

Our commitments

1. Survivor involvement and decision-making in the development of the National Centre and its ongoing governance



- The Steering Group will be expanded to include four survivor representatives – an open call will issue shortly
- Engagement with survivors and affected persons, their families and advocates, will continue – led by the National Museum of Ireland and National Archives
- Survivors will have a central role in the Governance of the National Centre
- At least one survivor will be appointed to the National Archives Advisory Council

2. Survivor representation within the Museum element of the National Centre



- The vision for the National Centre is unequivocal in its commitment to honour all survivors equally. Survivor representation will be achieved through co-creation and design with survivors, as well as ongoing engagement
- The National Museum of Ireland will hold an open call for survivors to join panels that will inform the development of the museum element of the National Centre

3. Survivor lived experience and the importance of truth



- The National Museum of Ireland will finalise a process, in partnership with the Special Advocate for Survivors and supported by the Department of Children, Disability and Equality, to allow survivors and affected persons to share their lived experience – and/or physical items - with the National Museum, if they wish to do so

4. The use of the site by survivors once opened



- The Centre will be a trauma-informed environment with staff from the museum and archive trained appropriately, as it relates to their role. The Centre will also offer some dedicated times where it is only open to survivors

5. Records and access to them



- The repository in the National Centre will be part of the National Archives
- The privacy rights of survivors and their families in relation to their individual and personal records will be paramount. Broader records, as they relate to different institutions, will be more widely accessible
- The National Archives will design a programme to capture and gather survivor's personal statements or records as part of the institutional records of the National Archives or to deposit as private papers
- Work will continue on policy and legislation, as necessary, to allow for the transfer of records which currently fall out of scope of the National Archives Act 1986

6. Local memorialisation and engagement with those overseas



- There will be engagement with local museums and community spaces, like libraries, and travelling exhibitions to ensure people can access museum content from different locations
- The National Archives will lead a digitisation programme, which will assist those outside of Ireland in accessing their records
- The Steering Group will liaise with the Working Group on Local Memorialisation to ensure alignment between the National Centre, local memorialisation initiatives and the commemorative grant scheme
- The Commemorative Grant Scheme will be expanded to provide dedicated grants to support survivors in other parts of Ireland and overseas to visit the Centre

7. Feedback on the engagement events and future engagement



- All feedback received will be published on the National Centre website and will be taken on board in the planning of ongoing engagement with survivors and affected persons, their families and advocates
- The National Centre website will be regularly updated to ensure those interested in the project have access to the latest information