



# FAR RIGHT OBSERVATORY

## Turn off the Hate Megaphone

An Open letter to Meta, Twitter, Snapchat, Youtube, Telegram, & TikTok in Ireland

Whoever we love or identify as, whether we were born in Ireland, came here for safety or for another reason, we all just want to be safe, to thrive and to live a decent life. In Ireland we take pride in our strong communities and work hard to be a country that is welcoming and caring.

However, a small number of extremist groups and individuals are spreading hate, lies and fear within our communities. They want nothing more than to exploit the struggles that communities face, attempting to turn people against each other.

Despite being few in number, they seem stronger than they really are. Why? Because digital platforms enable them to freely orchestrate their campaign of disruption by providing them with a giant megaphone to spread their hate and lies.

Death threats, incitement to violence, dehumanising language, hate speech and disinformation have been reported repeatedly to social media platforms. The consistent response is that this content complies with their 'community standards'.

Despite the positive role social media and the internet can play in our lives, it is unfortunately clear that leaders of these platforms prioritise a business model that

As community leaders and civil society organisations, we call on the most senior social media platform Executives in Ireland, to enforce your own community ~~..... -toxic algorithms that push extreme content~~ to people, amplifying hate speech, dangerous disinformation and distorting reality.

We call on you, to help keep people and our communities safe.

### Signed by:

The Far Right Observatory, Trans Equality Network Ireland, Irish Network Against Racism, Uplift, SISI, the collective of survivors of violence against women, Pavee Point Traveller and Roma Centre, Irish Council for Civil Liberties, Migrant Rights Centre Ireland, National Women's Council of Ireland, Community Work Ireland, Doras, Movement of Asylum Seekers in Ireland (MASI), AkDwA, Threshold, Fermoy for All, Independent Living Movement, Mincóirí Port Láirge (Waterford Traveller Community Development Project), Outhouse - Dublin's LGBTQ+ Centre, Community Law & Mediation, Intersex Ireland, The Rowan Trust, Unite the Union, East Wall Here For All, Bridging The Gap Ireland, Bray For Love, Dublin LGBTQ+ Pride, Irish Rural Link, Bray For Love, Irish Traveller Movement, LGBT Ireland, Immigrant Council of Ireland, Le Chaille: Diversity not Division, SPARK (Single Parents Acting for the Rights of Kids), Refugee and Migrant Solidarity Ireland (RAMSI), United Against Racism, BelongTo, Places of Sanctuary Ireland, Recruit Refugees Ireland, Welcome Cafe, Dublin 7, Africa Centre Ireland, Clare Traveller Community Development Project, Housing Action Now, Red Wheelbarrow Governance, Inner City Organisations Network (ICON), Dublin City Community Cooperative, Rohingya Action Ireland, Tallaght Against Racism, Blackhall Society of Socialist Lawyers, Lourdes Youth and Community Services (LYCS), Larkin Unemployed Centre, Inclusion Ireland, North West Inner City Network, Community After Schools Project (CASPr), Inner City Enterprise, Tallaght For All, National Youth Council of Ireland, International Community Dynamics CLG trading as Recruit Refugees Ireland, Raise the Roof, Be the Bridge Leadership, Northside for All, Nasc, the Migrant and Refugee Rights Centre, Together-Razem, Anti Deportation Ireland, Codla Amabo- Human Rights Activists, Treoir, Crooked House Theatre Company, Skein Press, Good Day Cork, Think Speak Do Community Engagement Cork, Achill Says Welcome, Newbridge Community Development, West Clare Family Resource Centre, CATU- Dublin 3, Waterford Area Partnership, Women's Collective Ireland (WCI), Galway One World Centre, Fáilte Kinvara, The Open Community, Ballymun Tidy Towns, Milford & District Resource Centre Social Sciences Connections (TUS), Walkinstown Greenhills Resource Centre, Galway City Community Network, Carlow County Development Partnership, Department of Applied Social Studies, Maynooth University, The Saol Project, TNC Riverside Doneraile Co Cork, Near Media Coop, Travellers of North Cork, Traveller Visibility Group, Bray Family Resource & Development Project CLG, Donegal Local Development Company, Donegal Travellers Project, Galway Civic Trust / Dúchas na Gaillimhe, Ballinakillew Neighbourhood, LINC - Advocating for Lesbian and Bisexual Women in Ireland, Ballyfermot Travellers Action Project, Kerry Travellers Health Community Development Project, TNC Riverside Doneraile Co Cork, Cairdeas Centre, Fingal Communities Against Racism, Communities Against Racism, Galway Traveller Movement, BRIDGE Project Galway, Carlow Women's Refuge Campaign, Loughrea Family & Community Resource Centre, Citywide Drugs Crisis Campaign, Refuge For Rathdown, Traveller Equality & Justice Project, UCC School of Law, Carbery Housing Association CLG, Empower, International Decade for People of African Descent in Ireland, Waterford Integration Services, Spunout, Comhlámh, Athena SWAN, Carlow College St. Patrick's, Family Resource Centre National Forum, Kultur Migrants Centre, Glencree Centre for Peace and Reconciliation, PILA (Public Interest Law Alliance).



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Far Right Observatory is a national civil society organisation that works with community groups, advocacy groups, trade unions, activists and academics to stop hate organising in our communities and workplaces. We support communities and civil society to stay grounded, caring and resilient in the face of far right hate, bigotry and extremism.