



Special Advocate

For Survivors of Institutional Abuse

ANNUAL REPORT

2024/2025

MISSION

To be a trusted office operating from the principles of transparency and integrity



ROLE AND REMIT OF SPECIAL ADVOCATE

To Hear and Promote

the collective interests of Survivors and Affected Persons, as expressed by them

To Amplify Their Voices

as a central, essential input to Government deliberations



The Special Advocate's remit encompasses Survivors and Affected Persons

Living in Ireland and Overseas



As a society we owe it to survivors, whether they live in Ireland or have fled this country, to address these issues properly once and for all.

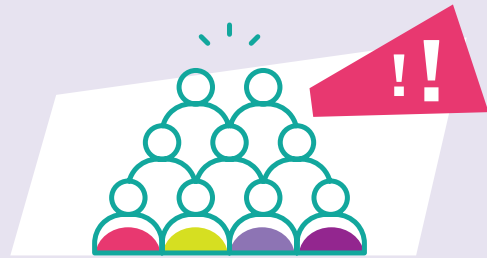
- Quote from Survivor



PRIORITIES



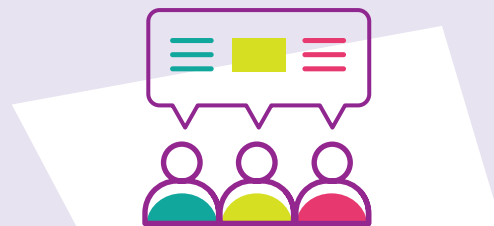
Hearing From and **Building Trust** with Survivors and Affected Persons and groups, in Ireland and overseas



Raising **Collective Issues** with government departments, officials and service providers who work with Survivors and Affected Persons



Ensuring that the voices of Survivors and Affected Persons are **central in key projects**



Reporting on the collective interests, experiences and issues of Survivors and Affected Persons



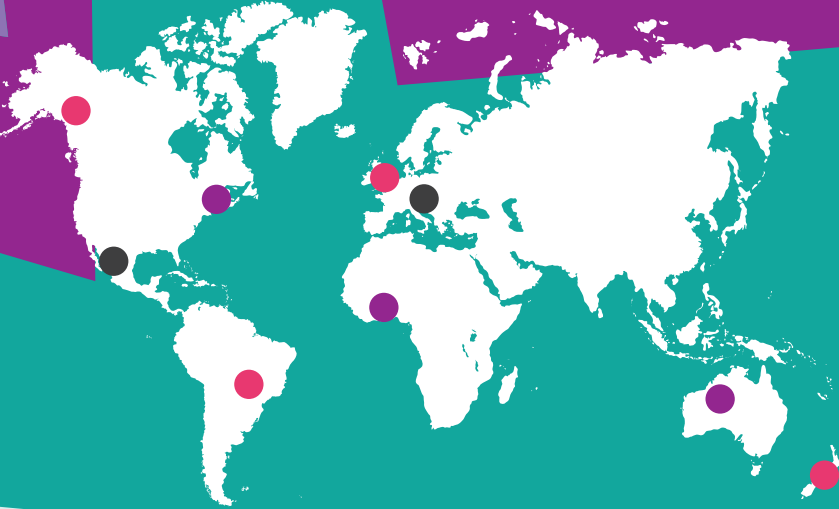
Justice was never about writing a cheque - justice is about making sure people are helped to rebuild their lives.

- Quote from Survivor



ENGAGEMENTS

WITH SURVIVORS AND AFFECTED PERSONS



People living overseas including

UK, Europe, USA, Canada, Australia and New Zealand



1247

Total Survivors and Affected Persons who have met with and spoken to the Special Advocate



276

**ONE-TO-ONE
MEETINGS**

with Survivors and Affected Persons

(March 2024 - March 2025)

977

Survivors and Affected Persons engaged with through

EVENTS

(March 2024 - March 2025)



We need immediate action to support all survivors, the Government has the power to put things right.

- Quote from Survivor

KEY ISSUES

RAISED WITH THE SPECIAL ADVOCATE



1

RECORDS

- **Urgent need** for full access to records and files



2

REDRESS

- It is not about the money
- A Human Rights-based approach is required to ensure **equal access to redress, supports and services** for all Survivors



3

SUPPORTS FOR SURVIVORS

- Housing Needs
- Healthcare and On-going Supports



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MEMORIALISATION AND DIGNIFIED BURIAL

- National Centre for Research and Remembrance - national site of conscience honouring all Survivors
- Importance of local memorialisation
- Need for access to shared memorial fund for **all Survivors**



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OTHER ISSUES

- Desire to share stories, community with other Survivors
- Survivors are **over consulted and under delivered**



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