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Beyond the Boundaries

Activism in an Interconnected World

Friday, April 16th
2pm-4pm



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Event Programme

UCDVO Welcome

Clare Mulvany in conversation with Dr Bayo Akomalafe

Chiamaka Enyi-Amadi Spoken Word

Storytelling Panel: Clare Mulvany in conversation with Chiamaka Enyi-Amadi, Emmanuel Vaughan-Lee and Dr Alice Feldman

Event Description

The UCDVO Annual Forum works to connect UCDVO and the broader UCD community with the voluntary & global citizenship sector on issues of equality, justice, and activism. It creates a space for dialogue, reflection and an opportunity to build connections. This year's Forum will look at 'Beyond the Boundaries - Activism in an Interconnected World' as an online webinar, 16th April 2021, 2-4pm.

This is an invitation to explore what it means to be an activist or a global citizen in a fragmented and polarised world; to consider how we are connected to each other and to our planet. In a time of urgency and increased polarisation, is our way of responding, part of the problem? The philosopher, professor, psychologist and poet Dr Bayo Akomalafe will move beyond the boundaries and traditional concepts of activism in a stimulating conversation with facilitator Clare Mulvany.

Responding to the conversation, and offering diverse perspectives, Clare Mulvany will facilitate a conversation or storytelling with 3 participants: Dr Alice Feldman, Chiamaka Enyi-Amadi and Emmanuel Vaughan-Lee (see participant bios below).

The UCDVO Forum is funded by Concern Worldwide with Development Education Funding. Previous contributors at the Forum include international speakers like Vanessa Andreotti, Cliff Allum, and Margaret Wheatley and speakers closer to home like Noeline Blackwell, Bulelani Mfaco and Ruairi McKiernan. Listen back to last year's event and view photographs on our [website](#).

About UCDVO

UCD Volunteers Overseas (UCDVO) is a registered charity founded in 2003 by the late Fr. Tony Coote. We are based within UCD Global and are governed by a Board of Trustees. Our goal is for the UCD community to have a deeper understanding of the challenges facing humanity worldwide and the determination and self-belief to tackle the issues underlying global poverty and inequality.

UCDVO combines a responsible and ethical approach to international volunteering and development education to create a vibrant global citizenship programme. The UCDVO Volunteering and Global Citizenship Programme is structured around a series of development education courses, workshops and events carried out in a non-formal context and also includes 4 weeks volunteering overseas or online with one of our partners in India, Tanzania and Uganda.

The volunteering projects are developed with UCDVO's partners in the areas of public health (including nutrition and physiotherapy), education, livelihoods, agriculture and community development. In addition to the year-long programme, UCDVO engages with the UCD community through a series of stimulating evening courses on activism and changemaking, as well as events such as the UCDVO Development Film Series and the Annual Forum.

Since our foundation, there has been an extremely high level of student involvement in the organisation. This led to the establishment of the UCDVO Student Society in 2008 which remains an integral part of UCDVO.

Keynote Speaker

Dr Bayo Akomolafe



Bayo Akomolafe (Ph.D.), rooted with the Yoruba people in a more-than-human world, is the father to Alethea and Kyah, the grateful life-partner to Ije, son and brother. A widely celebrated international speaker, posthumanist thinker, poet, teacher, public intellectual, essayist, and author of two books, *These Wilds Beyond our Fences: Letters to My Daughter on Humanity's Search for Home* (North Atlantic Books) and *We Will Tell our Own Story: The Lions of Africa Speak*, Bayo Akomolafe is the Chief Curator of The Emergence Network and host of the online postactivist course, *'We Will dance with Mountains'*.



Storytelling Panel

Facilitator

Clare Mulvany



Clare Mulvany is a writer and educator living in West Cork, Ireland. A graduate in International Education from Oxford University, she has been leading transformational learning programmes for over 20 years across the globe, weaving the strands of creative practice, service leadership, spiritual ecology and social justice.

She is the author of *'One Wild Life - A Journey to Discover People Who Change the World'*, and her writing and documentary photography has appeared in places like *On Being* and *The Irish Times*. A Social Entrepreneurs Ireland Awardee, she was a founding member of the leading education NGO, Suas; a co-founder of the cultural agency, The Trailblazery, and is currently a lecturer in University College Dublin's Innovation Academy. She is a trained classical hatha yoga instructor, and has led writing workshops and creative retreats across the world.

Storytelling Panellist

Dr Alice Feldman



Alice Feldman lectures in the School of Sociology at University College Dublin and coordinates the MA Race, Migration and Decolonial Studies. Her work involves experiments at the intersections of art, research and pedagogy to mobilise creative agency, embodied knowledge and reflexive solidarities in decolonial knowledge justice projects. Over the last two decades she has also worked in research, advisory and volunteer capacities for an array of groups involved in anti-racism, intercultural and integration work.

Storytelling Panellist

Chiamaka Enyi-Amadi



Chiamaka Enyi-Amadi is a writer, editor, performer and arts facilitator. Her work is published in Poetry International 25, Poetry Ireland Review 127, RTÉ Poetry Programme, IMMA Magazine, Architecture Ireland, The Irish Times, and notably in The Art of the Glimpse: 100 Irish Short stories anthology edited by Sinéad Gleeson. She is co-editor of Writing Home: The 'New Irish' Poets Anthology (Dedalus Press, 2019).

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Storytelling Panellist

Emmanuel Vaughan-Lee



Emmanuel Vaughan-Lee is an Emmy nominated filmmaker and composer and a Naqshbandhi Suf Teacher. His award-winning films have been featured on PBS, National Geographic, the New York Times, the New Yorker, and the Atlantic, exhibited at the Smithsonian, and screened at festivals worldwide. He is the Founder and executive editor of Emergence Magazine.

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