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International Conference – Child/Youth-friendly Climate Justice: Progress and Opportunities

Mon 30th September – Tues 1st October 2024
School of Law, University College Cork

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12:30 – 13:45	Lunch
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15:20 – 15:45	Session 8 – Plenary: Closing (<i>Aula Maxima, UCC</i>)
16:00 – 17:00	Walking tour around UCC



Monday 30th September

09:00 – 09:30

Registration

Venue – **Aula Maxima**.

09:30 – 09:35

Introductions

Venue – **Aula Maxima**.

Ursula Kilkelly, Professor of Law, Vice President Global Engagement, University College Cork.

09:35 – 11:15

Session 1 - Plenary: Children/Youth and Environmental Rights: in their Own Words

Venue – **Aula Maxima**.

Chair – **Aoife Daly**, University College Cork.

- Keynote speaker 1 – **Ann Skelton**, Professor of Law, Leiden University/University of Pretoria, Chair of the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child.
- Words from *Youth Climate Justice project's* Youth Advisory Team
- Keynote speaker 2 – **Sumaya Mohammed**, young climate activist.
- Keynote speaker 3 – **Karabo Ozah**, Director at the Centre for Child Law, University of Pretoria.

11:15 – 11:50

Break

Venue – **Aula Maxima**.

11:50 – 13:10

Session 2 - Parallel Sessions: The Climate Crisis and Children's Rights

Parallel Session 2A: Climate Litigation and Children/Youth I

Venue – **Béarra** (Student Centre - Áras na Mac Léinn).

Chair – **Aoife Nolan**, University of Nottingham.

Megan Bowman, King's College London; **Jenny Driscoll**, King's College London; **Kelly Matheson J.D.**, Our Children's Trust, 'Advancing Children's Rights through Strategic Climate Litigation'.

Liesl Muller, University College Cork, 'Nothing small about kids' talk: Article 12 and Child / Youth Climate Litigation'.

Mona Paré, University of Ottawa, 'Examining Canadian Child and Youth-led Climate Cases through a Child-friendly Justice Lens'.

Parallel Session 2B: The Effects of the Climate Crisis on Children's Rights

Venue – **Dúthalla** (Student Centre - Áras na Mac Léinn).

Chair – **Bridget Lewis**, Queensland University of Technology.

Carlotta Barbara Smalen, Trinity College Dublin, and **Dr. Susan P. Murphy**, Trinity College Dublin, 'Climate Brides: The Relationship between the Climate Crisis and Child Marriages in Zimbabwe. A Case Study of the Chimanimani and Chipinge Districts in Manicaland'.

Rosa Pietroiusti, Vrije Universiteit Brussel / University of Warwick, **Sam Adelman**, University of Warwick, **Annalisa Savaresi** University of Eastern Finland / University of Stirling, **Wim Thiery**, Vrije Universiteit Brussel, 'Does Climate Change Violate Children's Rights? Investigating the Combination of Legal and Scientific Reasoning in Child and Youth-led Climate Litigation'.

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Bryony Fox, Stellenbosch University, ‘Cross-border Climate Change-induced Displacement (CCID) in Africa’.

Emily Murray, University College Cork, ‘Transforming international human rights law through youth climate activism: Children and young people’s interconnected approach to climate justice’.

Parallel Session 2C: Climate Justice and the Global South

Venue – **Aird Mhór** (Student Centre - Áras na Mac Léinn).

Chair – **Conor O'Mahony, University College Cork.**

Kristen Hope, Bath University, **Prathit Singh**, Geneva Graduate Institute, **Dhruv Bhatt**, **Januka Jamarkatel**, **Sumaita Ferdous**, **Sumaiya Raiyan**, **Akorede Aboyade**, **Amrit Rijal**, **Preyashi Agarwal**, **Anjali Kunwor**, ‘An Intergenerational Exploration of Participation, Power and Praxis in the Nexus between the Climate Crisis and Violence against Children’.

Adriana Alzamora, Hertie School, ‘A tool for change?: discursive strategies of Children Human Rights defenders in Climate Litigation in Latin America’.

