



Race Equality Supports



For more details, visit the
Race Equality website here



Race Equality Support Services

University of Galway is committed to embedding a zero-tolerance approach to racism and advancing race equality throughout our university. The Race Equality Framework and Action Plan 2023 – 2027 and its programme of work aims to drive cultural and organisational change to achieve this objective.

Support Options

Cases of racial discrimination, when you are ready to share your experience, we encourage you to come forward to let us know something has happened. There are various options available for you to raise concerns, inform the university about the incident, and work towards resolution.

Reports of racial discrimination will be handled with utmost seriousness, objectivity, and consideration for the rights and sensitivities of all parties involved.

Reporting Anonymously

Speak Out is an online anonymous reporting tool available to all students and staff to disclose incidents of bullying, cyberbullying, harassment, discrimination, hate crime, coercive behaviour / control, stalking, assault, sexual harassment, sexual assault, and rape.

The information you provide using this tool is valuable as the data collated will help inform initiatives aimed at addressing bullying, discrimination and ending sexual violence and harassment at the University of Galway. It is important to remember that as the Speak Out reporting tool is completely anonymous, there is no way of identifying or contacting any member of the university community who uses the tool.

Reporting Formally

If you wish to report an incident formally, please refer to the following policies:

QA152-Equal Opportunities Policy- University of Galway is committed to equality of opportunity for all staff and students irrespective of gender, civil status, family status, sexual orientation, religious belief, age, disability, nationality or ethnic or national origin, or membership of the Traveller community.

QA132-Staff-Harassment-Policy- The University is committed to ensuring that all staff are aware of the procedures for bringing complaints under this policy and that no staff member should feel threatened or fearful of raising such issues or giving evidence in proceedings or otherwise supporting a complainant.

QA611-University-of-Galway-Student-Complaints-Procedure- University of Galway is committed to ensuring that students have a positive student experience. The University constantly monitors and evaluates its academic courses, administrative systems and student support services with a view to improving their quality

Training

Staff

The University provides a one-day interactive workshop to equip staff with knowledge, awareness, and actionable steps to promote race equality and contribute to a more inclusive campus community. It begins by exploring the journey toward race equality in higher education (HE) and society in Ireland. Participants will also discuss language complexities related to race, racism, inequality and the supports available at University of Galway. To register or to find out more information about any of our upcoming workshops please visit the staff **Core Portal**.

Students

The University provides TiLT training for students, a University role-play game that explores diversity and inclusion in higher education. This training simulates experiences of ethnic minorities and allows the particioant to play from the perspective of two students as they navigate their first year of college in Ireland. To register or to find out more information please visit **Canvas**.

How to Support Someone Who Has Experienced Racism

1. Stay Calm

If someone contacts you, stay calm and start by listening.

2. Show Solidarity

Do not push for details and advise that supports are available.

3. Signpost

Share the contact details of the EDI Race Equality Advisors.

Owen Ward, EDI Programme Manager for Race Equality and Anne Marie Stokes, Mary Cairns, Tanja Kovacic and Prisca Chipao, the EDI Race Equality Advisors, work collaboratively with the university community to offer support to staff and students while advancing race equality across the University of Galway.



EDI Race Equality Advisors

The EDI Race Equality Advisors are the main point of contact for ethnic minority staff and students, including Irish Travellers and Roma, who experience incidents of racism and will signpost to the appropriate report and support mechanisms.

College of Science and Engineering
Prisca Chipao

- To book a meeting email:
 ediraceequalityadvisorCSE@universityofgalway.ie

College of Medicine, Nursing & Health Sciences
Mary Cairns

- To book a meeting email:
 ediraceequalityadvisorCMNHS@universityofgalway.ie

College of Arts, Social Sciences, & Celtic Studies
Anne Marie Stokes

- To book a meeting email:
 ediraceequalityadvisorARTS@universityofgalway.ie

College of Business, Public Policy and Law
Tanja Kovacic

- To book a meeting email:
 diraceequalityadvisorcbppl@universityofgalway.ie

Free Support Services at the University of Galway

EDI Programme Manager For Race Equality

Owen Ward | owenpatrick.ward@universityofgalway.ie

Student Counselling

(091) 492 484 | counselling@universityofgalway.ie

Staff Counselling

Freephone IRE: 1800 814 243 | WhatsApp & SMS: Text ‘Hi’ to 087 145 2056

Chaplaincy

(091) 495 055 | chaplains@universityofgalway.ie

Students Union

(091) 524 810 | su.president@universityofgalway.ie

Security

(091) 493 333 | securityo@universityofgalway.ie

SafeZone App - Mobile app designed to help keep you safe and give you extra peace of mind across our campuses. Free to download and connects with University of Galway security team.

Speak Out – Anonymous Report & Support

unigalway.speakout.ie

Cara - 24/7 virtual Chat Bot

available to answer questions about day-to-day university life

Free 24/7 Crisis Text line

Free Text Galway to 50808

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