbooks and better school infrastructure. Growing up in an Apartheid ghetto, Khayelitsha in Cape Town, he soon realised that he would have to protest for access to land, adequate housing, health care, and improved policing. He has served on numerous community forums in Khayelitsha including the Khayelitsha Health Forum, neighbourhood watch, and as a branch secretary for the Democratic Alliance. Bulelani left his native South Africa due to targeted killings of LGBT+ people where he lived and sought protection in Ireland. While living in Direct Provision, Bulelani got involved with MASI - Movement of Asylum Seekers in Ireland, where he is campaigning for the right to work for all asylum seekers, to end Direct Provision, and regularisation for undocumented people in Ireland.

JOANNA Siewierska

STORYTELLING PANELLIST



Joanna has been involved in the student movement for over 5 years, having started off as Education Officer and Deputy President of the Irish Second-level Students' Union, and then working for 3 years as lead trainer of the National Student Engagement Programme. She has just finished her studies in Law and Social Justice in UCD. She has a passion for access to education and human rights, and strongly believes in empowering young people and marginalised groups and including them in decision making that affects them.

HUMAN LIBRARY & our Human Books

JANE Mellett



In 2018, Jane walked 1,000km from Italy to the UN Climate Summit (COP24) in Poland as part of The Climate Pilgrimage. Jane has a keen interest in Theology, Spirituality and Social Justice and in recent years her focus has moved to the climate crisis and how faith communities can respond. Jane has a lot of experience of overseas volunteering, mostly in India, and now works for Trócaire on a climate justice project called "Laudato Si - Care for Our Common Home".

KATIE O'Dea



Katie is UCD Students' Union Campaigns & Engagement Officer. She believes students have always been at the forefront of driving positive social change and wants to continue to be part of that tradition. She is passionate about highlighting issues around UCD students in Direct Provision, the price of student accommodation and pushing for UCD to be as sustainable as it can be and for the Irish government to implement a serious climate policy, rather than allowing further fossil fuel exploration.

SEÁN Binder



Seán Binder is a trained maritime search and rescuer who volunteered as a coordinator of civilian rescue operations in Greece, in 2018. He was arrested and spent 106 days in pre-trial detention, the case remains ongoing and he faces 25 years imprisonment, for what Human Rights Watch call the criminalisation of saving lives. Since his initial release he has been a research consultant on EU strategic litigation, for the EU-funded ReSOMA Platform.

MAVIS Ramazani



Founder of Cooking for Freedom, community leader, a woman, and a mother, Mavis is passionate about helping the most vulnerable women and children. She loves and enjoys community work. She is currently actively involved with communities that have come to seek international protection in Ireland (Asylum Seekers and the Refugee Community). She would like to grow her network by connecting different communities, as she believes social inclusion is a pillar of sustainability.

CALVIN Sweeney



Calvin James is Chief Operations Officer of The Middle East and co-founder of the SCOOP Foundation, an Irish NGO which raises funds through the arts to support their projects in Iraq, Kurdistan, Syria, Yemen, Kenya, Cambodia, India and Ireland. Calvin is currently project managing their art therapy and IT programmes for Yazidis affected by the IS wars in the region.