CANAL COMMUNITIES AGAINST RACISM

Creating an Anti-Racist Community

We are working to make the **Canal** Communities an Anti-Racist Community. Our area is very diverse with a high percentage of ethnic minority residents. Working together, we want to build safe, inclusive and welcoming neighbourhood for all people who live here.

We want to pro-actively address the reality of racism in our area and send a clear message that racism has no place in our communities.

About Canal Communities Against Racism Project

We are a network of over 20 organisations and groups committed to anti-racism and supporting those affected by racism in Inchicore, Rialto, Bluebell, Kilmainham and Islandbridge.

Although we work with different issues such as education, children and family, youth, policing, housing, addiction, community development, faith and spirituality, we all have come together to show our commitment to interculturalism, anti-racism equality and diversity.

The initiative is coordinated by Dublin South City Partnership, and Rialto Community Network and FNAR Ireland.



PARTICIPATING ORGANISATIONS

You can report racist incidents to:

- Amal Women's Association
- Bluebell Community Development Project
- Canal Communities Local Drug and Alcohol Task Force
- Core Youth Service
- Dolphin House Community Centre
- Dublin City Council Housing Section
- Dublin City South Partnership
- F2 Centre
- Griffith Barracks Multi-Denominational School
- Kevin Street Garda Station
- Kilmainham Garda Station
- Islamic Foundation of Ireland
- Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School
- Rialto Community Drug Team
- Rialto Community Network
- Rialto Youth Project
- St Andrew's Community Centre
- St Michael's Family Resource Centre

To find out more about the project or to join the initiative contact:

E: aga@enarireland.org or Ann: annswords@dscp.ie WEB: www.enarireland.org/anti_racist_community











Don't ignore Racism.



Racism



Building an **Anti-Racist Community**

REPORT RACISM, DON'T IGNORE IT

Supporting those affected by racism

We want to support people who experience and witness racism in our locality. We want to help them break the silence, encourage to report racism and find effective ways to address it.

We are aware that racism is an issue that harms and affects the entire community. There are lots of reasons people don't report racism: they may not know where and how to report, or they may feel that nothing would happen if they reported and maybe they are fearful of negative consequences if they did. We want to address these issues and find new, community-wide ways to respond to racism.

Our idea is to create lots of places in our community where those affected by racism can report it confidentially, get support, use existing community connections and break isolation.

Why to report racism?

To break the silence and isolation.

To receive support, information and to find the best way to respond to what you are reporting.

To build a picture of what is happening in our communities: to monitor racism, try to understand who is experiencing it and make relevant authorities and public aware of racism as an issue that affects us all.

HOW AND WHERE TO REPORT RACISM

- You can report racist incident if you experienced, witnessed or heard about it or if you are supporting someone to record what happened.
- Seek support locally in your community. Contact an organisation you know and trust or which is near you. See attached insert with contact details of our project's representatives.
- **Report online in confidence to www.iReport.ie** so there's a record of what happened if you wish to get support or redress get in touch with any of the organisations involved in the project.
- Each organisation has a dedicated representative who can help you with reporting to iReport.ie and, if you wish, link you with other services.
- All representatives are working together to find a solution to racist incidents on the community level. They will not take any action that you are not comfortable with, unless they are required by the law to do so.

Reporting racist crime

If you experienced a racist crime (for example assaults, damage to property, abuse, harassment) you should **report it to your local Garda station**.

Two local Garda stations – **Kilmainham and Kevin Street** – are participating in the project and will treat your reports seriously.

Each station has two **dedicated Garda officers** (male and female) to assist you with your case. Look for their details in the enclosed leaflet.

Reporting racist discrimination

Not all racism is considered a crime. Racist discrimination can happen at work and in the provision of goods and services when someone treat you less favourably than another person, because of who you are (for example because of your skin colour, ethnicity, nationality, religion). It can be reported to Workplace Relations Commission (WRC).

If we are not able to find solution on a community level, we can refer you to a relevant body, national or specialist organisation.

ABOUT IREPORT.IE

All racist incidents, including crime and discrimination, can be reported in confidence to www.iReport.ie. Using iReport.ie does not replace reporting to authorities.

iReport.ie is an easy to use online incident reporting tool developed by ENAR (European Network Against Racism) Ireland for people who experience or witness racism. It is a national, confidential and independent system for monitoring racism in Ireland.

To report a racist incident go to www.iReport.ie and simply fill out the online form to describe what happened. Photos, videos, screen grabs and other files can be uploaded. You can also report racist hate speech that happened online. If you don't have access to computer or require support with reporting contact any of the listed representatives for assistance.

ENAR Ireland is the Irish coordination of the European Network Against Racism which represents over 120 groups in 30 countries. ENAR Ireland has nearly 90 member organisations working together against racism in Ireland.

