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**Award winning filmmaker Jan Haaken will be presenting her film *Necessity: Oil, Water & Climate Resistance* at St. John's Central College on Wednesday 11 March at 6 p.m.**

**CORK, IRELAND** – On Wednesday, March 11, 2020, UCC's Department of Sociology and Criminology and Women Producing Media will host an advance screening of Prof. Jan Haaken's film *Necessity: Oil, Water & Climate Resistance* at St. John's Central College.

The event will take place in the lecture theater of St. John's Central College on Sawmill Street in Cork. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. The screening will be followed by a Q&A session with Prof. Haaken, Dr. Tracey Skillington, and Dr. Paul Bolger. Admission is free, although donations are gratefully accepted.

*Necessity* traces the fight in Minnesota against the expansion of pipelines carrying toxic tar sands oil through North America. Home to much of the world's precious freshwater resources, the state is also the site of expanding oil industry infrastructure. The film follows indigenous activists and non-indigenous allies in their resistance to the pipelines traversing native lands and essential waterways. The film is slated to go into wider distribution later in 2020.

Prof. Haaken is a visiting Fulbright professor, a professor emeritus of psychology at Portland State University, clinical psychologist, and documentary filmmaker. She has published extensively in the areas of psychoanalysis and feminism, the history of psychiatric diagnosis, the psychology of storytelling, group responses to violence, and the dynamics of social change. From refugee camps, war zones, domestic violence shelters and asylums to drag bars and hip-hop clubs, Haaken's projects focus on people who inhabit the border zones of society and their insights on the broader social order.

Dr. Tracey Skillington is Director of the BA Sociology, Department of Sociology & Criminology. Recent publications include *Climate Justice & Human Rights* and *Climate Change and Intergenerational Justice*. She has published extensively on the human rights dimensions of

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climate change and is currently involved in a new EU funded project, JUSTNORTH, examining barriers to the realization of sustainable development goals in the Arctic regions. The project aims to bring together the knowledge contribution of indigenous, local, NGOs, business and state actors on Arctic justice and how inclusive pathways to sustainable development can be forged.

Dr. Paul Bolger is manager of Environmental Research Institute at University College Cork. He has worked across academia, industry and government for over 20 years developing long term research solutions for global sustainability challenges. He is currently Principal Investigator on the Imagining 2050 research project which is engaging with civic society using innovative approaches to co-develop pathways to a low carbon and climate resilient future. He is also Principal Investigator on NEWTRIENTS research project which uses a circular economy approach to produce value-added products from dairy industry wastewater. Dr. Bolger is a 2019 US-Ireland Fulbright Scholar.

This event is a collaboration between Women Producing Media and the Sociology and Criminology department at UCC. It was made possible through the support of St. John's Central College.

More information can be found at [www.necessitythemovie.com](http://www.necessitythemovie.com)

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- Hashtag: #ClimateNecessity

Donations to help bring the film to a wider audience and support activists promoting thoughtful public dialogue on climate change can be made online.

Film Independent: <https://my.filmindependent.org/NecessityOilWaterAndClimateResistance>

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We welcome press inquiries and invite photographers and journalists to attend.

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