



CWI and AIEB Continuous Practice Development Initiative



CWI and AIEB are introducing a Continuous Practice Development (CPD) initiative to create opportunities for community workers to build on their skills and knowledge in areas of relevance to community work practice*.

This initial series of workshops will explore community work methods and approaches to addressing key issues with a focus on the application of the learning to community work practice. Toolkits to accompany each workshop will be developed and will be made available to all participants following the workshops.

All participants will receive a Continuous Practice Development Certificate of Completion on completion of each workshop.

Each workshop will be held from 12pm to 3pm on Zoom

Title	Content	Contributors	Date/Time	Register Here
CPD Workshop 1: Public Sector Duty: Protecting the Rights of Rights Holders	Using the Public Sector Duty as a tool to ensure that Public Sector Bodies fulfil their legal obligations	Jacqueline Healy, Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission Rachel Doyle & Ann Irwin, Community Work Ireland	Wednesday April 27th	Register Here
CPD Workshop 2: Climate Justice and Community Work Responses to Climate Change	Exploring climate change, its impact on marginalised communities and how community workers can promote and engage in climate justice action	Jamie Gorman, Maynooth University	Wednesday June 8th	Register Here
CPD Workshop 3: Community Work Responses to Drug Use	Exploring the issue of drug use and how best to work with drug users using a community work approach	Brian Melaugh, Maynooth University Gary Broderick, SAOL Project	Wednesday September 28th	Register Here
CPD Workshop 4: Community Work Responses to racism	Engaging with the new National Action Plan on Racism to challenge individual and structural racism and build inclusive communities.	Anastasia Crickey Reuben Hambakachere, Cultúr Migrants Centre	Wednesday November 23rd	Register Here

*CPD refers to ongoing opportunities for community workers to develop and enhance their knowledge and skills throughout their careers so that they remain informed and in a position to respond to new and emerging issues.

Contributors

The workshops will be chaired by **Ciara Shanahan, AIEB Coordinator**.

Jacqueline Healy is the Public Sector Duty Manager with the Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission. She leads the Commission's work on supporting the effective implementation of the Public Sector Equality and Human Rights Duty within public bodies in Ireland. Before joining the Commission in 2017, Jacqueline worked for many years in the non-governmental sector with national organisations focused on gender equality, migration, anti-racism and interculturalism.

Ann Irwin and **Rachel Doyle** are the joint National Coordinators of Community Work Ireland. They designed and delivered a project on the role of civil society in the Public Sector Duty in Galway City.

Jamie Gorman is a lecturer in Community Work and Environmental Justice at Maynooth University and Convenor of the CWI Climate Justice Working Group. Jamie has a Masters in Community Work and a Doctor of Social Science. He previously worked with Galway City Community Network and is a former chairperson of Friends of the Earth.

Dr Brian Melaugh holds professional qualifications in community work and social work and is a lecturer in the Department of Applied Social Studies, Maynooth University. He has an interest in responses to drug use and the importance of the community voice in informing policy. Before taking up his academic position, he worked extensively in the area of drug practice and drug policy and was formerly the Director of the Ana Liffey Drug Project in Dublin and Chair of UISCE, an organisation that promotes the rights of drug users. Brian is on the Board of Merchants Quay Ireland and is a director of the North Inner City Local Drugs Taskforce.

Gary Broderick is Director of the SAOL project, an organisation with a track record in promoting the needs of female drug users and their children. He lectures in addiction on several programmes at Undergraduate and Postgraduate levels to students of community work, youth work and social work.

Anastasia Crickley is the Chairperson of AIEB, a member of the CWI Central Group and Convenor of the CWI Policy and Practice Working Group. She is a former chairperson of the UN Committee on the

Elimination of Racial Discrimination and is a current member of the National Anti-Racism Committee overseeing the development of the new National Action Plan on Racism. Anastasia has played leadership roles in the foundation and development of Pavee Point Traveller and the European Network Against Racism.

Reuben Hambakachere is the Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Officer with Cultúr, a community work organisation working with ethnic minorities in Meath. A professionally qualified community worker, Reuben is a board member of Community Work Ireland, the Irish Refugee Council and a co-director of Our Table, a community driven non-profit project aiming to highlight the issues faced by people living in direct provision.

Continuous Practice Development:

Please let us know if there are other issues you would like to see covered in future lunchtime workshops by sending an email to info@cwí.ie subject line 'Future CPD'.

Please note. A refundable registration fee of €20 is payable via PayPal for each workshop. Following registration, the details of how to make the payment will be sent to you. This will be refunded subject to your attendance at the relevant workshop

Spaces are limited to 20 participants per workshop