

## THE 2022 CONFERENCE ON INTERGENERATIONAL CLIMATE JUSTICE

*“Enough is Enough! And it Needn’t Cost the Earth.*

*Tá ár sáith againn! Ní chaithfidh an domhan fulaingt a thuilleadh.*

**Date:** Thursday, 20 October 2022

**Time:** 9.00 am – 3.15 pm

**Venue:** via Zoom

**Organised by:** *The Sisters of Our Lady of Apostles (OLA), Society of African Missions (SMA), the Social and Health Education Project (SHEP), Elders for Earth, the North Cathedral and Blackpool Parish Climate Justice Group, St. Anne’s Shandon Justice Group and Eco-UNESCO.*

**Our speakers include:** *Professor Peadar Kirby (University of Limerick and Cloughjordan Eco-Village), Michelle Murphy (Research and Policy Analyst with Social Justice Ireland), Professor John Sweeney (Maynooth University), Dr Anne B Ryan (Member of FEASTA: The Foundation for the Economics of Sustainability), Rachel Power (Irish co-ordinator, Climate Reality Project), Klaus Harvey (Sustainability Chaplain at Kinsale Community School), Haninga Chikumbi (Luyobolola Primary School, Mazabuka, Zambia) and Prince Papa (Laudato Si’ Movement Africa).*

**Chair:** The conference will be co-chaired by Theresa Rose Sebastian, university student, climate activist and co-founder of the Re-Earth Initiative; and Denise Cahill, Cork Healthy City Co-ordinator.

**Why this Conference?:** It has long been acknowledged that climate change raises issues of justice, since it is the poorest people, both globally and locally, who suffer first and most. But recently there is a growing realisation of the further aspect of injustice between the generations, highlighted so starkly by the words of Greta Thunberg to world leaders in 2018: *“You say you love your children above all else, and yet you are stealing their future in front of their very eyes”*. Her words have woken many to the way in which our unsustainable way of life is leaving an impoverished world to younger generations. This is starkly highlighted by the IPCC report released on 9 August 2021, which has declared **CODE RED** for our future.

### **Purpose and format of Conference:**

This year, we once again encourage thought about how the systems in our society must change if we are to live justly and sustainably. This year we explore how a model of sufficiency offers a radical yet realistic alternative to the present model of untrammelled growth. We hope this will provoke constructive action toward possible solutions and provide an opportunity for young people and adults to find inspiration to become agents of change. We continue to promote the values of community, solidarity, and the common good as we face into a perilous future.

The day is designed to help people face the reality of climate chaos, and to look constructively at how the system can change. Speakers from Ireland and the Global South will draw attention to the impact on the earth and communities today. We will:

- look consumerism and the linear economy.
- learn how systems currently function, and consider alternative frameworks focused on sufficiency.
- hear from Kinsale community school about steps they’re taking to reshape their systems.
- examine principles for a just and sustainable system.

Eco-UNESCO will facilitate an afternoon workshop encouraging us to explore possibilities for a sustainable, thriving community.

**Audience:** This conference will be genuinely intergenerational, with people of different ages sharing the platform and a mixed audience of school class groups, individual adults and groups.