

## **"Who Do We Think We Are?: Race, Ethnicity and Representation in Irish Children's & YA Literature & Culture", Trinity College Dublin, Ireland, 21st-22nd April 2023**

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Keynote Speaker: Dr Melanie Ramdarshan Bold (University of Glasgow)

While race, ethnicity, and representation have been increasingly explored in international publishing, activism, and creative industries, these important areas are relatively under-studied in the Irish context and this conference aims to address this gap in Irish youth-literature research and to create a space for scholarly discussion, debate, and exchange. We invite submissions from all relevant stakeholders and disciplinary perspectives in Irish Studies and Youth-Literature Studies (e.g. academia, education, arts policy, media studies, librarianship, book history, translation) and we particularly welcome submissions from early-career researchers.

Topics might include but are not limited to: narratives of nation, Ireland, and Irishness in relation to race and ethnicity;

Irish Traveller writing and culture and representations of Irish Travellers and culture; anti-racist writing/anti-racist reading/anti-racist practices within Irish children's and YA literature, and culture; publishing practices and movements in Irish publishing for young people e.g. sensitivity readers; post-colonialism and post-colonial readings; decolonisation and anti-racist practices in e.g. Irish curricula, Irish youth-literature scholarship, Irish youth-literature archives and collections, teaching Irish children's and YA

literature and culture; ethnic minority authors and illustrators of children's and YA literature and culture;

migration, asylum, refugees, and representations of migrants, asylum seekers, and refugees;

religion and intersections with race and ethnicity; Irish-language publishing for young people/with young people;

Whiteness; activism in/with children's and YA literature and culture.

Please send abstracts of no more than 250 words plus a brief biographical note (no more than 75

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words) to [isscl.committee@gmail.com](mailto:isscl.committee@gmail.com) by 5pm on January 11th 2023. We are investigating the feasibility of hybrid conferencing. When submitting your abstract, please indicate your preference for in-person or virtual presentation. Selected presenters from the conference will be invited to contribute an article to a special issue of The Irish Studies Review journal on race, ethnicity, and representation in Irish children's and young adult literature and culture which will be published in May 2025.

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