

#DouglassWeek 2024 | Belfast, Northern Ireland & online

## **Statement of Solidarity**

We, at The Globe Lane Initiative, share the grief and shock over the violent attack that took place in Dublin on Thursday, November 23rd, 2023, and our thoughts are with the victims who remain in critical condition. We condemn the outpouring of racism, ethnocentrism, and anti-immigrant hatred which followed this tragic incident, instigated by those who seek to exploit social and political anxieties, fueling division and hatred to suit their own ends.

We stand in solidarity with our partners and remain inspired by the spirit of Frederick Douglass so that we can resist such divisiveness through integration and working together to forge a more just and equitable society, a goal that is shared by a far greater number of people, regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, sexuality, nationality or immigration status. To this end, we continue to work with diverse communities to recover and to celebrate powerful historical stories of inclusion, interconnection and cultural exchange, for example through #DouglassWeek where we hope you might join us in person or online.

The #DouglassWeek Team

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