

# COURSE INSTRUCTOR BIOGRAPHIES



2024

## Leadership Essentials in Global Health

**In-Person Summer Programme**

Learn hands-on skills to  
lead global health and  
development projects



**Date:** August 19-23,  
(five-days intensive)



**Location:** Centre for Global Health,  
Trinity College Dublin



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## DR. CHARLES O'MAHONY

Charles is a lecturer at the University of Galway's School of Law, specialising in disability law and policy, mental health law and policy, and allied areas. He uses the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) as a framework in his research, identifying gaps in existing law and policy, and to identify reforms that align with international human rights standards.

He was Head of the School of Law from 2017-2021 and served two terms as President of the Irish Association of Law Teachers (IALT). He completed a PhD at the Centre for Disability Law and Policy, the University of Galway.

Charles has worked as a legal officer for Amnesty International Ireland, and as a legal researcher for the Law Reform Commission of Ireland.



## DR GERALD BARRY

**Assistant Professor of Virology at University College Dublin**  
**Facilitating session on:**

**Dr Gerald Barry is an Assistant Professor of Virology at University College Dublin. Dr Barry qualified with a degree in Genetics from Trinity College Dublin before moving to Edinburgh University to complete a Master's and PhD in Virology. He worked in The Roslin Institute in Edinburgh following completion of his PhD, before moving to Glasgow to work in the UK's Centre for Virus Research. After 12 years in the UK, Gerald took up his position in UCD where he teaches and manages a research group studying viruses of both humans and animals. In UCD, Gerald is also the deputy director of the newly established UCD One Health Centre.**



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## SIVE BRESNIHAN

Education and Training Co-ordinator with Comhlámh

Sive Bresnihan works in the field of non-formal education and is currently Comhlámh's Education and Training Co-ordinator. Prior to joining the organisation in 2016, she worked on development programmes in Rwanda, Zimbabwe, Sierra Leone, Kenya and the Democratic Republic of Congo.

Curriculum areas for Sive include intercultural awareness, ethical communication, critical thinking, resilience and well-being as well as 'whole-of-organisation' approaches to engaging with (un)sustainability. Her interest is in processes that support deep, collective engagement with challenging but vital topics.

Alongside her role in Comhlámh, Sive is a member of numerous all-Ireland training panels including the IDEA (Irish Development Education Association) Code of Good Practice Panel. Sive is a Gestalt Theatre in Education practitioner and holds an MA in International Development Studies and an MEd in Adult Education from the University of Cape Town.

She currently serves on the Boards of the European Anti-Poverty Network (EAPN) Ireland and Síolta Croí and was adjunct lecturer in Gender and Development at the Department of International Development Studies MU between 2014 and 2017.



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## ALICE CAMPARI

Alice Campari, a midwife, graduated in 2015 from the University of Milan. She has been involved in international cooperation since 2012, primarily in northern Uganda, but also in Greek refugee camps, international waters of the Mediterranean Sea, and Ethiopia.

In 2018, she completed her master's degree in "Midwifery-Led Care" at the University of Modena, with her thesis project focused on developing a cervical cancer screening initiative at Kalongo Hospital in northern Uganda. In 2019, she founded a volunteer organization called ATIM, which supports projects dedicated to women (mainly former child soldiers), street children, HIV-positive orphans, and deaf and mute children. She has been working in Ireland since 2018 at Coombe Hospital, where she is currently a Clinical Midwife Manager in the delivery suite.



## JOHN CANTY

**Project Coordinator, Médecins Sans Frontières**

**John Canty is a Project Coordinator with Médecins Sans Frontières, having worked across many contexts and countries in Africa, the Middle East, and Asia. Prior to entering the humanitarian sector, Mr Canty worked in finance. He also holds a Master's degree in development.**



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## DR CIARA CONLAN

Co-founder, Access to Medicines Ireland and Doctors for Vaccine Equity

Ciara Conlan trained as a medical doctor at the University of Galway, graduating in 2016. Since then, she has primarily worked in clinical infectious diseases and virology, including a six-month stint in rural Malawi. She holds a diploma in Tropical Medicine from the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine and is currently pursuing a Master's degree in Public Health at University College Dublin. Her interests lie in social exclusion, deprivation, and infectious diseases. Dr Conlan is a co-founder of Access to Medicines Ireland and Doctors for Vaccine Equity, advocating for equitable global access to medicines and COVID-19 vaccines.



## NIALL ROCHE

Niall Roche is a WASH/Environmental Health Specialist by profession who has worked in the area of emergency relief and development for 20 years. He has previously worked with NGOs such as Concern, MSF and Trócaire in a number of countries, namely Thailand, Cambodia, Tanzania, Ethiopia, Somalia, Afghanistan and southern Sudan.

