### ANOTHER WORLD IS POSSIBLE

### learning from each other's struggles

# MA in COMMUNITY EDUCATION, EQUALITY & SOCIAL ACTIVISM

What can we learn from each other's struggles for equality and social justice - and what do we already know about how to change the world?

This course brings together students who want to learn how to make equality and social justice into realities and more experienced activists in community education and social movements looking for space to reflect on their own work, with a team of staff who are experienced teachers and researchers, community educators and social movement practitioners.

We form a community of practitioners learning from each other's experiences and struggles to create new kinds of "really useful knowledge" and develop alternatives.

The MA enables students to think about how to build real alternatives to challenge existing structures of oppression and injustice. It is about developing people's capacity to change the world through community education, grassroots community activism and social movement campaigning.



The women's movement, global justice campaigners, self-organising by travellers and migrant communities, trade unions, GLBTQ campaigning, environmentalism, service user movements, anti-war activism, survivors of institutional abuse, and many other such movements have reshaped our society and put human need on the agenda beside profit and power. This process has not ended.

Movement participants have developed important bodies of knowledge about how to do this, which are fundamental starting-points for trying to make a better world possible. Radical adult and community educators help develop knowledge and learning that are critical and questioning, that are aware of taken-for-granted assumptions, that are systemic, political and social, that ask difficult questions, and resist purely technical and one-dimensional thinking. In a time of pro-choice and anti-austerity protests, Shell to Sea and alternative media, what can we learn from each other's struggles?

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## community education, equality & social justice

### **ABOUT US**

We see CEESA as part of the broader networks of social movements in Ireland and beyond, with loose boundaries between the course and the movements it serves. It is a space for dialogue where the university can learn from social movements.

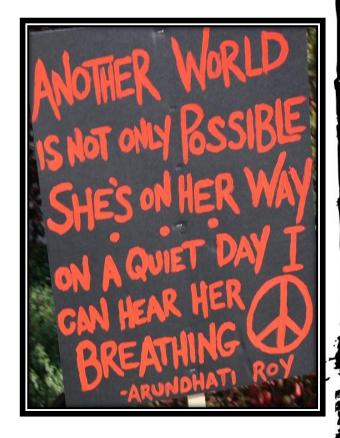
NUIM Sociology and Adult & Community Education collaborate on this MA to develop thinking about radical education and critical pedagogy; power and praxis in social movements; and understandings of equality, transformation and sustainability.

Our commitment to the public use of academic knowledge is a long-standing one and staff bring a wide range of practical experience as political activists, community organisers and radical educators to the course.

Maynooth is one of Europe's leading centres of research on social movements and the MA makes these resources available to participants. We also run public events and make as much of our material as possible available free online for people who can't do the Masters.

Through this work we are developing a wider learning community of people who want to carry on this idea of learning from each other's struggles in whatever form works best.





#### Contact and admissions

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We are also on Facebook.

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Will you join us on this learning journey for social justice?