

# Global South - Global North: Communities and Labour Movements of Resistance

2023 CLS Colloquium  
February 18-19  
Armagh City, NI

This year's Critical Labour Studies Colloquium will be held at the new internationally renowned social and community centre Aonach Mhacha in the city centre.

## Saturday 18<sup>th</sup>

**9:00-09:30 Welcome** (with tea/coffee)

Gearóid Ó Machail, Ard Runai/General Manager, Aonach Mhacha

**9:30-10:30**

Session 1

- a) "Remaking trade unions in Ireland in the 21<sup>st</sup> century – Can we invigorate TU movement in Ireland north and south?" Tommy McKearney & Brian Forbes
- b) "No longer 'the other'? The notion of 'Irishness' in Far-Right discourse" Owen Worth

**10:30 Break**

**10:45-13:00**

Session 2

"Participatory Action Research (view from South America and Europe)" Carol Stephenson  
Researching with and for social and labour movements, plus Ken Murphy (UNITE) & Jane Holgate (Ella Baker School of Organising) in conversation

**13:00-14:00 Lunch** (included in registration, provided at Aonach Mhacha)

**14:00-15:00**

Session 3

"Why Trade Unions need to look at tax systems – lessons from the Scottish Trade Unions Congress"  
Dave Byrne

**15:00 Break** (with tea/coffee)

**15:15-17:30**

Session 4 - Global South – Global North

a) Community action social movement against gold mining in the Sperrin mountains (south Derry)  
Ecology aspect of local destruction and rapacious multinationals.

b) "Illegal Gold Mining: Brazil, eco-destruction and resource theft in global commodity chains"  
(Scotland-Brazil) Brian Garvey

Illegal gold mining in Amazonia – a film by Thais Borges de Farias, Independent film-maker, Director of Puksar Films, Brazil.

And Poetry by Frankie Quinn (1916 Societies)

**20:00 Saturday music and fun** at "Red Neds" Armagh city centre.

## Sunday 19<sup>th</sup>

### 10:00-11:00

Session 5 - "Organising gig working in the UK" Ian Mandborde (Union organiser)  
And a speaker from Amazon Workers International (Poland)

### 11:00-12:00

Session 6 - "The language struggle and the challenge to the UK state" Allan Armstrong

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### Registration – on the door

€25 / £25 / solidarity fee /*gratuite* for those outside paid employment.  
This includes Saturday lunch and refreshments Saturday and Sunday morning.

### Venue

Aonach Mhacha Centre  
74-76, Sráid na nGall,  
Armagh BT61 7LG

### Travel

Most UK flights are to either Belfast City (George Best/Harbour airport) or Belfast International

From Belfast City airport the shuttle bus takes around 10-15 minutes.

From International the shuttle is approx 45 minutes.

Both arrive at Great Victoria Street bus station (Behind the Europa Hotel).

The regular bus service onwards to Armagh is 1hr 13mins and costs between £7£ & £11 single.

From Dublin [BOOK in ADVANCE] Take the coach from Dublin Airport, direct to Armagh which takes approx. 1h30 and costs €12 (£10).

### Accommodation

1) Armagh City Hotel <https://www.armaghcityhotel.com/>  
<https://goo.gl/maps/GMxTFuh6WXHAAZFq8> Walking distance to AM

2) Charlemont Arms Hotel <http://charlemontarmshotel.com/>  
<https://goo.gl/maps/TFCirfXh1FZnUbSb6> Walking distance to AM

3) The Ryandale <https://theyandale.com/>  
<https://goo.gl/maps/FL3DGM92LTfBEukz5>) Bus <https://bit.ly/3CIHX14>

4) The Cohannon Inn <https://cohannon.com/>  
<https://goo.gl/maps/LbysrZw9MFwZoDxB7> Taxi required

5) B&Bs <https://bit.ly/3VE6CnA>