Niall spent six years as Concern's Environmental Health Adviser and as a member of the Rapid Deployment Unit helped to initiate emergency responses in a number of locations including Kosovo in 1999, Mozambique in 2000 and Pakistan following September 11th in 2001.

He is also engaged in the delivery of teaching in public health and wider humanitarian assistance for Trinity College Dublin, University College Dublin, Dtalk, University of Copenhagen, RCSI and the UN Training School Ireland at the Curragh.



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## DR DESIRE MPANJE

Desire Mpanje is a Postdoctoral Research Fellow at the UCD Centre for Humanitarian Action (UCD CHA). Desire is the UCD Director of the Network on Humanitarian Action (NOHA), a network of 9 European and 11 global partner universities. He coordinates the Social Anthropology & Intercultural Studies and Resilience Research Design modules on the MSc Humanitarian Action.

Desire's has a BSc in Agricultural Extension from the University of Malawi, and a Professional Diploma in Agriculture and Natural Resources Management from the Natural Resources College of Malawi. He was a recipient of the Irish Aid Department of Foreign Affairs Graduate Fellowship to complete an MSc degree in Humanitarian Action at UCD.

He is a Co-Chair of UCD Equality Diversity and Inclusion focusing on Anti-Racism and Cultural Awareness.



## ENIDA FRIEL

**Head of Monitoring, Evaluation, Accountability and Learning, GOAL Organisation**

Dr Enida Friel, trained as a medical doctor in her native Albania. She holds a Masters in Public Health and two Diplomas on Reproductive Health and Tropical Medicine from the Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine. She has over 20 years of experience in humanitarian and development contexts including field experience in Sub-Saharan Africa, South East Asia and the Balkans.

Dr Friel worked for Oxfam for 14 years first as HIV and AIDS Coordinator and then as Programme Quality Manager. She has lectured in Trinity College Dublin, University College Dublin, Maynooth University and Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine along with supervising master research students. Dr Friel currently works at GOAL as Head of Monitoring, Evaluation, Accountability and Learning.



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## DR EOIN GALAVAN

Founder, Addressing Climate and Environmental Emergency, Psychological Society of Ireland (PSI)

Dr Eoin Galavan is a founding member of the 'Addressing Climate and Environmental Emergency' special interest group with the PSI. He is currently a Clinical Tutor, Senior Supervising Psychologist, and Lecturer on the Clinical and Counselling Psychology Doctoral Training Programmes at Trinity College Dublin.

Dr Galavan is a Chartered Clinical Psychologist and Associate Fellow with the Psychological Society of Ireland. He is also Service Director for the Kyrie Farm project, a residential therapeutic community and mental health service based on a natural farm setting in Ireland, scheduled to open in 2026.



## DR JOE GALLAGHER

Clinical Director, gHealth Research Group, University College Dublin

Dr Joe Gallagher is an experienced General Practitioner with a rich history in clinical practice, medical research, and education. He has a particular interest in cardiovascular disease and global health. Currently, he serves as the Clinical Director of the gHealth Research Group at University College Dublin.

Dr Gallagher has been the Principal General Practitioner at Palms Surgery in Gorey, Co Wexford, since 2010 and holds a Clinical Professorship at University College Dublin since 2022. Additionally, he is an Adjunct Senior Lecturer at University College Cork. Dr Gallagher's has led global health projects in Malawi to improve health outcomes through education and healthcare initiatives.



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## RUCHI JUNNARKAR

Partnership and Localisation Advisor at Irish INGO, Trócaire

Ruchi Junnarkar is a Partnership and Localisation Advisor at Trócaire, with extensive experience in global health and international development. She has worked at Trócaire, coordinating projects to strengthen local organisations in emergencies across Africa.

Previously, she was a researcher at Accountability Initiative, Centre for Policy Research in India, focusing on health systems, maternal and child health, and adolescent nutrition.

Ms Junnarkar has also coordinated global educational initiatives at Design for Change. She holds an MSc in International Development from LSE and a Bachelor's in Journalism from Sophia College, Mumbai.



## DR JIMMY LEE

Consultant in Emergency Medicine, Emergency Department, Galway University Hospitals & MPH student, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, University of London

Dr Jimmy Lee BA MB BCh BAO FRCEM DTMH is a Consultant in Emergency Medicine at Galway University Hospital. He has worked in Trauma, ICU, and Emergency Medicine in South Africa, Palestine, Liberia, and Afghanistan respectively.

Dr Lee has a passion for emergency care systems and establishing standards in humanitarian programmes.





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## DR SADHBH LEE

Dr. Sadhbh Lee is an Obstetrics and Gynaecology Doctor with a passion for equity, education and the environment. She is a founding member of Irish Doctors for the Environment, where her work has focused mainly on integrating planetary health into medical curricula.

