

## 2nd International Conference 29 - 30 November 2021

***Creating positive futures through Community-based Research  
(CBR): A transdisciplinary conference***

### ***Keynote Speakers:***



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Dr Maura Adshead is Associate Professor in Politics and Public Administration at the Department of Politics and Public Administration, and Head of UL Engagement. She is currently co-convenor of the national Campus Engage Working Group on Engaged Research and responsible for promoting and supporting national policy on Engaged Research. Whilst her research interests focus on Irish and European politics and public policy, she has been involved in a number of community oriented research projects at local, regional and international levels. Prior to her appointment in Limerick, she carried out research and taught in the universities of Dundee, Liverpool, Essex, Galway and Dublin. She is author of *Developing European Regions?* Ashgate, 2002, co-author (with Jonathon Tonge) of *Politics in Ireland*, Palgrave, 2009; and co-editor (with Michelle Millar) of *Public Administration and Public Policy in Ireland: theory and methods*, Routledge 2003 and (with Peadar Kirby and Michelle Millar) *Contesting the State: lessons from the Irish case*, Manchester University Press, 2008; and (with Tom Felle) *Ireland and the Freedom of Information Act*, 2015, Manchester University Press, 2016. She has published a variety of articles on aspects of Irish politics and public policy and has carried out commissioned research for Combat Poverty, the Health Service Executive, the National Economic and Social Forum, and the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform.



Dr A McNeil

Dr. Anissa McNeil is founder and CEO of Education Works Consulting Firm, Inc. She is passionate about foster youth, orphans, education, and working with organizations to ensure that all students learn and develop skills to live a sustainable livelihood. She is a former foster youth who began her educational career in Head Start and went on to receive a Doctorate in Organizational Leadership from Pepperdine University. Hard work and education helped to change her life and she is a living example that "Education Works". Her organization provides an Orphan Education Program to assist orphans worldwide, partnering with orphanages to create sustainability and to provide education and education services. Currently, she runs such programs in Haiti, Ethiopia, Uganda, and South Africa.

