



## SCHOOLS OF SANCTUARY IRELAND CHARTER

**The mission of Schools of Sanctuary Ireland is to help schools to be places of welcome and inclusion for everyone, especially those seeking sanctuary.**

**Schools pursue a commitment to become ever more inclusive places, taking an active stance against prejudice and racism and are proud to stand in solidarity with minority, marginalised and vulnerable students, their families and communities.**

**A School of Sanctuary models & celebrates diversity and difference, striving to ensure that everyone in the school values and respects the identities, cultures and values of others.**

## MINIMUM CRITERIA TO BECOME A CHAMPION SCHOOL OF SANCTUARY

*Learning about refugees and migration, equity and diversity is included in school life wherever possible*

*The school visibly demonstrates how it values and embeds welcome and inclusion and how it promotes empathy and tolerance*

*School prioritises welcome and empathy and celebrates the contribution of different cultures to the school and community through events & initiatives*

*School communicates its dedication to being a School of Sanctuary and ensures that SoSI info is displayed prominently in school & referred to at school events*

*Students and staff develop and practise intercultural awareness and skills; students and families are supported with EAL needs*

*The school develops a portfolio to reflect their actions & engagement with the Sanctuary Principles- Learn, Action and Share*

*The school's staff and leadership are fully supportive of the decision to become a School of Sanctuary. Students are involved in the journey*

*Continues its participation in the School of Sanctuary network by collaborating in events, sharing resources, ideas with other schools in their region*