



## **Press statement - 8th March 2016**

### **Celebrating International Women's Day in Limerick**

Doras Luimní will hold a Soap Box event at Bedford Row corner in Limerick city centre on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2016 from 12.30pm - 1.30pm to celebrate International Women's Day and to raise awareness of exploitation experienced by some workers in care sectors, including for example domestic workers and Au Pairs.

We would also like to highlight inspirational women employers and others who have played significant roles to support women to move up the ladder or in times of difficulty. Employers who are inclusive of women workers' circumstances for example, flexibility to accommodate childcare needs or where an employee was facing violence in the home.

Mariaam Bhatti, Community Development and Outreach Worker with Doras Luimní, said "Some employers go that extra mile to support people through exceptionally challenging circumstances and provide opportunities to retain employment, despite the temporary hardship. We would like to use this opportunity to mark International Women's Day by acknowledging inspirational women employers as well as highlighting the particular difficulties experienced by women workers in certain sectors who continue to face exploitation."

Join us on 8<sup>th</sup> March and help us to celebrate inspirational women in Limerick, nationwide and around the globe. You can contribute to the event by nominating an inspirational woman that you think deserves a special mention at our open mic soap box on the day.

If you would like to nominate an employer in Limerick that goes that extra mile to create a positive work environment, we will have surveys and information about the Fair Work Standards Limerick campaign. The campaign will run until June 2016, from which a list will be compiled of Fair Employers in Limerick, highlighting workplaces that create positive working environments and decent standards for employees.

For further information, please contact Mariaam Bhatti at Doras Luimní and visit our website at [www.dorasluimni.org](http://www.dorasluimni.org)

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**Notes**

- Doras Luimní is an independent, non-profit, non-governmental organisation based in Limerick. Our mission is to promote and uphold the human rights and wellbeing of migrants through personal advocacy, integration development and collaborative advocacy campaigns at the local and national level.
- Event will start at 12:30pm on 8th March 2016, Bedford Row, Limerick city centre. People are invited to contribute via open mic and at the information table.
- International Women's Day is celebrated worldwide on 8th March each year. Further information is available here: <http://www.internationalwomensday.com/>
- Fair Work Standards Limerick is a campaign implemented by Doras Luimní that aims to highlight the positive workplaces in Limerick and the employers that strive to meet decent standards of employment. Employees can nominate their employer via a survey on our website at [www.dorasluimni.org/fair-work-standards](http://www.dorasluimni.org/fair-work-standards)

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