Dr Lee has worked as an obstetrician in Ireland, Uganda and Afghanistan, and is an advocate for sexual and reproductive health rights of women around the world. A former Board Member of IGHN, Dr. Lee is also course administrator for the Leadership Essentials Summer Programme, 2024.



## ZAHRA LEGRIS

Dr Zahra Legris is a Psychiatrist and global health activist. She has a special interest in trauma relating to war and conflict; and has spent time working in Palestine, and working to advance the field of refugee mental health in Ireland.

Dr Legris is the founder of the Working Group for Migrant Mental Health in the College of Psychiatrists of Ireland. Zahra has recently returned from Liberia, where she was working as a Psychiatrist with Medecins sans Frontières/Doctors without Borders.



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## ERIC O'FLYNN

Programme Director for Education, Training and Advocacy in the Institute of Global Surgery at the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland

Eric O'Flynn comes from an education background and has worked on a range of education programmes in Ireland, Africa, and Asia.

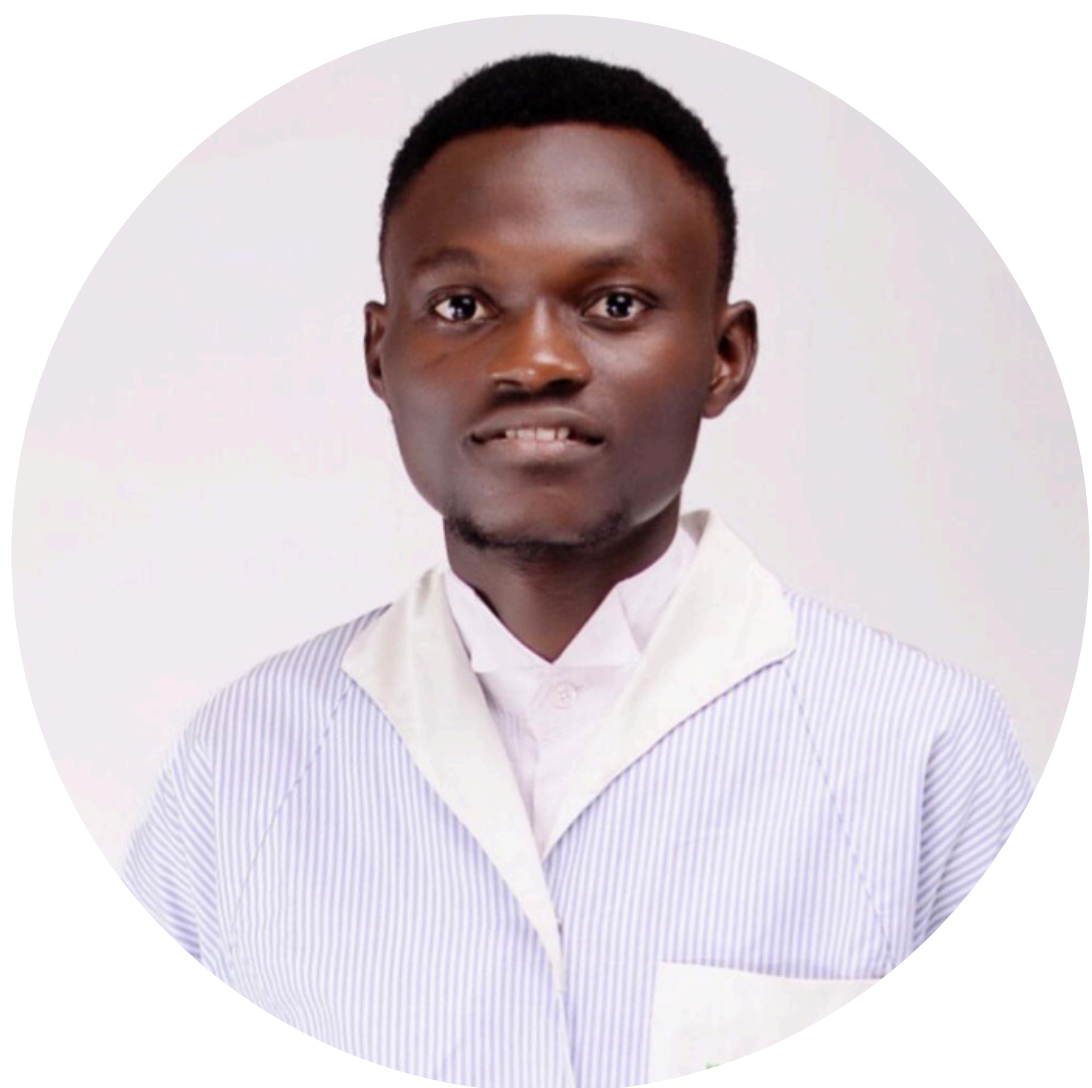
He has worked on global surgery education programmes with RCSI since 2011, collaborating with partner organisations to expand and improve training for surgeons and other members of the surgical care workforce. Mr O'Flynn leads global surgery teaching at RCSI.



