

PRESS RELEASE

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The [Family Resource Centre \(FRC\) National Forum \(FRCNF\)](#), the national representative body for the 121 Family Resource Centres (FRCs) in Ireland, welcomes the agreement reached at the Work Relations Commission that has led to the decision to call off the planned Strike Action but reiterates its call on Government to provide adequate, sustainable funding to Family Resource Centres.

The FRCNF would like to thank FRC voluntary boards of management and staff for their patience and professionalism during the industrial dispute. One learning is how important our various structures are, the National Forum itself, our Regional Fora, from which National Forum representation is derived from your participation as members, but most importantly in this instance, our long-standing collective action structures in the form the employer and employee groups.

Fergal Landy CEO of the FRCNF said:

“Whilst we welcome the resolution, it is deeply frustrating that the situation was allowed to develop in the first instance and continue until the eleventh hour causing unnecessary stress to FRC staff, voluntary directors, and our communities.

It is important to note that the sustainability issues for FRCs go beyond salaries and it remains essential that the fundamental issue of chronic underfunding in the C&V sector that caused this issue, is comprehensively addressed. This alone will solve the fundamental underfunding of the Programme.”

The FRC National Programme is Ireland’s largest national family and community-based support programme of its kind, operating a human rights-based approach to community development and family support across the life-course. It marked its [25th anniversary](#) at an event in Dublin’s Mansion House in May.

In May 2023 the FRC National Forum published its [2022 Annual Report](#) and in July its new [5-year Strategic Plan](#) which will guide the FRCs towards their collective future.

Further information on the FRC National Forum is available [here](#).

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Notes to Editors:

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