

Speak, your lips are free.  
Speak, it is your own tongue.  
Speak, it is your own body.  
Speak, your life is still yours  
[...]  
Speak, this brief hour is long enough  
Before the death of body and tongue:  
Speak, 'cause the truth is not dead yet,  
Speak, speak, whatever you must speak  
(Excerpt from 'Speak' by Faiz Ahmad Faiz)

[...]  
I can make the molecule dance  
And the atom sing  
I can realize the progress of the world  
And I shall have my triumph  
Inscribed by the rocket on the moon.  
  
What if my life-breath goes out  
After lighting a thousand lamps like me?  
I am the radiance of this Age  
I am electric power  
Born out of this operation generator  
I am  
The Revolution  
(Excerpt from 'Pulse' by Varavara Rao)

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Africa Centre, Comhlámh, Debt and Development Coalition Ireland (DDCI),  
Latin America Solidarity Centre (LASC)

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**Let a thousand  
flowers Bloom!**



**bloom**  
movement for global justice

**Join Us to Create an  
Alternative World on the  
7 & 8th November, 2008**

**Programme of Events**

**Launch of Bloom: Friday 7th November 2008**  
7pm - 10pm, Cultivate Centre, 15 Essex Street West,  
Temple Bar, Dublin 2

**7.00 - 7.15:** Welcome from Fleachta Phelan, Comhlámh

**7.15- 8.15:** Launch of Bloom with Brendan Archbold and Cathryn O'Reilly  
of the Dunnes Stores Strike with Nessa Ní Chasaide, DDCI

**8.15- 9.15:** Panel Discussion with Eyad Burnat, Oscar Olivera and Njoki Njehû.  
Chair: Conall O'Caoimh, Trade Campaigner and Director of Value Added Africa

**9.15 - 10.00:** Music

**Bloom's First Activist Forum: Movement Building for Global Justice**  
**Saturday 8th November 2008**  
9.30am - 5.30pm, The Teachers Club, 36 Parnell Square West, Dublin 1

**9.30 - 10.00:** Registration

**10.00 - 10.15:** Introduction and Welcome from Benedicta Attoh, Africa Centre

**10.15 - 11.15:** Part One: 'Seizing the Moment: Towards a Post-Neoliberal  
Global Order' with Prof. Peadar Kirby.  
Chair: Jose Antonio Gutierrez D., LASC

**11.15 - 11.30:** Tea/ Coffee: Reflections on activism, Sr.Majella McCarron

**11.30 - 12.30:** Part Two: 'Stories from the Global Movement'  
Njoki Njoroge Njehû, Jubilee South Africa Region  
Chair: Maeve Taylor, Banúlacht

**12.30 - 2.00:** Lunch and Political Action

**2.00 - 3.00:** Part Two: Eyad Burnat, Friends of Freedom and Justice Bi'lin.  
Chair: Raymond Deane, Ireland Palestine Solidarity Campaign

**3.00 - 4.00:** Part Three: 'Grassroots Mobilisation in Ireland: Opportunities and  
Challenges' Claire O'Grady Walshe, Jean Somers, Gregor Kerr and Eric Yao.  
Chair: Laurence Cox, Grassroots Gathering

**4.00 - 4.15:** Tea/ Coffee Break

**4.15 - 4.30:** Creative Inspiration

**4.30 - 5.30:** Part Four: 'Visions of a Global Movement'  
Oscar Olivera, Industrial Workers' Trade Union Bolivia  
Chair: Aidan Cahill, LASC

**8 - late: Congomania!**

## People Acting Together for Radical Change and a Just World

### Who we are:

**Bloom is a movement of people in Ireland taking  
action together for global justice**

### Our Values:

- We believe in equality, justice, sustainability and global interconnectedness.
- We believe there is a need to address and challenge the root causes of global inequality.
- We seek justice in North-South relationships and therefore a radical, positive re-shaping of these relationships.
- We believe in the urgent need to take collective action against the exploitation of the Global South.
- We act in solidarity with other movements globally advocating for a better world.

## Join Us and Help to Build a Global Justice Movement in Ireland!

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Celebrate the launch of Bloom with us! Hear words of inspiration on movement building from the Dunnes Stores Strikers who helped lay the foundations for global justice activism in Ireland and meet with leading social justice activists from around the world.

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### 8pm – till Late

Dance the night away with us to celebrate the launch of Bloom:  
Movement for Global Justice.

To register for this event, email [anna@comhlahm.org](mailto:anna@comhlahm.org).  
More information: [www.comhlahm.org](http://www.comhlahm.org) or phone 01-6174835  
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