We build Ireland together: Citizenship is how we make that official

When someone puts down roots here, by working, studying, growing their family, paying taxes, contributing to community life, citizenship is our way of recognising that they belong.

Minister O’Callaghan is breaking this promise of belonging with proposals that would make it harder to gain citizenship.

These proposals do not exist in isolation. They follow changes to family reunification that will keep families apart, new income requirements for migrant workers and a more restrictive international protection system. Taken together, they show a pattern of making it harder for migrants, people seeking protection and refugees to build secure lives here.

So where do we draw the line?

In Ireland, we believe that we should have each other's backs, even when times are hard. Granting citizenship only to people with a high income and no experience of hardship, risks creating a system where some people are treated as more deserving of belonging than others.

Keeping people who enrich our communities, workplaces, cultural and public spaces behind a wall of exclusion weakens our democracy and society.

We are joining together to call on the Minister to scrap these unfair proposals and instead focus on building a cohesive society that recognises the people who live, work and build Ireland together.

Signatories (as of 18.11.2026):

1. Aatma Indian Dance Troupe, Cork
2. Accelerating Change Together CLG
3. ActionAid Ireland
4. Adrigole Family Resource Centre T/A The Caha Centre
5. Africa Solidarity Centre Ireland (ASCI)
6. Afghans Integration & Support Network of Ireland
7. Afri (Action from Ireland)
8. AkiDwA
9. All Bangladeshi Association of Ireland
10. AMRI
11. Amal Women Ireland
12. Artane Coolock FRC
13. Balbriggan Integration Forum
14. Ballaghaderreen Family Resource Centre
15. Ballyfermot Family Resource Centre
16. Basic Income Ireland
17. Black and Irish
18. Buìon Phort Làirge
19. Cabra Family Resource Centre
20. Cabra For All
21. CAD AID FOUNDATION CLG
22. ChangeMakers Donegal
23. Clare Immigrant Support Centre
24. Claremorris Family Resource Centre
25. Comhlámh
26. Communications Workers' Union
27. Community Work Ireland
28. Congolese Anti-Poverty Network
29. Cork Rebels for Peace
30. County Wicklow Partnership
31. Cross-Cultural Conversations
32. Crosscare
33. Croom Family Resource Centre
34. Cultural Synthesis Ireland
35. D6 for All
36. Donabate Portrane For All
37. Donegal Intercultural Platform
38. Dublin 4 For All
39. Dublin 8 For All
40. Dublin City Community Cooperative
41. Dún Laoghaire Welcomes
42. Empower
43. EPIC, Empowering People in Care
44. Family Resource Centre National Forum
45. Fatima Groups United Family Resource Centre
46. Finn Valley Family Resource Centre
47. FLAC
48. Forward Steps Family Resource Centre
49. Fr. McGrath Family Resource Centre
50. Galway City Partnership
51. Gort For All/Gort Inse Guaire do Chách
52. Gort Resource Centre
53. Green Party / Comhaontas Glas
54. Helping Irish Hosts
55. Hill Street Family Resource Centre

56. Hope and Courage Collective
57. Human Rights Defenders Plus (HRD+)
58. IDEA - Irish Development Education Association
59. Inchicore for All
60. Independent Living Movement Ireland (ILMI)
61. Indian Alumni Community, Cork
62. International Community Dynamics CLG
63. Irish Congress of Trade Unions
64. Irish Council for Civil Liberties
65. Irish Network Against Racism (INAR)
66. Irish Refugee Council
67. Irish Syria Solidarity Movement
68. Irish Traveller Movement (ITM)
69. KASI Killarney Immigrant Support Centre
70. Keep It Five Ireland
71. Kenmare Family Resource Centre
72. Leitrim for Choice
73. Leitrim International Community Group
74. LGBT Ireland
75. Liatroma Women's Collective
76. Limerick Migrants Integration Forum
77. Mammies for Trans Rights
78. MASI Movement of Asylum Seekers in Ireland
79. Mayo Pride
80. Migrant Nurses Ireland
81. Mohill FRC
82. Nasc
83. New Horizon Refugee Support
84. Nexus Research Co-operative
85. Non-EU PhD Society - Ireland
86. Northside Family Resource Centre
87. Outhouse LGBTQ+ Centre
88. Phibsboro for All
89. Places of Sanctuary
90. Radical Humanities Laboratory, University College Cork
91. Redeemites Community Network
92. Roscrea Community Hub
93. Sanctuary Runners
94. Shannon Family Resource Centre
95. ShoutOut
96. Silver Arch FRC
97. SIPTU
98. Síolta Chroí
99. Sligo DPO
100. Sligo FRC
101. South Asia Collective Ireland
102. South West Mayo Development Company
103. Spirasi
104. The Great Care Co-op
105. The Non Profit Organisation
106. The Open Doors Initiative
107. The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul
108. The Three Sisters Women's Shed
109. Transgender Equality Network Ireland (TENI)
110. Unite the Union
111. Volunteer Ireland
112. Walkinstown Greenhills Resource Centre
113. Waterford Indian Sangam
114. Waterford Integration Services
115. Waterford Tamil Sangam