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Friday 18th November

- 15.00 **Introduction and welcome**
Michael Smyth, President
Kevin Callinan, General Secretary
Yvonne O'Callaghan, Chair of ICTU
Global Solidarity Committee
- 15.15 **PANEL: Trade union rights and responsibilities**
Video from Sharon Burrow
Micky Smyth, Nautilus
Professor John Barry, QUB
Facilitator: Joan McCrohan, Organiser, Fórsa
- 16.30 **PANEL: The rise of the far right**
Dr Joe Mulhall, HOPE not hate
Aoife Gallagher, Institute for
Strategic Dialogue
Facilitator: Lisa Connell, AGS, Fórsa
- 18.00 Break
- 18.15 **PANEL: Ukraine**
Charlie Lamson, Irish Red Cross,
and special guest
Facilitator: Ashley Connolly,
National Secretary, Fórsa
- 19.00 Official launch and reception
Michael Smyth, President, Fórsa
Richy Carrothers, National Secretary, Fórsa

Saturday 19th November

- 10.00 **PANEL: Fórsa global solidarity work**
Aisha Bahadur, Public Service International
Hasan Dodwell, Justice for Columbia
Mark Beacon, Unison/ETUN
Facilitator: Kate O'Sullivan,
Director of Digital, Fórsa
- 12.00 Lunch
- 13.00 **PANEL: An unsafe world, the fight for refugee justice**
Danielle McLaughlin, Ruhama
Steve Farley, Public and Commercial
Services Union (PCS)
Sharon Mpofu, Movement of Asylum
Seekers in Ireland (MASI)
Facilitator: Róisín McKane,
Communications, Fórsa
- 14.30 **Closing session: Next steps and close**
Michael Smyth, President
Denis Keane, AGS, Fórsa
- 15.00 Close



YVONNE O'CALLAGHAN
Chair, ICTU Global Solidarity Committee

Yvonne is the Head of Equality and Policy at SIPTU trade union, and the chair of ICTU's Global Solidarity Committee. She established trade union youth activities in the Middle East region and was instrumental in founding the activities on youth issues within the Palestinian General Federation of Trade Unions.

PANEL: Trade union rights and responsibilities



SHARON BURROW
General Secretary, ITUC

Sharon was elected General Secretary of the ITUC at its Second World Congress in Vancouver, June 2010. Prior to this, she held the position of ITUC President since its Founding Congress in Vienna (November 2006) and the position of ICFTU President since its 18th World Congress in Miyazaki (November 2004).

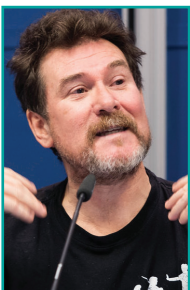
She is the first woman to have held any of these positions.



MICKY SMYTH
Head of Industrial, Nautilus International

Micky has been elected to several prominent positions in the Trade Union Movement and in 1998, he was elected for three years onto the RMT Council of Executives where he worked alongside Jimmy Knapp and Bob Crow. In 2005, he was elected as the Chair of the P&O Irish Sea Liaison Officer Committee and in

2007, he was elected to the Council of NUMAST. When he left Council in December of 2013, he held the positions of UK Branch Chair and Deputy Vice Chair of Council. Micky took up his role with Nautilus International as National Ferry Organiser in January 2014 and was promoted to Head of Industrial in March 2020.



PROFESSOR JOHN BARRY
Green Political Economy, Queens University Belfast

John is a father, a recovering politician and Professor of Green Political Economy at Queens University Belfast. He is also co-chair of the Belfast Climate Commission. What keeps him awake at night, is the life opportunities and future wellbeing of his children in this age of the planetary crisis,

and why it is easier for most people to believe in the end of the world than the end of capitalism and economic growth. His areas of academic research include post-growth and heterodox political economy; the politics, policy and political economy of climate breakdown and climate resilience; socio-technical analyses of low carbon just energy and sustainability transitions; and the overlap between conflict transformation and these sustainability and energy transitions. His last book was *The Politics of Actually Existing Unsustainability: Human Flourishing in a Climate-Changed, Carbon-Constrained World* (2012, Oxford University Press).

