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Post-Crash Cities: the Fieldtrip

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Description

The Liberties area of Dublin has a long history and contemporary reality of impoverishment, yet in recent decades has also been a site of intense gentrification. Recent local entrepreneurial policies have instigated the redevelopment and repackaging of the district's old-fashioned shops, abandoned buildings and lower-grade functions into a 'powerhouse for creative industries and cultural tourism' (DCC, 2008: 12), presenting the neighborhood as an innovative, exciting, and safe place to be and to invest in. This afternoon's fieldtrip will examine the contradictions between the reconstruction of place to strengthen new upper-middle class consumer identities and the deeply committed concern that residents and grassroots organizations have for the quality of life of their community and the city's future.

Commencing with an overview of the area, we will consider the work that the *Robert Emmet Community Development project* is doing with a number of other community organisations, businesses and local people to support a healthy, sustainable and thriving community. We will meet the owner of *Oh Rourke's Breakfast Restaurant* to discuss his experience of growing up in a stigmatized neighborhood and the changes undergoing his block, especially in Bridgefoot Street. In Meath Street, Sister Brigid will introduce us to the *Little Flower Penny Dinners* which has been in existence for over a century providing assistance and care to the needy of the Liberties. By walking through Thomas Street and Francis Street we will witness the most vivid examples of residential and commercial upscaling and redevelopment. Everyday accounts from long-term residents of the Liberties Oliver Bond social-housing flats will conclude the visit.

Date and time

Tue, 8 May 2018
15:30 - 18:30 IST

Location

Robert Emmet Community Development Project
Usher Street
Dublin
Ireland
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