

"The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good [people] to do nothing." **Edmund Burke** 

# How to be an ally against racism

Racism is any verbal or non-verbal behaviour which is aimed at undermining a person's dignity and value, based on their perceived or actual ethnic, religious or cultural background. It usually takes on a threatening, abusive or insulting form but can also be disguised as a joke or 'a little bit of craic'.

What to do if you see someone being racially abused in a public space:



Take action and show solidarity with the person affected e.g. stand beside the person affected during the abuse, focus on and talk to them, do not engage with the abuser, film the abuse if you feel safe to do so

Support the person affected to report the incident and/ or report it yourself.

REPORT

Assess the safety of the situation - do not put yourself in danger.

STEP 2

ACTION



SOLIDARI Stay with the

person affected for as long as they need - listen to them, support them to call a friend/family member.







"If you are neutral in situations of injustice, you have chosen the side of the oppressor."

Rev Desmond Tutu



## DOs & DON'Ts



#### **THE DOS**

- Do listen and be open to learning
- Do be aware of your implicit biases (we all have them!)
- Do amplify (online and when physically present) the voices of those affected
- Do look into how to change the oppressive systems

### THE DON'TS

- Do not expect to be taught or shown. Take it upon yourself to use the tools around you to learn and answer your questions
- Do not behave as though you know best
- Do not assume that every member of a marginalised group feels oppressed
- Do not assume you are doing people a favour, it's your duty

#### If you experience/ witness a racist incident, always REPORT it

If you think the racist incident was criminal in nature, immediately report to **Án Garda Síochána**. Report at your local Garda station.

If you need support or advice reporting the incident call the **Immigrant Council of Ireland's** Racist Incidents Support and Referral Service. 01 674 0200 | stopracism@immigrantcouncil.ie

The European Network Against Racism **ENAR Ireland** collects data on racist incidents in Ireland. Report at www.iReport.ie