PANEL: The rise of the far right



DR JOE MULHALL
Director of Research, HOPE not hate

Joe is a historian, journalist and writer. He is the Director of Research at the UK's largest anti-fascist organisation, HOPE not hate. Joe has published a series of books focusing on far-right extremism including *British Fascism After The Holocaust* and the co-authored *The International Alt-Right: Fascism for the Twentieth Century?*,

both published by Routledge. In 2021, he published *Drums in the Distance: Journeys in the Global Far Right* with Icon Books which has since been acquired for translation by publishers in Brazil, Poland and Portugal. He has written for the *Guardian*, *Independent* and *New Statesman* and appears regularly on international broadcast media including the BBC News at Ten, Radio 4's Today programme, The Moral Maze and Channel 4 News, among others. He has worked on numerous documentaries including *Undercover in the Alt-Right* which was broadcast around the world and on Amazon Prime.



AOIFE GALLAGHER
Analyst, Institute for Strategic Dialogue

Aoife is an Analyst on ISD's Digital Analysis Unit, focusing on the intersection between far-right extremism, disinformation and conspiracy theories and using a mixture of data analysis, open source intelligence and investigative techniques to understand the online ecosystem where these ideas flourish and spread. Previously, Aoife was a

journalist with the online news agency, *Storyful*. She is co-author of the ISD reports *The Genesis of a Conspiracy Theory and Profit and Protest: How Facebook is struggling to enforce limits on ads spreading hate, lies and scams about the Black Lives Matter protests*.

PANEL: Ukraine



CHARLIE LAMSON
Head of Fundraising, Irish Red Cross

Charlie joined the Irish Red Cross with more than 20 years of experience as a not-for-profit leader and fundraising professional in the US and Ireland. In previous roles, he has worked with a variety of domestic and international organisations including Sightsavers Ireland, the Dublin City University

Educational Trust, Front Line Defenders and Children's Hospital Boston. Charlie is a graduate of the Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) with a Master of Arts degree in International Economics/Social & Economic Development and served as a volunteer English teacher with the United States Peace Corps in Pleven, Bulgaria from 1993-1995. He is a dual US and Irish citizen and lives Delgany, Co. Wicklow.

PANEL: Fórsa global solidarity work



AISHA BAHADUR
Project Officer, Public Services International

Aisha is one of two Projects Officers in charge of the Union Development Unit at Public Services International, taking care of a global project portfolio. Almost all her working life has been with organised labour and civil society organisations in Africa, where she has had the opportunity to build specialised skills in areas such as project management, strategic planning, research, education and campaigning, providing support mostly to trade unions. Aisha has supported the work of several Global Union Federations over the years, and in 2019 joined Building and Wood Workers International as part of their global staff providing policy and project support. In March 2022, Aisha joined Public Services International and together with the Union Development team, is responsible for fundraising, designs sponsored projects, oversees project implementation and reports to PSI management and to sponsors.



HASAN DODWELL
Director, Justic for Colombia

Hasan is an advocate of international solidarity. He has worked in London and Washington on projects for the advancement of human rights and social justice in Latin America. Hasan is a member of the International Peace Observatory (IPO), a human rights organisation working in Colombia. He graduated from King's College London with a BA in War Studies.



MARK BEACON
International Officer, UNISON

Mark coordinates the union's work on Africa, the Middle East and public services in the Global South. UNISON is the largest trade union in the UK, representing 1.3 million members working in public services. Mark is also secretary of the European Trade Union Network for Justice in Palestine.

PANEL: An unsafe world, the fight for refugee justice



DANIELLE McLAUGHLIN
Policy and Communications Officer, Ruhama

Danielle joined Ruhama in April. She works on the development of policies on prostitution, human trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation and for the development and implementation of a comprehensive communications strategy. Danielle has over 15 years in the NGO sector, including roles in Threshold, the Vincentian Refugee Service, Crosscare Refugee Service and Crosscare Migrant Project. Danielle has specialised in the policy areas of migrant integration, housing and homelessness, social protection, immigration, anti-discrimination, Irish migration and diaspora policy, and EU social policy. She holds a Masters in European Social Policy Analysis from Maynooth University.



STEVE FARLEY
Public and Commercial Services Union

Steve Farley is a national officer at the Public and Commercial Services Union (PSC).

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