



## HANDOUT: COMMON TROPES 2

20MINS

- Assign each group a specific xenophobic trope to deconstruct.
- Ask groups to research and gather information that counters the negative stereotype they've been assigned.
- Try to find real-life stories, statistics, or expert opinions that challenge the trope.

Trope	Counter Argument
<b>Economic Burden</b> - <i>Ireland is full - they are a drain on our public services, infrastructure, and economy!</i>	
<b>Security Threats</b> - <i>Danger to our women &amp; children - bring crime and pose a threat to our safety!</i>	
<b>Cultural Outsiders</b> <i>We are losing our "Irishness" we are Christians and too many foreigners will dilute who we are!</i>	
<b>Job Competition</b> - <i>They are stealing our jobs! They come here for jobs. We need to prioritize our own people over these outsiders.</i>	
<b>Welfare Dependency</b> - <i>Look after our own first - they come here to live off our benefits, and take our houses!</i>	
<b>Overwhelming Numbers</b> - <i>We are taking more than our fair share, we are being taken for a ride!</i>	
<b>Criminalisation of Seeking Asylum</b> - <i>They have no right to be here, we need to do more to stop them coming in!</i>	