## GABRIEL OKE

Gabriel Oke is a health communications and research professional with an MSc in Global Health and Health Management from the University of Global Health Equity. He has developed expertise in research writing, data analysis, and project management.

Mr Oke's work emphasizes leveraging health technology to optimize healthcare operations and improve patient engagement. He has worked to develop a mobile app for mental health services in Rwanda and co-hosts the Medics In Tech podcast. He is currently conducting mixed-method pragmatic reviews on recommendations for mitigating brain drain in healthcare. Mr Oke served as Communications Manager at The Foundation to Prevent Antibiotic Resistance (PAR), an AMR project grant-making organization. He has also worked at Lifesten Health, Medlabconvo and Nigeria Health Watch in Abuja, Nigeria.



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## SIOBHAN QUIRKE

Siobhan is a fourth-year infectious disease Specialist Registrar currently working at St James's Hospital and undertaking a Master's in Public Health at University College Cork. Her main area of interest is infectious disease epidemiology amongst forcibly displaced and in-transit populations, particularly tuberculosis control and management and specifics of invasive fungal infection.

She has been involved in research groups in this area, most recently with Women Against Viruses Europe as part of the European AIDS Clinical Society. She has also worked to establish the first Inclusion Health Service in the West of Ireland at Galway University Hospital.



## DR ANA RAKOVAC

Dr Ana Rakovac is a Consultant Chemical Pathologist at Tallaght University Hospital, Naas General Hospital, and Peamount Healthcare and a National Specialty Director for Chemical Pathology. She joined Irish Doctors for the Environment (IDE) in 2019 and has chaired the IDE Sustainable Healthcare Working Group since 2020. She spearheaded the My Green Lab certification in Tallaght University Hospital (TUH) and is the Green and Sustainable Laboratories National Expert for the European Federation of Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine Task Force, representing the RCPI Faculty of Pathology.

Dr Rakovac established a Green Committee in TUH and wrote the TUH Climate Action Strategy. Dr Rakovac sparked the creation of the national Green Team Network, contributed to the national HSE Climate Action and Sustainability Strategy, and is a member of the HSE Climate Action Strategy Implementation Group.



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## DAVID WEAKLIAM

Consultant, Global Health Programme Director, HSE

Dr Weakliam has worked in international and global health since 1988, including 12 years with development agencies in Nepal, Liberia, Sudan, and the Democratic Republic of Congo.

Before joining the HSE in 2007, he worked for 18 years on improving health in developing countries, including 12 years spent in Africa and Asia. From 2003 to 2007, he was Health Advisor for Irish Aid, the Government's overseas aid programme. Dr Weakliam is now a Consultant in Public Health Medicine in the Health Service Executive (HSE) and works as Programme Lead for the HSE Global Health Programme.



## DR. FRÉDÉRIQUE VALLIERES

Associate Professor, Psychology & Director of Centre for Global Health,  
Trinity Centre for Global Health

Frédérique Vallières is an Associate Professor in Global Health and Psychology and the Director of the Trinity Centre for Global Health, where she also directs the PhD in Global Health (INDIGO). Frédéric's current research portfolio focuses on the application of Psychology to Global Health, with a focus on Global Mental Health, Health System Strengthening, and Human Resources for Health.

Frédérique received her BSc in Psychology and Biology from McGill University (Canada), and her MSc in Global Health and PhD in Public Health and Primary Care from Trinity College Dublin.



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## KEVIN MURPHY

Kevin recruits and provide pre-departure training to all accepted volunteers of Nurture Africa - a Ugandan/Irish NGO that provides health and educational services, child advocacy, vocational training, and micro-financing for families living in poverty. Working with the team in Ireland, he coordinates short-term placements to Uganda for aid workers, who compliment the Ugandan team to deliver health and education services on the ground to allow mutual learning of both volunteers and Ugandan citizens.

As a trained debriefer, he also facilitate individual and group debriefing sessions which provide the space for return volunteers to discuss successes and challenges of the overseas placement and the returning home phase. Kevin also manages fundraising campaigns in support of Nurture Africa's work.



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## **ABOUT THE IRISH GLOBAL HEALTH NETWORK**

The Irish Global Health Network (IGHN) is an independent network of people from different backgrounds, sectors and disciplines who are concerned with health inequities and issues that impact on the health and development of populations at a global level, with a particular commitment to those living in low- and middle-income countries.

Established in 2004, the IGHN has within its membership health and development professionals and others with an interest in and a commitment to influencing education, advocacy and policy working within the NGO sector, health sector and academia. Its membership is both local within Ireland and global. Membership is open to any individual who has an interest in global health, regardless of disciplinary background.