

## Useful contacts:

If you would like further information, practical support and to find out how to make a report of a racist incident or racial discrimination please contact *Ligia Parizzi, the Dungannon and South Tyrone Borough Council's Anti-Racism Officer* at:

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Email: [ligia.parizzi@dungannon.gov.uk](mailto:ligia.parizzi@dungannon.gov.uk)

### **S.T.E.P. (South Tyrone Empowerment Programme)**

Unit T7, Dungannon Business Park  
2 Coalisland Road  
Dungannon  
Co. Tyrone  
BT71 6JT  
Phone: 028 87729002  
Web: [www.stepni.org](http://www.stepni.org)

### **CAB (Citizen Advice Bureau)**

RNID/CAB Adviser  
CAB, 5-6 Feeney's Lane  
Dungannon  
BT70 1TX  
Telephone or Textphone: 028 8772 9449  
Mobile: 079 6034 0291  
Fax: 028 8772 5872

### **Sure Start Dungannon**

Unit 1, Ballysaggart Business Complex  
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Dungannon  
Co. Tyrone  
BT70 1BS  
Tel: 028 8772 9695  
Fax: 028 8772 7632  
Email: [gmcdonald@adhsst.n-i.nhs.uk](mailto:gmcdonald@adhsst.n-i.nhs.uk)

### **Housing Executive**

Ballygawley Road  
Dungannon  
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Phone: (028) 8772 3000  
Fax: 028 8772 0923  
Email: [Dungannon@nihe.gov.uk](mailto:Dungannon@nihe.gov.uk)

### **PSNI**

Dungannon Police Station  
1 Quarry Lane  
Dungannon  
Co. Tyrone  
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E-mail: [dungannon@psni.pnn.police.uk](mailto:dungannon@psni.pnn.police.uk)

### **Equality Commission for Northern Ireland**

Equality House  
7-9 Shaftesbury Square  
Belfast  
BT2 7DP  
Telephone: 028 90 500 600  
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# Racism hurts:

It's your turn to  
speak out against  
its true **colours**



Independent Reporting Scheme for Racist  
Incidents and Racial Discrimination

Take your reporting  
form from one of your  
local Independent  
Reporting Centres



## What is a Racist Incident and Racial Discrimination?

Incidents can take many forms, including, being physically hurt by other people for racial motives, being called names on the streets, at work, at school or in a social environment, intimidation and damage to your house or to your property.

A racist incident does not have to be a crime, it can be any form of racism and it is officially defined as: *'any incident which is perceived to be racial by the victim or any other person'*.



Racial discrimination is also a form of racism, defined in law as discrimination on the grounds of **colour, race, nationality or ethnic / national origins**. **Irish Travellers** are specifically named under the legislation as a racial group and are therefore afforded protection from racial discrimination.

The Race Relations (Northern Ireland) Order, 1997 (as amended) makes racial discrimination unlawful in the following areas:

- Employment
- Education and training
- Provision of goods, facilities and services
- Provision of housing and accommodation
- Management and disposal of premises.



## What is the Independent Reporting Scheme for Racist Incidents and Racial Discrimination?

The Scheme works as an **independent and confidential mechanism** to encourage the local community to report any form of racism happening around the Council area.

The Council will initiate interventions providing practical support on the ground and signposting victims of incidents reported to supporting initiatives already in place. The person reporting to the scheme will have the choice to choose between remaining anonymous or of requesting for their report to be forward to other agencies and partners such as the Equality Commission, Housing Executive, PSNI and other identified authorities for investigation.

The system was developed and implemented as a council initiative in partnership with other agencies and organisations.

## How does it work?

If you, or someone you know, have been a victim of a racist incident or some kind of racial discrimination it is your right to report it. The scheme's reporting form can be obtained at any of the Independent Reporting Centres listed below or from one of the local partner organisations as well as downloaded from the Dungannon and South Tyrone Borough Council website: [www.dungannon.gov.uk](http://www.dungannon.gov.uk)

## List of Independent Reporting Centres:

*STEP (South Tyrone Empowerment Programme)*  
*CAB (Citizen Advice Bureau)*  
*Dungannon Leisure Centre*  
*Dungannon Library*  
*Your local Post Office*

The forms are available in English, Portuguese, Lithuanian, Tetum, Polish and other different languages by request.

You can complete the forms on your own language. Once completed, use the pre-paid envelopes available at the local Independent Reporting Centres in order to post the reporting form to the Council. The reports will be addressed to the Anti-Racism Officer within the Council, translated, assessed and forwarded to the local relevant authorities or filed, according to your indications.

The Council will develop an analysed and compiled overview of incidents reported on a six months basis including key issues arising, response to this key issues and recommendations.