

## Key SPEAKERS

**Dr. David Erdal (Former Chairman, Tullis Russell and Author, Beyond the Corporation)**

**Prof. Kathleen Lynch (Equality Studies, UCD)**

**Dr. Conor McCabe (author of *Sins of the Father*)**

**Bill Kelly (Meitheal Mid West)**

**Stevie Nolan (Trademark)**

**Bernie Walsh (Sunflower Recycling)**

**Anne Costello (Warmer Homes)**

**Ciaran Moore (DCTV)**

**And many more engaging & knowledgeable  
workshop speakers**

### Workshop discussions

Workshop 1: Communities creating employment (facilitated discussion on communities developing their own employment opportunities).

Workshop 2: Communities providing services (facilitated workshop on the development of co-operatives focused on education/ housing and other critical services).

Workshop 3: How to set up an alternative economic organisation (facilitated workshop on logistics of funding etc. in setting up a community, social or co-operative enterprise).

Workshop 4: Building support for alternative economic organising (facilitated workshop on building dialogue, media coverage and cross party support for alternative economic organising etc.).

Workshop 5: There are economic alternatives (facilitated discussion on the role of ideology and the need to challenge dominant theories of economic development).

Workshop 6: Open Discussion

## PRAXIS

PRAXIS is an education group guided by the principles of critical reflection, and social and political action. It believes that popular education, built on the ideals of Paulo Freire, can play a major role in creating a society based on the values of equality and social justice. PRAXIS involves community activists, academics and other individuals interested in working collectively to reinvigorate popular education in Ireland.

### Equality Studies, UCD

The Equality Studies Centre is situated in the UCD School of Social Justice. For over 20 years it has been an intellectual space to which people come to learn and research how to develop an egalitarian society both locally and globally. One of the main aims of the Centre is to promote a critical, interdisciplinary understanding of equality with a view to promoting action for egalitarian change. It has been inspired in its teaching and research by the emancipatory and democratic principles promoted by Paulo Freire and many feminist scholars. It upholds the view of Raymond Williams that 'To be truly radical is to make hope possible rather than despair convincing'. <http://www.ucd.ie/socialjustice/equalitystudies/>

### *In association with...*

#### **Meitheal Mid West**

Meitheal Mid-West is based in Limerick. It organised a study trip of Irish people from community, business and academic backgrounds to the Mondragon Co-operative Corporation in Spain in November 2011. It is examining the possibility of developing a similar model in Ireland.

#### **Trademark Belfast**

Trademark is a social justice co-operative established in 2001 by a committed group of trade union activists and is the anti-sectarian unit of the ICTU. Key areas of work are focused on inequality, peace and reconciliation, workers rights and political economy. Trademark also provides workplace and community mediation and workplace representation for non-unionised workers.

#### **Kilbarrack CDP**

Kilbarrack CDP is a community development project with a focus on activism, equality and social change.

# ALTERNATIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MODELS

## A Co-Operatives & Social/Community Enterprises Forum

23rd April 2012

UCD Quinn School of  
Business



PRAXIS & Equality Studies, UCD  
Community Knowledge Exchange Forum  
in association with  
Meitheal Mid West; Trademark  
Belfast and Kilbarrack CDP.

# ABOUT THE Forum

## Alternative Economic Development Models

The first PRAXIS 'Community Knowledge Exchange Forum' will take place on Monday 23rd April. This event is a collaborative project involving the University, community-based groups/ activists and experts on alternative co-operative economic models. The core groups involved in supporting this Forum include the **Equality Studies Centre, UCD; PRAXIS; Meitheal Mid West; Trademark Belfast and Kilbarrack CDP.**

This event aims to promote co-operatives and social/ community enterprise as an alternative economic development model for Ireland.

In addition, the economic crisis and austerity measures in Ireland are hitting poorer communities more than any other group and there is a need to develop alternative ways of creating employment in these communities.

This day long seminar will be attended by individuals and groups from across the community, voluntary and statutory fields. It is intended that the event will provide a space for critical discussion about alternative economic organising as well as building a network and demand for co-operatives and social and community enterprises across Ireland.

## FEE

**The minimum fee for the Forum is €10. Individuals and/or groups with more substantial means are free to donate a greater sum on the day of the event if they wish to contribute to covering costs.**

## THE DAY

- 9:30am Registration
- 10:00am Professor Kathleen Lynch: Welcome and introduction to the PRAXIS 'Community Knowledge Exchange Forum'
- 10:20am Key Speaker: **Dr. Conor McCabe** (author of 'Sins of the Father', 2011) A fertile breeding ground for alternative economic organising: Ireland in crisis?
- 10:45am Keynote address: Dr. **David Erdal** Beyond the corporation. (Author of two books on employee ownership, one a true adventure story, the other a passionately argued discussion illustrated with stories from several countries)
- 11:30am Break for tea/coffee
- 11:50am Facilitated Panel Discussion
1. Ciaran Moore (Dublin Community Television – Media Co-operative)
  2. Bernie Walsh (SunFlower Recycling – Dublin)
  3. Anne Costello (Warmer Homes, Galway)
  4. Stevie Nolan (Trademark, Belfast)
  5. Bill Kelly (Meitheal Mid West)
- 1:15pm Break for lunch
- 2:10pm Workshop discussions
- 3:15pm Regroup for feedback
- 3:30pm Closing remarks: Dr. David Erdal

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