

Reimagining Humanitarianism in the Age of Global Solidarity:

Interrogating power structures in aid and multilateral institutions

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Noreen Gumbo is the Head of Humanitarian Programmes for Trócaire and has served in this role since 2014. Noreen has an MSc Agric (Rural Development) from UCD and a Diploma in Development Management from the Open University. Noreen has over 25 years' experience working in both humanitarian and development programming, and lived and worked in Southern Africa (Zimbabwe, Mozambique, South Africa) for over 20 years.

In her role as Head of Humanitarian Programmes with Trócaire, Noreen is responsible for providing strategic direction to Trócaire's humanitarian work through development of strong organisational policy and strategy and robust guidelines and strong technical support. She manages a team of ten staff members who together provide support to humanitarian responses in over 20 countries, ensuring Trócaire delivers humanitarian interventions to a high quality standard and in line with international best practise in the sector. Trócaire's particular niche area within humanitarian response is protection of women and girls in emergencies.

Noreen also serves on the board of the Start Network, a network of over 50 humanitarian agencies aiming to transform humanitarian action through innovation, fast funding, early action, and localisation.

Hear Noreen discuss what global solidarity means to her at the Concluding Roundtable from 4.30 – 5.30pm (GMT+1) on Thursday 8 July.