

community education, equality and social activism

From the Land League to women's liberation and from the Dublin Lockout to community activism, the struggle for equality and social change has been driven by social movements from below. Today, ecological campaigners have put climate change on the agenda, global justice movements have highlighted the crisis of neo-liberal capitalism and popular uprisings have changed the world from South Africa to Eastern Europe and from Latin America to the Arab world.

As austerity politics bites, cuts target the poorest communities and neo-liberal "business as usual" tries to brush democracy and popular activism aside, social movements are rethinking their strategies and organisers are taking a hard look at their own understandings. What can we learn from each other's struggles for equality and social justice - and what do we already know about how to change the world?

This course brings together students who want to learn how to make equality and social justice into realities, with activists in community education and social movements looking for space to reflect on their own work, and a team of staff who are experienced teachers

and researchers, community educators and social movement practitioners - to form a community of practitioners learning from each other's experiences and struggles to create new kinds of "really useful knowledge" and develop alternatives.

The course includes:

- social analysis (what equality is and how inequality works)
- radical democratic methodology (community education for liberation)
- and political strategy (learning from the struggles of popular movements for justice).

Participants develop projects aimed at improving their own practice as social movement organisers or radical educators, to bring back their knowledge to wider struggles for social change.

The course is grounded in democratic learning methods, challenging intellectual work and the validation of social movement knowledge.

Will you join us on this learning journey for social justice?



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