

We are an Island of Solidarity, not Strangers

History offers undeniable evidence of the meaningful and enduring contributions made by migrants, refugees, and asylum seekers. Yet regardless of these contributions, all have an inherent right to live in peace, dignity, and hope. This right is fundamental, and must not be eroded by political narratives that fuel criminalisation, social division and scapegoating.

Together, as representatives of civil society and as individuals and organisations embedded in communities across the country, we stand against the recent rhetoric of the Prime Minister, irresponsible politicians and that of the far-right, that serves only to divide our communities.

Together, we stand in solidarity with all minoritised people including all racialised people and all migrants - our friends, family members, colleagues and neighbours - as they face growing fear and insecurity, fuelled by the hostility, scapegoating and polarisation being whipped up by political leaders.

Together, we commit to working across every region and nation, from small villages to big cities, as people with different lived experiences and expertise, to continue to build a movement of solidarity and resistance that protects and defends the rights of all people who are suffering as a result of racism, poverty, homelessness and years of bad government policy and discriminatory political rhetoric.

The politics of division are placing our communities under attack, including: migrants, refugees, people seeking asylum, racialised people, disabled people, LGBTQIA+ people, people living in poverty and struggling to make ends meet and survive, homeless people, those with care & support needs and many more.

Today we say we will not be divided, and we remain united in standing against these injustices and stating clearly through actions and words, that **we are and will remain, an island of solidarity, not strangers.**