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# Friends of Nano



Welcome to this April issue of the Friends of Nano Justice Desk Update. Our most recent [Monthly Update](#) has plenty to inform, engage and activate. In this issue we want to tell you a little more the Congregational Coordinating Team for Justice who met in the Mission House in Lucan in the days before St. Patrick's Day to discern the Strategic Plan for the next two years that will help us to support those involved in Justice work in many of the [IPA](#) countries. There are four on this team and this includes myself, Brian O' Toole and Sr. Maureen O' Connell from the South West Province of Ireland. We are generously accompanied in this work by Sr. Rupa from Slovakia and Sr. Annotolia from Zimbabwe.

**Together Against Racism** - Since 2018, each year a few days before the 21st of March, the [Irish Network Against Racism](#) (INAR) invited Network Members [and we are members], friends and supporters together with members of the public to join [#TogetherAgainstRacism Social Media Campaign](#) to mark [the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination](#), to show their opposition to racism, xenophobia, politics of hatred and to stand in solidarity with those affected. The aim of the campaign is not only to mark the International Day Against Racism, but also to get together, show that racism has no place in Ireland and spread a positive message of inclusion, diversity, equality and togetherness on social media. This Social Media Campaign is part of an annual [Anti-Racism Month](#) and took place from 16th to 21st March and the Presentation Sisters in Lucan took a very full part. Check out the photo above where all the Sisters in Lucan came together to take an active part in this important campaign.



At the invitation of [RENATE](#), the Religious in Europe Networking Against Trafficking and Exploitation we were invited by the Good Shepherd Sisters to present [HERE](#) on Innovation and Technological Change and how it intersects with issues that relate to Human Trafficking and Modern Slavery. As a member of the Law Task Group of RENATE I was asked to speak on the Human Trafficking and the Law as it relates to technology. Technology allows a trafficker to live in one country, to recruit and control victims from another country, to advertise for customers in a third country and then perhaps using crypto currency to bank the proceeds in a fourth country. To prosecute was always difficult but information technology adds layers of complexity that favours the perpetrators.



## INTERNATIONAL PRESENTATION ASSOCIATION ASSEMBLY 2023 PRAYER

### God of the Universe

In this time of great vulnerability throughout our world you beckon us to create space to engage in deep listening. May we listen to you in silence.  
May we open our hearts to listen to the voices of one another and may we listen to all of Creation with wonder and respect. In our listening may we be guided to speak courageously, love inclusively, imagine creatively, and co create a more peaceful and just world that flows from living a spirituality of being in communion.

On April 5th we heard from the former Future Generations Commissioner for Wales, Sophie Howe, who spoke [HERE](#) about her experience in the role, the impact a Future Generations Commissioner can have, and the relationship between this role and the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The event also featured input from Deputy Marc Ó Cathasaigh who spoke about his recently tabled 'Commission for Future Generations Bill 2023' which is currently at second stage in the Dáil. And then Diandra Ní Bhuachalla introduced her role as a Future Generations Global Ambassador with the Office of the Future Generations Commissioner for Wales and Foundations for Tomorrow. She is also the newly appointed EESC Youth Delegate to COP. All of this serves to persuade governments that we have a responsibility to make sustainable and prudent decisions for those whom we hope will inherit a better planet.