

### *'Bridging the Gap: Translating Development Research into Practice'*

**Education & Research Centre, Our Lady's Hospice & Care Services, Harold's Cross, Dublin 6W.**

**Call for Papers: Closing Date 10 October 2014**

### **Conference themes**

The DSA Ireland 2014 will focus around areas where the research into practice challenge has been met in different ways for civil society, gender, education, humanitarian action and development more generally or where research for development in Ireland has achieved some critical mass. It will seek to promote a greater accessibility for research findings and better understand the needs of policy-makers and practitioners. The conference will explore the complexity of the policy-making world and its relationship to politics and will offer an opportunity to think through the risks for researchers regarding independent critical research, if research relates too closely to the agenda of policy makers. Above all, it will offer the opportunity for dialogue between researchers and policy makers committed to development for poverty reduction.

An underlying theme will be the exploration of the interfaces between development researchers, development policy makers, development NGOs and development education within a critical or reflexive approach. Issues underpinning the theme could include: sustaining public engagement with development agendas; the shifting relationship between development research and NGOs and how to build novel research for development alliances and best practice. This conference will promote and enrich the DSA Ireland commitment to create '*A space for dialogue between development researchers, policy makers and practitioners*'

We welcome proposals for papers around any of the following themes or combinations of them.

**Civil Society**

**Development Education**

**Humanitarian Action**

**Gender**

**General Development Issues**

For further information please contact the conference organisers: [info@dsaireland.org](mailto:info@dsaireland.org)