

The United Nations and Irish Aid present:

# On Her Shoulders

*The screening will be followed by a panel discussion with:*



**Ahmed Khudida Burjus, Head of Yazda UK & Ireland**

Ahmed Khudida Burjus is the deputy executive director of Yazda. He was a senior advisor to the Yazidi activist, Nobel Peace Prize nominee and UNODC Goodwill Ambassador Nadia Murad from the beginning of her campaign in 2015 and for whom he manages some of the most crucial aspects of her global advocacy campaign for over 2 and half years. Burjus's motivation is to support the victims and survivors of the genocide and war crimes committed by ISIS, raise awareness of the desperate situation of all vulnerable ethno-religious minorities in Iraq and Syria.



**Áine Hearn**

**Director of the Conflict Resolution Unit Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Ireland**

Áine Hearn joined the Department of Foreign Affairs & Trade in 1979 and is currently the Director of the Conflict Resolution Unit with responsibility for Ireland's National Action Plan on UNSCR 1325 (Women Peace & Security). Prior to that Áine was Head of Mission at the Irish Embassy in Kampala, Uganda (2005-2007). While there she chaired the Partners for Good Governance group, made up of key bilateral donors to Uganda including the United Nations. Áine holds a Masters Degree in Development Studies from Dublin City University.



**Jody Clarke**

**Senior External Relations Associate UNHCR Ireland**

Jody Clarke is Senior External Relations Associate with UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency, in Ireland. UNHCR works closely with the Irish government to protect and assist refugees and those forced to flee because of conflict and persecution. This includes supporting asylum procedure bodies with training, expertise and guidance, contributing to the ongoing process of improving the direct provision system and collaborating on the refugee resettlement programme. He is a former journalist and foreign correspondent.



**Caroline Petit**

**Deputy Director of UNRIC, the United Nations Regional Information Centre**

Caroline Petit has worked in strategic communication and media partnership at international level for 25 years. She joined the UN in 2001 and, was posted first as Head of the Media Partnerships Unit at the United Nations Headquarters in New York before joining UNRIC in 2013. She started her career at the European Commission's Media Programme.

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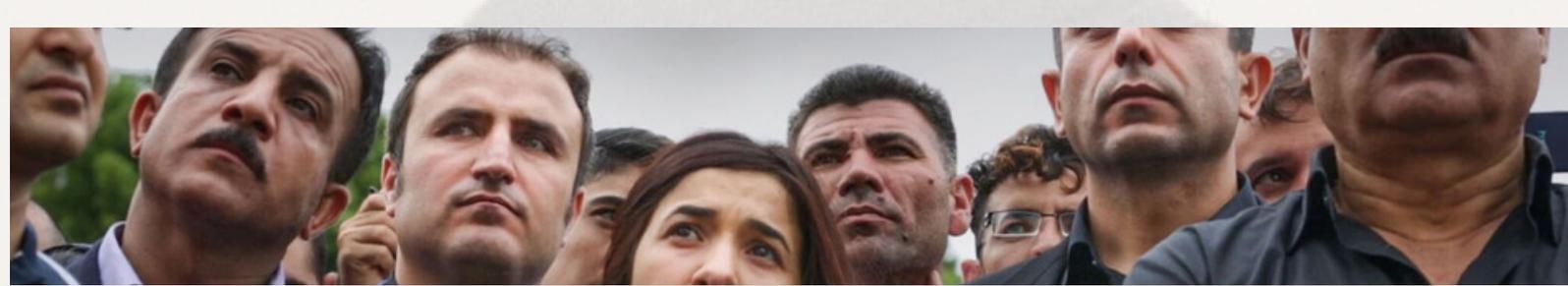
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## UN Ambassador and Nobel Peace Prize Winner

The Norwegian Nobel Committee awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for 2018 to Denis Mukwege and Nadia Murad for their efforts to end the use of sexual violence as a weapon of war and armed conflict. Both laureates made a crucial contribution to focusing attention on, and combating, such war crimes.

Nadia Murad is just one of an estimated 3 000 Yazidi girls and women who were victims of rape and other abuses by the IS army. The abuses were systematic, and part of a military strategy. Thus they served as a weapon in the fight against Yazidis and other religious minorities.

After a three-month nightmare Nadia Murad managed to flee. Following her escape, she chose to speak openly about what she had suffered. In 2016, at the age of just 23, she was named the UN's first Goodwill Ambassador for the Dignity of Survivors of Human Trafficking.

### Irish Aid

Irish Aid works with partners around the world to save and protect lives, alleviate suffering and maintain human dignity before, during and in the aftermath of humanitarian crises. Since 2012, Ireland has provided just over €9.5 million in humanitarian assistance to Iraq, including €2 million to the UN Iraq Humanitarian Fund in 2018.

Ireland also supports the EU's humanitarian response to the crisis in Iraq. Since 2015, €350 million has been provided by the EU to deliver emergency assistance in response to the humanitarian consequences of the conflict in Iraq.



### UNHCR Ireland



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UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency, works with the Irish government, officials, NGOs and other partners to protect people forced to flee their homes and support them to live their lives with dignity and respect.

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