



National Centre for Research and Remembrance

National Museum of Ireland Lived Experience Expert Panels

Background

The museum element of the National Centre will be part of the National Museum of Ireland. The Steering Group recognises the importance of representing Survivors and Affected Persons in the Museum's development to ensure that all lived experiences are honoured equally and authentically.

Following the initial consultation for the National Centre held in 2023, the Steering Group committed to co-creating and designing the Museum in partnership with Survivors and Affected persons. This collaborative approach ensures that the Museum is guided by their knowledge and reflects their experiences, providing space and voice for their diversity while also reflecting pathways and connections across institutions as appropriate.

In response to the feedback received from in-person and online engagement events held between October 2024 and February 2025, and as part of its ongoing engagement with individuals and communities worldwide, the National Museum is inviting Survivors and Affected persons to join panels that will inform the development of the Museum element of the National Centre.

What will panel members do?

Members of the Lived Experience Expert panels will work with the National Museum to co-create the Museum elements of the National Centre. As the design process evolves, members of the panel will engage in a process of co-design and collaboration through



visioning sessions and workshops. Engagement opportunities will be available both online and in-person, with travel and sustenance expenses covered by the Museum.

Panel members will have opportunities to contribute to the Museum's interpretation by co-curating exhibition content and informing educational programmes and tours. They can also provide valuable insights into the development of museum collections, including objects and oral histories. The National Museum will offer ongoing support to panel members to envision, create, and curate their lived experiences within the space encompassed by the Museum.

Requirements

Expressions of interest are invited from Survivors and Affected Persons of:

- Industrial School Institutions and Reformatory Institutions
- Magdalen Laundries
- Mother and Baby and County Home Institutions (mothers and people who spent time in)
- Boarded out arrangements
- Historic adoption and fostering practices and illegal birth registration
- Any of the above who live overseas

Selection process

Anyone who expresses an interest to join the panel will be included on the panel, as there will be a variety of opportunities for engagement throughout the process of envisioning the Museum space.



Questions and further information

If you have any questions or require any clarification related to this call for expressions of interest, or would like to know more about the process of co-design and co-curation, you can contact the National Museum team in the following ways:

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