

Tara Rao, Founder, [ourGroundworks](#)



Tara Rao is a social activist and founder of Our Ground Works. She initially became an architect, quite intuitively, and later moved on to working with international development, then on to environment and climate change work and human rights. She works with governments, civil society organisations, bi-lateral and multi-lateral organisations in the areas of social development and environment issues, covering climate resilient development, corporate social responsibility, organisational development, and social infrastructure design through strategy and campaigns, advocacy, and impact assessment. She has lived and worked around the world

including Bhutan, Nepal, Denmark, Vietnam & the UK.

After over 30 years, Tara now works independently with Our Ground Works and is active on various projects close to her heart including the RINGO Project (Reimagining the INGO) – convening a system change lab, and; the Gigatonne Challenge with Complexity University – a bold bottom up climate action project.

Tara enjoys designing for collaborative change-making, combining complexity, systems thinking, design thinking, with action research. She is a stage in her life where she sees and seeks convergence of the various strands she has worked on over the years. “Creating that convergence stimulates me!”

Listen to Tara discuss what global solidarity means to her at the **Concluding** session from **4.30 – 5.30pm (GMT+1)** on **Thursday 8 July**.

A teal-colored event poster. At the top, a globe is centered. Overlaid on the globe is the text "REIMAGING HUMANITARIANISM IN THE AGE OF GLOBAL SOLIDARITY" in white, bold, uppercase letters. Below the globe, the text "THURSDAY 8 JULY, 12 - 5.30PM" is written in white, uppercase letters. At the bottom of the poster, there are three logos: "dóchas" on the left, the NUI Galway logo in the center, and the IRISH RESEARCH COUNCIL logo on the right, which includes the text "An Chomhairle um Thaighde in Éirinn".