

Open letter to Minister Heather Humphreys: Upcoming Regularisation Scheme must be broad and inclusive

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Dear Minister Humphreys,

This year a life changing regularisation scheme for workers, families, and children will be introduced. This will provide an opportunity for undocumented people to gain a legal status, as set out in the Programme for Government and due to be signed off by Cabinet in the coming weeks.

But this scheme in its current form, could potentially leave thousands of people behind and force them to continue living in the shadows. It is critical that you as Minister ensure the Department of Justice amend the criteria to include as many undocumented people as possible.

As a country with such a significant history of migration we must take this opportunity to provide dignity and security to those who are part of our communities and have made Ireland their home.

Yours Sincerely,

- Patrick Connolly, CEO, Age Action
- Caitríona Mac Aonghusa, Business in the Community Ireland
- Ian Talbot, CEO, Chambers Ireland
- Tanya Ward, CEO, Children Rights Alliance
- Ann Irwin, National Co-ordinator, Community Work Ireland
- Richard King, Project Leader, Crosscare Migrant Project
- John Lannon, Director, Doras
- John Dunne, CEO, Family Carers Ireland
- Brian Killoran, CEO, Immigrant Council of Ireland
- Patricia King, General Secretary, Irish Congress of Trade Unions
- Liam Herrick, CEO, Irish Council for Civil Liberties
- Brid O'Brien, Irish National Organisation of the Unemployed
- Shane O'Curry, Director, Irish Network Against Racism
- Nick Henderson, CEO, Irish Refugee Council
- Michael O'Brien, Fisheries Campaign Lead, International Transport Workers Federation
- Tjanasi Potso, Chair, Justice for Undocumented
- Gerry Light, General Secretary, Mandate Trade Union
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- Mary Cunningham, CEO, National Youth Council of Ireland
- Adrian Cummins, CEO, Restaurant Association of Ireland
- Ethel Buckley, Deputy General Secretary, SIPTU
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