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**The Family Resource Centre National Forum calls on Government to adopt a planned, proactive approach to providing adequate, sustainable resources to communities facilitating accommodation of migrants.**

The [Family Resource Centre \(FRC\) National Forum \(FRCNF\)](#), the national representative body for the 121 Family Resource Centres (FRCs) in Ireland, is today calling on government to adopt a planned, proactive approach to providing adequate, sustainable funding to communities facilitating the accommodation of migrants. The National Family Resource Centre Programme lives and acts by values, including a collective commitment to human rights and equality, social inclusion, and human participation.

Fergal Landy, CEO of the FRC National Forum, outlined “The 121 Family Resource Centres nationwide act collectively in line with our values, which include a commitment to human rights and equality, social inclusion, and participation. In living these values together, we seek to bring about our vision that all children, families, individuals, and communities will actively participate and be included in a society that is equal, equitable, inclusive, and non-discriminatory and which will enable their optimal well-being”.

The FRC National Programme is Ireland’s largest human rights based, community development and family support programme operating across the life-course. In addition to facilitating the delivery of supports and services, the work of FRCs includes working with our communities to challenge poverty and inequality and to seek meaningful social change. This involves addressing issues like the need for housing, food poverty, the overall impact of the cost of living and challenging domestic, sexual and gender-based violence.

According to Jackie Landers, Chair of the FRC National Forum, “FRCs have always been to the fore in welcoming new members to communities and to ensuring the community is supported as a whole and in way that promotes inclusion and avoids division. This work is based on a proactive community development approach that seeks to empower the whole community to participate in ensuring their collective well-being and in challenging discrimination”.

Mr Landy concluded: “If the National FRC Programme is to continue to play the essential role we are capable of in promoting social inclusion and preventing the avoidable and unnecessary conflict currently being fomented towards migrants, then FRCs must receive adequate, sustainable funding to do this proactively and effectively. This must not involve an ad hoc approach to once off funding but instead this must involve sustainable increases to funding programmes such as FRC core funding via Tusla; the FRC National Counselling and Therapeutic Supports Programme; the International Protection Integration Fund; greater



access to the Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme funding and the Community Services Programme for FRCs.”

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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