Tanaka Davin Dhumbura, University of KwaZulu-Natal, ‘Exploring the Connection between the Lack of Environmental Courts and the Sparse Occurrence of Child-led Climate Litigation in Africa: A Case Study on Kenya and South Africa’.

Parallel Session 2D: Youth Climate Justice and Nature

Venue – **Múscraí** (Student Centre - Áras na Mac Léinn).

Chair – **Marie Aronsson-Storrier**, University College Cork.

Elisa Morgera, Strathclyde University Law School, ‘Children’s Climate Justice is also about Biodiversity, the Ocean and the Human Right to Science’.

Julián Suárez, University College Cork, ‘Rights of Nature and Children and Youth Environmental Litigation: Lessons from Colombia and Ecuador’.

Benjamin Mallon¹, **Darren Clarke¹**, **Aoife Daly²**, **Aoife Deane²**, **Clodagh Harris²**, **Valery Molay¹**, **Rowan Oberman¹**, **Jimmy O’Keeffe¹**, **Katie Reid³**, and **Diarmuid Torney¹**, ‘Including Children and Young People in the European Green Deal: Exploring Lessons from Ireland’s Children and Young People’s Assembly on Biodiversity Loss’.

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13:15 – 14:30

Lunch

Venue – **Mini Restaurant**

14:30 – 16:00

Session 3 - Parallel Sessions: Intergenerational Issues and Future Generations

Parallel Session 3A: Climate Litigation and Future Generations: Successes and Gaps

Venue – **Béarra** (Student Centre - Áras na Mac Léinn).

Chair – **Owen McIntyre**, University College Cork.

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Bridget Lewis, Queensland University of Technology, ‘Children’s Rights and Intergenerational Climate Justice: an Australian Perspective’.

Nina Koistinen, University of Eastern Finland, ‘Litigating for the Future: an Analysis of Climate Litigation Invoking Intergenerational Equity’.

Areena Parveen Ansari, University of Ottawa, ‘The Role of the Indian Judiciary in Imbibing the Doctrine of Intergenerational Equity and Protecting Green Rights for Adolescents: A Critical Analysis’.

Tracey Kanhanga, University of Johannesburg, ‘The Environment as the Heirloom: An Examination of Children’s Rights, Intergenerational Equity, and Climate Action as a Pathway to Intergenerational Justice.’

Parallel Session 3B: Intergenerational/Climate Justice and Theoretical Approaches

Venue – **Dúthalla** (Student Centre - Áras na Mac Léinn).

Chair – **Dug Cubie**, University College Cork.

Peter Kelly and James Goring, Deakin University, ‘Generation Dread? Young People and the Hope of/for Intergenerational and Climate Justice’.

Eva Balounová, Centre for Climate Law and Sustainability Studies at the Institute of State and Law of the Czech Academy of Sciences, ‘What are we Talking about When We Discuss the Rights of Future Generations in Climate Litigation?’.

Digno Montalván Zambrano, Carlos III University of Madrid, ‘Challenges for the Protection of Future Generations in the Inter-American Human Rights System’.

Enikő Krajnyák, University of Miskolc, ‘Intertwinedness of Children’s Rights and the Rights of Future Generations: Strengthening Child-friendly Climate Justice through Intergenerational Equity’.

Parallel Session 3C: Children as a Group in the Climate Crisis

Venue – **Aird Mhór** (Student Centre - Áras na Mac Léinn).

Chair – **Ursula Kilkelly**, University College Cork.

Dave-Inder Comar, Leiden University, ‘Youth Self-Determination: A Proposed Dimension of the Self-Determination of Peoples in the Context of Climate Change Impacts’.

Clare Lagan, University of Western Australia, ‘Rights-Based Climate Litigation, Future Generations, and Intergenerational Burden-Sharing’.

Diarmuid Torney¹, Aoife Deane², Katie Reid³, Catriona Reid², ‘How can Citizens’ Assemblies Support Children and Young People to Access Environmental Justice? Intergenerational Perspectives from Ireland’s Children and Young People’s Assembly on Biodiversity Loss’.

