

CLANN: IRELAND'S UNMARRIED MOTHERS AND THEIR CHILDREN: GATHERING THE DATA

Free Witness Statement-Drafting Assistance

for those who wish to provide evidence to Ireland's
Commission of Investigation into Mother and Baby Homes

Clann: Ireland's Unmarried Mothers and their Children: Gathering the Data is a joint initiative by [Adoption Rights Alliance](http://www.adoptionrightsalliance.com) (ARA) and [JFM Research](http://www.magdalenelaundries.com) (JFMR). The purpose of *Clann* is to help establish the truth of what happened to unmarried mothers and their children in 20th century Ireland.

Clann's aims are:

- To enable people who were affected by any of the 170+ institutions, organisations, agencies or individuals to contribute to the public record.
- To ensure that the Commission of Investigation into the Mother and Baby Homes conducts the most comprehensive investigation possible and that it makes appropriate findings and recommendations.
- To arrange free witness statement drafting assistance to enable people to make a comprehensive statement to the Commission.
- To compile a group submission on behalf of those affected by Ireland's treatment of unmarried mothers and their children.
- To create a permanent archive of the experiences of Ireland's unmarried mothers and their children via the Clann website, as a resource for individuals affected by the issues, and which will be available to the wider public for ongoing education and research.

Please note: Those who wish to avail of the free witness statement drafting assistance are under no obligation to allow their testimony to be used by ARA/JFMR for the group submission. In maintaining and using the data, scrupulous attention will be given to doing everything possible to ensure that no individual will be named in the ARA/JFMR submission and all transcripts and statements will be treated with the utmost confidentiality with privacy safeguards.

Witness Statement Drafting Assistance

As part of the Clann initiative, ARA and JFMR are working with [Hogan Lovells](http://www.hoganlovells.com), a global law firm which is providing pro bono assistance to us in compiling statements, documentary materials and legal analysis for submission to the Commission.

For instructions on how to apply for the witness statement drafting assistance, and to access our *Information Form and Guide to the Commission of Investigation*, please visit: <http://clannproject.org>



Useful links:

Clann:

<http://clannproject.org>

Commission of Investigation official webpage:

www.mbcoi.ie

Adoption Rights Alliance:

www.adoptionrightsalliance.com

Justice for Magdalenes:

www.magdalenelaundries.com

The Philomena Project:

www.thephilomenaproject.org