

Noreen Gumbo, Head of Humanitarian Programmes, [Trócaire](#)



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 them at the Concluding session from 4.30 – 5.30pm (GMT+1) on Thursday 8 July.

A teal-colored poster for an event. At the top, a globe is centered. Overlaid on the globe is the text 'REIMAGING HUMANITARIANISM IN THE AGE OF GLOBAL SOLIDARITY' in large, white, bold, sans-serif capital letters. Below the globe, the text 'THURSDAY 8 JULY, 12 - 5.30PM' is written in a smaller, white, sans-serif font. At the bottom of the poster, there are three logos: 'dóchas' in a white serif font, the NUI Galway logo (a purple square with a white building icon and the text 'NUI Galway'), and the Irish Research Council logo (a colorful circular emblem with the text 'IRISH RESEARCH COUNCIL An Chomhairle um Thalghde in Éirinn').