



## **Seminar “Spaces for Change? The Practice and Policy of Community Participation in Local Governance in Ireland”**

**CACSSS Seminar Room, O’Rahilly Building, University College Cork, Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2018, 10.15 a.m.-2 p.m.**

Speakers will be Dr Mary Murphy, Department of Sociology, National University of Ireland, Maynooth; Dr Aodh Quinlivan, Department of Government, University College Cork; Aiden Lloyd, Chair of the Rights Platform and member of South Dublin PPN Secretariat and LCDC; and Dr Catherine Forde, School of Applied Social Studies, University College Cork.

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This seminar will explore and discuss the practice and policy of community participation in Irish local participatory governance, or state-led participatory processes that facilitate citizen voice and engagement in local decision-making and policy-making. The seminar has four key aims:

1. To explore and discuss the emergence in the last ten years of a number of new forms of local and national governance in Ireland.
2. To critically examine community engagement and participation in local governance and the impacts of and opportunities for participation by Community, Voluntary and Local Development groups in structures such as Public Participation Networks (PPNs) and Local Community Development Committees (LCDCs).
3. To present and discuss initial findings of an Irish Research Council-funded research project (2017-2019) which is critically evaluating the operation of Irish local participatory governance and its implications for Community, Voluntary and Local Development Sector groups and organisations, the wider community and the State.
4. To debate whether local participatory governance can be effective in achieving key goals, including community representation and participation, democratic and deliberative engagement, and decision-making.

**All are welcome. Please circulate to those who may be interested. For further information please contact Catherine Forde at [c.forde@ucc.ie](mailto:c.forde@ucc.ie). The seminar is being run under the auspices of the ISS21 Civil Society Research Cluster.**