

Anti Racism Election Protocol

Preamble

The Anti Racism Election Protocol has played an important role since 2001¹ in ensuring that elections have been conducted in such a way that they do not incite hatred or prejudice on the grounds of 'race', colour, nationality or ethnic or national origin, religious belief and membership of the Traveller Community. Political parties that have already endorsed the protocol include: **Fianna Fáil, Fine Gael, Green Party, Labour Party, Sinn Féin, Socialist Party, Workers' Party, Libertas.**

The European Network Against Racism in Ireland is inviting individual candidates to demonstrate their commitment to anti-racism by signing the declaration as an indication of their own personal support and endorsement of the protocol.

Declaration of Intent by political candidates

I as a candidate in the 2009 elections agree:

- To send a consistent and clear message to my constituents that I reject racism.
- To condemn any campaign materials or statements that may incite hatred or express prejudice on the grounds of 'race', colour, nationality or ethnic or national origin, religious belief and membership of the Traveller Community²
- To guarantee that when engaging in on-going debate in relation to groups which are the potential targets of racism, such as asylum seekers, refugees, migrant workers and Travellers, my contribution to such debate is conducted in a responsible way and with respect to the dignity and rights of minority ethnic groups.
- To use appropriate and inclusive language and words when referring to people of different ethnic backgrounds, in order to avoid creating prejudice or confusion.
- To inform all my political campaigners about the intent and contents of this Protocol.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Party: _____

For further information on the election protocol please contact ENAR Ireland 55 Parnell Square West, Dublin 1.



¹ The protocol was originally developed in 2001 by the National Consultative Committee on Racism and Interculturalism (NCCRI) in partnership with all political parties, see: www.nccri.ie

² These are the relevant categories defined in the Equal Status Act (2000) and the Employment Equality Act (1998).