



**FÓGRA FREASTAIL AR CHRUINIÚ SPEISIALTA NA COMHAIRLE SA SEOMRA NA
COMHAIRLE, HALLA NA CATHRACH, SRÁID AN DÁMA, BAILE ÁTHA CLIATH 2 AGUS
FÍSCHOMHDHÁIL CIANDA, DÉ MÁIRT, 15 DEIREADH FÓMHAIR 2024 AG **6.15PM****

**NOTIFICATION TO ATTEND A SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL TO BE HELD IN THE
COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, DAME STREET, DUBLIN 2. AND / OR BY REMOTE VIDEO
CONFERENCE ON TUESDAY 15 OCTOBER 2024 AT **6.15 PM****

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Do Gach Ball den Chomhairle.

A Chara,

Iarrtar ort a bheith i láthair ag Cruinniú Speisialta de Chomhairle Cathrach Bhaile Átha Cliath a thionólfar i Seomra na Comhairle, Halla na Cathrach, Sráid An Dáma agus físchomhdháil cianda,, 15 Deireadh Fómhair 2024 ag 6.15 pm, chun an ghnó seo leanas a phlé agus gach is gá i dtaca leis, a dhéanamh nó a chur a dhéanamh, nó a ordú a dhéanamh:

Silent Prayer/Reflection

1 Request from Cllr. Barry Heneghan for a Special Meeting of Dublin City Council on Misinformation and Public Safety: 4 - 5

I am formally requesting a special meeting of Dublin City Council to address the urgent and growing issue of misinformation, particularly regarding immigration and public safety. The recent surge in false narratives has escalated due to a lack of clear communication from the government, creating a vacuum for harmful misinformation to spread, divide, and incite violence in our communities.

Key agenda for the meeting:

1. Misinformation and public safety: Discussion on the impact of recent false claims, including the October 4th incident in Finglas, which caused unnecessary fear and confusion despite clarification from An Garda Síochana.

2. Social media platforms and political exploitation: Addressing how platforms like X (formerly Twitter) are used to spread toxic, politically motivated narratives about immigration, fuelling racism and division.

3. Council's role and response: Exploring ways for Dublin City Council to unite in combating misinformation, while reinforcing Dublin as a city of inclusion, tolerance, and respect.

4. Improved government communication: Call for clearer, more proactive government messaging to prevent harmful misinformation from escalating and threatening public trust.

The normalization of these narratives not only damages our social cohesion but also poses a real threat to public safety. Racist rhetoric, thinly veiled behind misinformation, is poisoning public discourse, and we must address it head-on. Dublin City Council, as a representative body of all our communities, has a responsibility to ensure that our city remains a place of inclusion, tolerance, and respect.

I believe this Council must stand united against the spread of harmful misinformation and work collaboratively to combat it. We must demand clearer, more consistent communication from the government on issues that impact public trust, while also reinforcing the importance of respectful and informed discussions online. Therefore, I call for this special meeting to outline our collective stance and explore measures to protect our communities from the dangerous effects of misinformation, ensuring Dublin remains a safe and inclusive city for all.

Signed by:

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Cllr. Barry Heneghan
Cllr. Hazel Chu
Cllr. Feljin Jose
Cllr. Ammar Ali
Cllr. Cieran Perry
Cllr. Pat Dunne
Cllr. Conor Reddy
Cllr. Mannix Flynn
Cllr. Christy Burke
Cllr. Mary Callaghan
Cllr. Vincent Jackson
Cllr. Hazel de Nortuín
Cllr. Kourtney Kenny
Cllr. Maire Devine

Cllr. Micheal MacDonncha
Cllr. Anthony Connaghan
Cllr. Janice Boylan
Cllr. Daniel Ennis
Cllr. Cat O'Driscoll
Cllr. Patricia Roe
Cllr. Paddy Monahan
Cllr. Jesslyn Henry
Cllr. Aishling Silke
Cllr. Daithí Doolan
Cllr. Séamas McGrattan
Cllr. Edel Moran
Cllr. Leslie Kane

**Lorraine Brogan,
Riarathóir Cruinnithe,
An Ché Adhmaid,
Baile Átha Cliath 8**

9th October 2024