

**The Migrant Integration Strategy 2017 – 2020
A Blueprint for the Future**

Actions under the theme: Promoting Intercultural Awareness and combating Racism and Xenophobia

Action Ref. No.	Responsible Department/Agency	Action
51	Office for the Promotion of Migrant Integration	A Communities Integration Fund will be developed to support actions by local communities throughout Ireland to promote the integration of migrants and refugees.
52	Local Authorities with support from Immigrant Council of Ireland	Integration strategies will be updated.
53	Local Authorities	A Migrant Integration Forum will be established in every local authority area, ideally through existing Public Participation Network (PPN) structures, and will meet regularly.
54	Local Authorities led by Dublin City Council	An Integration Network will be established where migrant groups can engage with the Government and public bodies on issues of concern and on barriers to integration.
56	Office for the Promotion of Migrant Integration with support from Department of Business, Enterprise and Innovation.	Encourage businesses to focus on integration.
57	Office for the Promotion of Migrant Integration with support from Department of Business,	Invite speakers to present on integration to existing business sector relationships/engagements.

	Enterprise and Innovation.	
61	All Government Departments and Agencies.	Intercultural awareness training will be provided by all Government Departments and Agencies and it will be reviewed at intervals to ensure that it is adequate and up to date. Front-line staff will receive on-going cultural awareness training appropriate to their role and operational requirements.
62	Local Authorities.	Local Authorities will take action to have migrant representation on all Joint-Policing Committees.
63	An Garda Síochána	An Garda Síochána will continue to implement a victim-centred policy and good investigative practices in racial and other similar crimes to encourage victims to report offences in line with recommendations of the Garda Inspectorate in this regard.
64	Local Authorities	Local Authorities will develop and publish their policy on the early removal of racist graffiti in their respective areas.
65	Department of Justice and Equality	The current legislation with regard to racially motivated crime will be reviewed with a view to strengthening the law against hate crime, including in the area of online hate speech.
66	An Garda Síochána	The issue of the under-reporting of racially-motivated crime will continue to be addressed including through the development of greater contact with marginalised communities.
67	All Government Departments and Agencies	Public offices will display information on how to make a complaint of racist behaviour by a member of staff or other customer.

68	Action to be led by the Office for Promotion of Migrant Integration with support from An Garda Síochána.	All relevant public sector bodies will explore additional ways of working in cooperation with communities affected by stigmatisation and develop appropriate relationships with minority communities to avoid the danger of external groups having negative influences on marginalised communities.
69	Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht	Arts and culture programmes and policy will assist in the promotion of the arts and culture of diverse communities across Ireland.
70	Office for the Promotion of Migrant Integration	Schools outside the established education system will be encouraged to network with the aim of providing information on child protection and health and safety regulations to them and of developing relationships with them.
71	Office for the Promotion of Migrant Integration	Measures to combat racism and xenophobia will feature among the actions funded by the Office for the Promotion of Migrant Integration.