

# Spirituality & Power Seminars 2018 Corrymeela Belfast Office 83 University Street, Belfast, BT7 1HP 4pm to 5.30pm

Speaker & Theme
Dave Wall Community Development
Colin Harper, spirituality and power of inclusion, integration and community, particularly as it impacts those with developmental disabilities; attitudes to what is to be human and 'normal'
Liz Griffith, spirituality and power of welcome and exclusion. The migrant crisis
Gail McConnell, S&P of words and poetry
Peter Doran, S&P of attention and consumerism, using the idea of the 'mindful commons'.
Jonny Hanson, Jubilee Farm: sustainable food, farming and community
Glenn Patterson, QUB, the power of story to read us and help us understand the world. The more I know, the more I know nothing worth the knowing.
Prof Colin Harvey, QUB Human Rights (close to HR Day)

# Outline

#### 30 January

Dave Wall: S&P of government and communities; history of community development policy and its impact on civic engagement, local communities etc.

#### 27 February

Colin Harper, Director of Camphill Community: S&P of inclusion, integration and community in relation to those with development disabilities. What does it mean to be human; what about our definitions of 'normal'.

### 27 March

Liz Griffith, Law Centre NI: S&P of welcome and exclusion, reflecting on the migrant crisis

### 24 April

Gail McConnell, QUB: S&P of the word: poetry, of listening to the world, the poet as the creator of worlds, how poetry reads us.

#### 29 May

Peter Doran, QUB: S&P of attention and consumerism, using the idea of the 'mindful commons'. The power of capital is the power to target our attention, mould market-ready identities, and reduce the public realm to an endless series of choices. This has far-reaching implications for our psychological, physical and spiritual well-being, and ultimately for our global ecology.

#### 25 September

Jonny Hanson, Jubilee Farm: S&P of food and sustainable farming, the community supported farming movement vs high mechanisation and max yields in farming

## 11 December

Prof Colin Harvey, QUB: S&P of Human Rights...Human Rights Day is 10 Dec.