





Reimagining Humanitarianism in the Age of Global Solidarity:

Interrogating power structures in aid and multilateral institutions

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Réiseal Ní Chéilleachair works on humanitarian and development programming, of which 16 years abroad in management and advisory roles in Europe and Africa with Save the Children US and UK, University College Cork and Concern Worldwide. With Concern Somalia, she was seconded to the Somalia NGO Consortium as Focal Point/Director from 2004 – 2009 and led the restructuring of the Consortium to an independent representation body for the entire NGO community.

Returning to Ireland, Réiseal worked with Caritas Internationalis / Trocaire as

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She represented the Dóchas Irish Humanitarian Aid Working Group as a member of the Steering Committee for Ireland's engagement in the World Humanitarian Summit (WHS); served as one of two INGO government appointees on Ireland's Oversight Group for Women, Peace and Security, 2015-18; and served as a board member of the Interact Programme, School of Applied Language and Intercultural Studies, Dublin City University, 2014-17. She also represented INGOs on the Global Pooled Fund Working Group at UNOCHA, 2017-18 on behalf of ICVA (International Council of Voluntary Agencies). Currently, Réiseal represents Concern on the Department of Foreign Affairs Human Rights Committee, and has been recently elected to the board of ICVA (2021-23).

Hear Réiseal Ní Chéilleachair discuss what global solidarity means to her at the Multilateralism session from 2 – 3pm (GMT+1) on Thursday 8 July.