## Coalition to Repeal the Eighth Amendment welcomes establishment of Artists' repeal group

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The Coalition to Repeal the Eighth Amendment has warmly welcomed the launch today (Tuesday 15 September 2015) of a newly-formed Artists' Campaign to Repeal the Eighth Amendment, which has brought together over 200 names from across the arts to make the case for repeal.

Welcoming the group's establishment, Ailbhe Smyth, Convenor of the Coalition to Repeal the Eighth Amendment, the national coalition campaigning for the removal of the 'pro-life' Article 40.3.3 from the Irish Constitution, said:

"We are delighted that such a large, wide-ranging and distinguished group of artists and writers have come together to call on Taoiseach Enda Kenny to hold a referendum promptly proposing repeal of the notorious Eighth Amendment to the Constitution."

"The case for repeal of the Eighth Amendment is stronger than ever. Building support for repeal relies on voices from across Irish society, including the voices of Ireland's artists. The Coalition to Repeal the Eighth Amendment wishes them the very best in their work".

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## **NOTES**

The Coalition to Repeal the Eighth Amendment is a coalition of groups and organisations campaigning for the repeal of Article 40.3.3 (or the eighth amendment) of the Irish Constitution in order to protect and respect women's lives, health and choices.

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