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Parallel Session 3D: Children, Sustainable Development, Health and Education

Venue – **Múscraí** (Student Centre - Áras na Mac Léinn).

Chair – **Helen Stalford**, University of Liverpool.

Niamh Guiry, University College Cork, ‘Children’s Rights and (Un)Sustainable Development: Exploring Dynamics Between Fossil Fuels, Intergenerational Justice, and the SDGs.’

Naomi Lott, University of Oxford, ‘The Potential of the Child’s Right to Play: Meeting the SDGs’.

Muireann Ranta, South East Technological University, ‘Can we see our voices?’ - Creating a transformative ‘bottoms up’ child rights-based approach to climate action with young children, under Article 29 1 (e).

Topaz Shrestha, University College Cork, ‘The Natural World Around Me: A Qualitative Exploration of Young People’s Environmental Perceptions and Relationship to Nature’.

16:10 – 17:20

Session 4 - Plenary: Human Rights Obligations and Child/Youth Climate Justice

Venue – **Aula Maxima**.

Chair – **Aoife Daly**.

Keynote speakers - **Ursula Kilkelly**, Professor of Law, Vice President Global Engagement, University College Cork; and **Bruce Adamson**, Fellow at the Cattanach Trust.

17:30 – 18:30

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Tuesday 1st October

09:30 – 10:30

Session 5 - Plenary: Defining Child/Youth Environmental Rights

Venue – **Aula Maxima**.

Chair – **Elisa Morgera**, Professor of Global Environmental Law (Strathclyde University Law School) and UN Special Rapporteur on Climate Change and Human Rights.

Keynote Speakers: **Aoife Nolan**, Professor of Human Rights Law, University of Nottingham; and **Niamh Purcell**, young climate advocate.

10:30 – 11:00

Break

11:00 – 12:30

Session 6 - Parallel Sessions: Climate Litigation and UN Activities

Parallel Session 6A: Children at the UN and other Fora

Venue – **Béarra** (Student Centre - Áras na Mac Léinn).

Chair – **Kata Dózsa**, University of Antwerp.

Aoife Daly, University College Cork, “The right to freedom from discrimination of children/youth in the climate crisis”

Hilary Tierney, Maynooth University, **Jamie Gorman**, Victoria University, **Trudi Cooper**, Victoria University, ‘Framing youth work to reflect climate justice: the potential of the UNCRC and SDG’.

Tom Kerns, North Seattle College, ‘Youth-organized Youth Climate Courts: A New Civil-society, Human-Rights Option for Activists’.

Parallel Session 6B: Climate Litigation and Children/Youth II

Venue – **Dúthalla** (Student Centre - Áras na Mac Léinn).

Chair – **Catherine O’Sullivan**, University College Cork.

Therese Boje Mortensen, Lund University, ‘Intergenerational Equity in India’s National Green Tribunal’.

Andrea Rodgers, **Kelly Matheson**, **Julia Olson**, Our Children’s Trust, ‘Climate Justice in Hawaii Demands Adherence to Science not Politics’.

Peter Davis Mutesasira, Uganda Christian University, ‘Complimenting Litigation with Activism and Advocacy in Pursuit of Climate Justice for Children in Uganda’.

Parallel Session 6C: Children and International Systems/Standards for the Environment

Venue – **Aird Mhór** (Student Centre - Áras na Mac Léinn).

Chair – **Digno Montalván Zambrano**, Carlos III University of Madrid

Eoin Jackson, Climate Governance Commission, Institute for Governance & Sustainable Development (IGSD), ‘The Energy Charter Treaty (ECT) and Youth Climate Justice’.

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Jonathan Josefsson, Linköping University; **Frida Buhre**, Uppsala University, ‘Clashing Timeframes: Youth Climate Activism, Institutional Inertia, and the (Im)Possibility of Radical Transformations’.

Romina Rodela and Ralph Tafon, Södertörn University, ‘Does Intersectionality Have a Role in Shaping Youth Relevant Policy in the Context of Climate Justice at UN level?’

Parallel Session 6D: Child-Friendly Justice

Venue – **Múscraí** (Student Centre - Áras na Mac Léinn).

