

School of Education





## CR&DALL Seminar Series 2022-23: Everyday Peace: Grassroots responses to conflicts

**Presenters:** Professor Mo Hume, Dr Avila Kilmurray, Dr Sinead Gormally, and Professor Evelyn Arizpe.

Date: Monday 13th March 2023, 1530-1700

**Location**: Room 234, St Andrew's Building, University of Glasgow, 11 Eldon St, Glasgow G3 6NH

## Abstract

This session brings together two projects from the University of Glasgow, School of Education and CR&DALL focussed on Everyday Peace.

Join us to celebrate the Scottish launch of the book <u>Peacebuilding</u>, <u>Conflict and Community</u> <u>Development</u> and the launch of a short video from the project, "<u>Educational Peacebuilding</u> <u>in Medellin and Acapulco: Understanding the role of education, culture and learning in</u> <u>responding to crises</u>".



The book features examples from the Global North & South of communities alleviating conflict & enabling transformation in divided societies, and can be purchased from Policy Press through this link.

The project was funded by the British Academy through the UK's Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy via the Global Challenges Research Fund and sought to create a detailed understanding of the infrastructure, engagement, resources and policies required to educationally transform a community in order to contribute to reducing the negative impacts of drug-related violence and crime. It investigates the circumstances, policies and practices through which Medellin (Colombia) was able to develop and implement an inclusive, lifelong, learning strategy that contributed to the successful reduction in drug-related violence and crime and, through participative methods, to transfer that learning to Acapulco (Mexico)

Please find the registration and other details here:

• To attend the event in-person, please use the following registration link: <u>https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/everyday-peace-grassroots-responses-to-conflicts-</u> <u>tickets-551586579307</u>

• To attend the event online (Zoom), please use the following registration link: <u>https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/online-event-everyday-peace-grassroots-responses-to-conflicts-tickets-552623540887</u>

We look forward to seeing you!

All are welcome and there is no fee for this event.

## **Biographies**

**Dr Mo Hume** is Professor of Latin American Politics at the School of Social and Political Sciences, University of Glasgow. Her research focuses on how multiple and overlapping forms of violence are perceived by those who live in (post) conflict contexts. She has applied insights from feminist theory and practice to understand violent processes and women's responses to these, carrying out extensive fieldwork in Central America, particularly El Salvador.

**Dr Sinéad Gormally** is a senior lecturer in Community Development, School of Education, at the University of Glasgow. She is a qualified community and youth worker and her current research is twofold- one area focuses on social justice, challenging the deficit, pathologising discourse perpetuated at the most marginalised in society and analysing how youth and community practitioners can create a positive counter narrative. Her other area of interest focusses on the impact of violence and conflict on individuals and communities.

**Dr Avila Kilmurray** is currently working with the Social Change Initiative (Northern Ireland) on peacebuilding, refugee protection and migrant rights. She has worked extensively in the community and voluntary sectors in Northern Ireland since the mid 1970's and was Director of the Community Foundation for Northern Ireland (1994-2014) when it was active in the reintegration of political ex-prisoners and support for victims/survivors of the conflict as well as funding community-based activism. She was also a founder member of the Northern Ireland Women's Coalition and a member of its negotiating team during the 1996-1998 peace talks.

**Dr Evelyn Arizpe** is Professor of Children's Literature at the School of Education, University of Glasgow. Her research examines the role of books for children alongside themes of migration, conflict and peacebuilding. Recent projects include the AHRC-GCRF Research Network: "Children's Literature in Critical Contexts of Displacement: Exploring how story and arts-based practices create 'safe spaces' for displaced children and young people" and the British Academy GCRF funded project ""Educational Peacebuilding in Medellin and Acapulco: Understanding the role of education, culture and learning in responding to crises".