

Mobilising for Social and Environmental Justice: from Durban to Dublin

Venue: Central Hotel, Exchequer Street

Tuesday 25th October – 7.00 pm



Bloom: Movement for Global Justice and Friends of the Earth invite you to a meeting with Patrick Bond, a leading scholar-activist based in South Africa, to discuss local and global struggles for climate, economic and social justice

As resistance to austerity grows in the US and Europe and Durban prepares to host critical climate change talks in December, Durban based activist Patrick Bond will talk about the rise of the climate justice movement in Africa and its connections with other social movements in Africa and elsewhere, such as struggles for trade and debt justice and access to social services. Irish climate and community campaigners will respond to his insights. The meeting will ask what can we learn from movements in the South, and how can we link the local and global struggles we are engaged in?

Speakers:

Patrick Bond (Centre for Civil Society, Durban, South Africa)

Patricia McCarthy (Community Technical Aid, Dublin)

Molly Walsh (Policy and Campaigns, Friends of the Earth Ireland)

Patrick Bond is a political economist with long-standing research interests and NGO work in urban communities and with global justice movements in several countries. He teaches political economy and eco-social policy at the University of KwaZulu-Natal in Durban, South Africa, where he directs the Centre for Civil Society and is involved in research on economic justice, geopolitics, climate, energy and water.

Patricia McCarthy is co-Director of Community Technical Aid, which provides support to local communities and projects in north inner-city Dublin. She has a long-standing interest and experience in anti-poverty actions, social inclusion and participation.

Molly Walsh is Policy and Campaigns Manager with Friends of the Earth Ireland. She leads their campaign for an Irish climate law and will be attending the make-or-break UN talks in Durban at the end of November.

For more information or to register please contact Fleachta@comhlamh.org