Chair – **Femi Amao**, University College Cork.

Ruth Barry and Beth Doherty, Community Law & Mediation Centre, ‘Can We Say There Is Child-friendly Climate Justice in Ireland? Let’s Put it to the (Young) People!’

Agnes Lux, ELTE University, HUN-REN Centre for Social Sciences, ‘The Strengthened Role and Responsibility of European Independent Human Rights Institutions (IHRIs) to Access Climate Justice’.

Orla Kelleher, Maynooth University; **Aoife Daly**, University College Cork, ‘Reflections on *The Anthropocene Judgments Project* – the Potential of Future Judgment Writing Projects for Child-friendly Climate Justice in Scholarship and Practice’.

12:30 – 13:45 **Lunch**

13:45 – 15:15 **Session 7 - Parallel Sessions: Justice for Children/Youth**

Parallel Session 7A: Children’s Rights in the Context of the Climate Crisis

Venue – **Béarra** (Student Centre - Áras na Mac Léinn).

Chair - **Hilary Tierney**, Maynooth University.

Florencia Paz Landeira, University College Cork, ‘Temporal Justice in Youth-led Climate Litigation: An approach to the Sacchi vs. Argentina Case’.

Esther Montesinos Calvo-Fernández, University College Cork, ‘The Potential of Child-led climate litigation to close the gap in international legal protection of climate displaced children’.

Gilbert Ajebe Akame, The Arctic University of Norway, ‘Safeguarding Indigenous Sami children’s right to a future within their culture in Norway in the context of climate change and the green energy transition’.

Parallel Session 7B: Education, Participation and Environmental Crisis

Venue – **Dúthalla** (Student Centre - Áras na Mac Léinn)

Chair – **Aoife Daly, University College Cork**

Catherine Walker, Newcastle University; **Anne Marie Kavanagh**, Dublin City University, ‘Education for Climate Justice: Diversifying Knowledge, Listening to Different Voices’.

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Sophia Georgescu, University of Stirling, ‘Exploring Children’s Rights to Participation, Meaning-making and Learning in the Sixth Mass Extinction’.

Aoife Deane¹, Catriona Reid¹, Diarmuid Torney², Katie Reid³, ‘Reflecting on Experiences of Participatory Co-creation from the Perspective of Children and Young People Involved in the Co-creation of Educational Resources on Biodiversity’.

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Kata Dozsa, University of Antwerp; and **Eszter Sziksz**, DLA, Ringling College, ‘The Wind Whispers: the Interface of Law and Art in Representing Children’s Voices for Climate Justice’.

Parallel Session 7C: Youth Climate Action

Venue – **Aird Mhór** (Student Centre - Áras na Mac Léinn).

Chair - **Mona Paré**, University of Ottawa.

Laura Rodrigues Gonçalves, Latin American Climate Lawyers Initiative for Mobilizing Action (laclima), ‘Youth Protagonism in Latin American Climate Litigation’.

Elise Lefevre, University College Cork, ‘Improving Access to Justice and Climate Change Actions for Socio-economically Deprived Youth’.

Lorraine Lally, Lawyer, ‘The Role of the Scouting Movement in Supporting Sustainability and Youth Leadership.’

Parallel Session 7D: Children, Climate, Corporations and Societal Change

Venue - **Múscraí** (Student Centre - Áras na Mac Léinn).

Chair – **Peter Kelly**, Deakin University.

Femi Amao, University College Cork, ‘Climate Justice in Africa and the Role of Corporations’.

Diane Duclax, Generations Together, ‘Accountability of States Both for the Harm Done to Children by Both Action and Inaction on Climate Change’.

Nabin Maharjan, University College Cork, ‘General comment no. 11 on Indigenous children’s and their rights, and its implications in the context of climate change in Nepal’.

15:20 – 15:45

Session 8 - Plenary: Closing

Venue – **Aula Maxima**

Aoife Daly, Professor of Law, University College Cork and **Helen Stalford**, Professor of Law, University of Liverpool.

16:00 – 17:00

Walking tour around UCC

The tour will give a historical and cultural overview of the university.