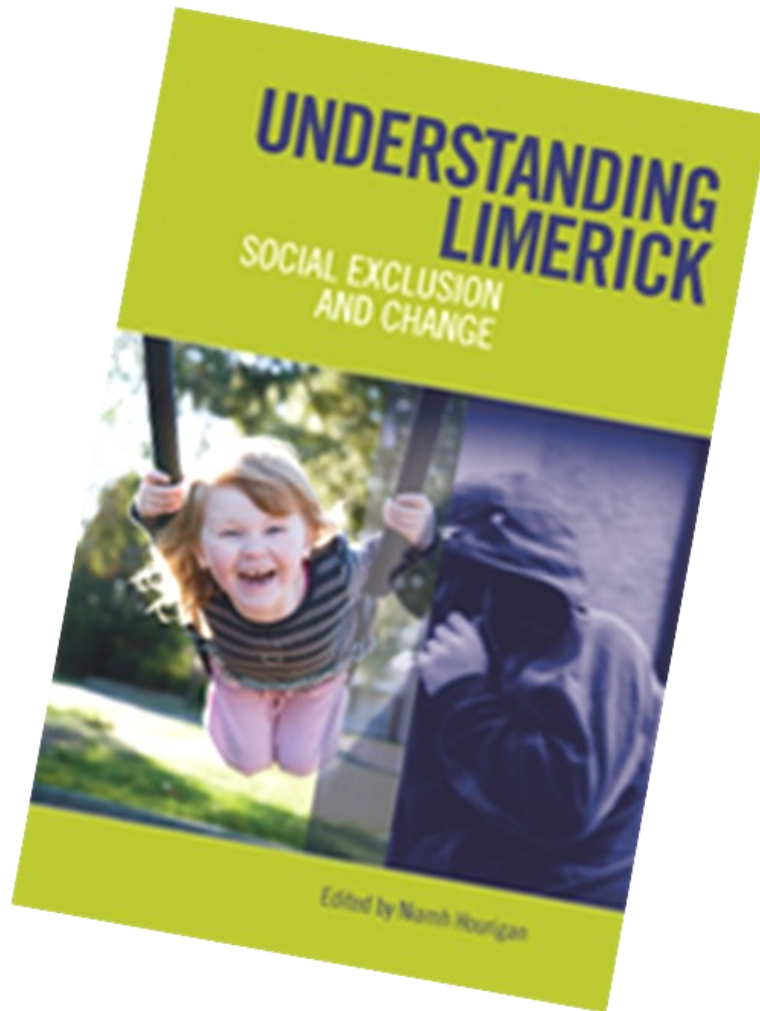


## Understanding Limerick ...



**... and doing something to help**

**Limerick Quakers invite you to a meeting, to be addressed by Dr Niamh Hourigan, about inequality in Limerick and what can be done about it.**

Wednesday, 5th October, 8pm  
At: Limerick Quaker Meeting House  
Southville Gardens

## The Book: Understanding Limerick



### Dr Niamh Hourigan

Niamh Hourigan is Lecturer and Head of Graduate Studies in Sociology at University College Cork. In 2011 Cork University Press published ***Understanding Limerick: Social Exclusion and Change***, an edited collection on crime and disadvantage in Limerick. As well as editing the book, and contributing its introduction and conclusions, Niamh wrote Part Two: 'Living with Fear and Feuding in Limerick'.

### The problem

Part Two included these chapters:

- A History of Social Exclusion in Limerick
- Divided Communities: mapping the social structure of disadvantaged neighbourhoods in Limerick

- Organised Crime and Community Violence: understanding Limerick's 'regimes of fear'
- The Sociology of Feuding: Limerick gangland and traveller feuds compared
- Lessons from Limerick: policing, child protection, regeneration.

But her own and other chapters make it clear that the story is not just one of crime and violence. They also show that the current status of the affected areas was not inevitable.



The book shows that ...

*... the severely deprived in Limerick have experienced a range of different forms of social exclusion which have intersected in an almost unique way to create sharp social divisions within the city.*

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**Limerick Quaker Meeting**



## The meeting – Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October, 8pm

Several Limerick Friends have now read the book and found it a powerful, disturbing account of the city and of the inequality between people living in different areas.

But is there anything that ordinary people can do to help overcome the problem? Limerick Quakers have organised a meeting on the topic

*Understanding Limerick ... and doing something to help.*

Dr Hourigan has very kindly agreed to talk and to contribute to discussion afterwards. If you have an interest in the issues, Limerick Quakers would welcome your attendance and participation.



### The venue: Limerick's Quaker Meeting House

Coming from the city centre towards Dooradoyle: after Punch's Cross, turn right at the traffic lights (junction of Ballinacurra Road and Childers Road) into Southville Gardens. Take the first right and the Meeting House is at the end of this road.