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Hate-Speech

Issues

Hate Legislation

Reform of incitement to hatred legislation was excluded from the Criminal Justice (Hate Offences) Act 2024 and the current legislation the Prohibition of Incitement to Hatred Act 1989 is inadequate to tackle hate-speech.

Online Hate

There is a rise in misogynistic and other discriminatory hate-speech online. There is evidence that attitudes towards gender equality in younger generations has regressed.

Data

There is an incomplete picture of the prevalence of hate speech and crimes, due to low reporting by victims, inadequate data collection systems, reporting of hate offences by An Garda Síochána and across the justice system. This may lead to an underestimation of women and girls who have been targeted by hate.

IHREC Recommendations



Increased leadership is needed from public and political representatives to condemn hate speech in all its forms and prioritise reform of the Prohibition of Incitement to Hatred Act 1989.



The Prohibition of Incitement to Hatred Act 1989 needs to be aligned with the Online Safety and Media Regulation Act 2022 to address hate online.



Disaggregated equality data should be published on hate offences and incitement to hatred offences.