

JOINT STATEMENT: THE DUBLIN PRINCIPLES FOR COMBATTING RADICALISATION IN COMMUNITIES

Conference on “Building Cohesive, Safer Communities: Law Enforcement and Faith Partnerships in Preventing Extremism”

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Co-hosted by the Interfaith Alliance for Safer Communities and An Garda Síochána, this gathering in Dublin brings together delegates to foster cross-sectoral collaboration and stand firmly against the threat of radicalisation and violent extremism.

We extend our gratitude to all speakers and acknowledge their vital contributions to protecting communities from radicalisation and violent extremism.

We recognise that radicalisation and violent extremism pose serious challenges to communities both locally and internationally. Addressing these challenges requires a collaborative approach to prevention and resilience, which is grounded in trust, transparency and mutual respect. Law enforcement, State agencies, faith leaders, civil society, academia, and both private and technology sectors must work together as equal partners with a shared commitment to community safety.

This joint statement sets out principles and guidelines aimed at shaping the development of a comprehensive approach to addressing radicalisation and violent extremism.

KEY GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- **Fostering Coexistence and Mutual Respect:** Counter-extremism efforts must include dialogue with interfaith communities and others. Building bridges between diverse faith traditions and wider society strengthens community resilience, unites communities, and promotes community safety.
- **Faith Communities as Trusted Partners:** Faith communities are important partners and serve as vital access points to diverse faith traditions and cultures. Faith communities have an important role to play in supporting the safety of their members, helping to ensure the prevention of harm, exploitation, recruitment into extremism and unfair stigmatisation.
- **Digital Safety as a Strategic Priority:** Countering radicalisation requires making the digital environment a priority. Protecting children from dangers online, alongside confronting challenges posed by AI, synthetic media, encrypted communication platforms, and online gaming spaces are acknowledged as critical elements of an effective response.
- **Empowering Families:** Because radicalisation disproportionately impacts children, prevention endeavours must aim to empower families and build community resilience.

GUIDING PILLARS FOR FUTURE ACTION

Building upon the insights from today's discussions, the country models presented, and global leading practices, the following pillars establish a framework for future action:

- **Awareness of Radicalisation and Violent Extremism:** Develop collective understanding of radicalisation and violent extremism, and the safeguarding opportunities that must be afforded.
- **Community Engagement:** Proactive community engagement to build relationships with community partners who can inform on radicalisation and violent extremism. This engagement will consider interfaith engagement, mutual respect, and a shared commitment to community safety.
- **Strengthening Community Bonds:** Continue to build strong trusted relationships with community members which encourage open dialogue in safe spaces.
- **Safeguarding Approach:** Ensure a safeguarding approach that considers the vulnerability of both the individual at risk of radicalisation, and the community.
- **Community Cohesion:** Support community-led initiatives that promote social cohesion.
- **Capacity to Resist:** Work with community leaders to develop local capacity to resist extremist narratives.
- **Strengthen Partnerships:** A commitment to work with community partners to build understanding and resilience against radicalisation and violent extremism.

THE WAY FORWARD

To turn these pillars into practical outcomes, maintaining an ongoing dialogue between An Garda Síochána, faith communities, and other stakeholders is essential. Opportunities to invest in capacity building need to be explored to provide interested parties with the guidance, tools, and training necessary to combat radicalisation and violent extremism within our communities.

By adopting this document, we pledge to stand together to safeguard our communities, champion tolerance and coexistence, and foster a safer, more cohesive society for all.