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FALSE INFORMATION & DISINFORMATION

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TOPICS



What is and isn't disinformation?



Why do people believe it?



What can be done about it?



What can **you** do?



What resources are available?

WHAT IS AND ISN'T DISINFORMATION?

Disinformation

false information to cause harm

Misinformation

false information without bad intentions

Malinformation

leaked confidential information

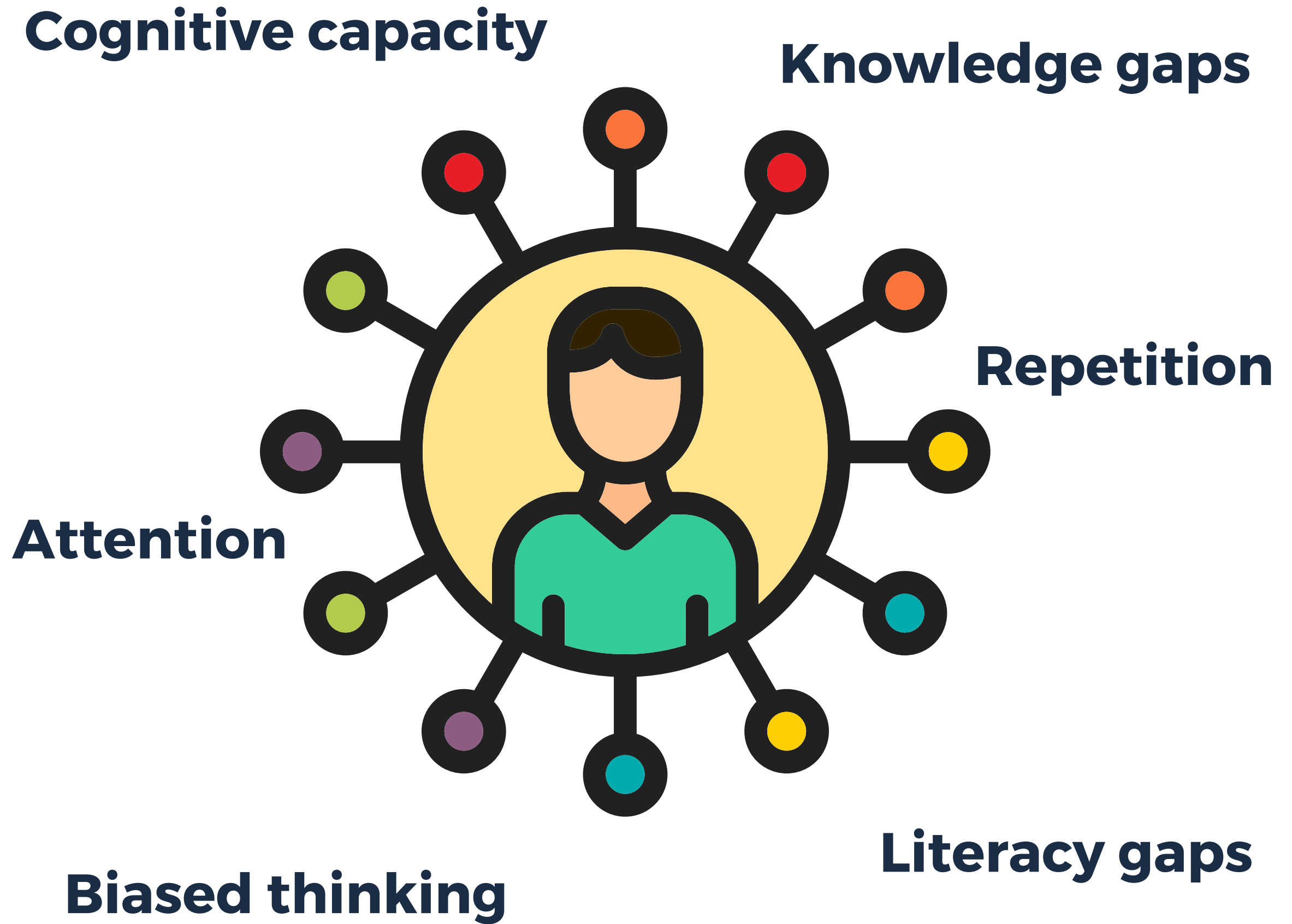
Negative information

negative feedback or bad publicity

**WHY DO
PEOPLE
BELIEVE IT?**



WHY DO PEOPLE BELIEVE IT?



WHAT CAN BE DONE ABOUT IT?

ILLEGAL

Content and
practices that are
illegal

HARMFUL

Content and
practices that are
'awful but lawful'

**Fundamental Rights
and Freedoms**

POLICY RESPONSES

Emphasis on
measures to build
resilience



Rialtas na hÉireann
Government of Ireland

National Counter Disinformation Strategy

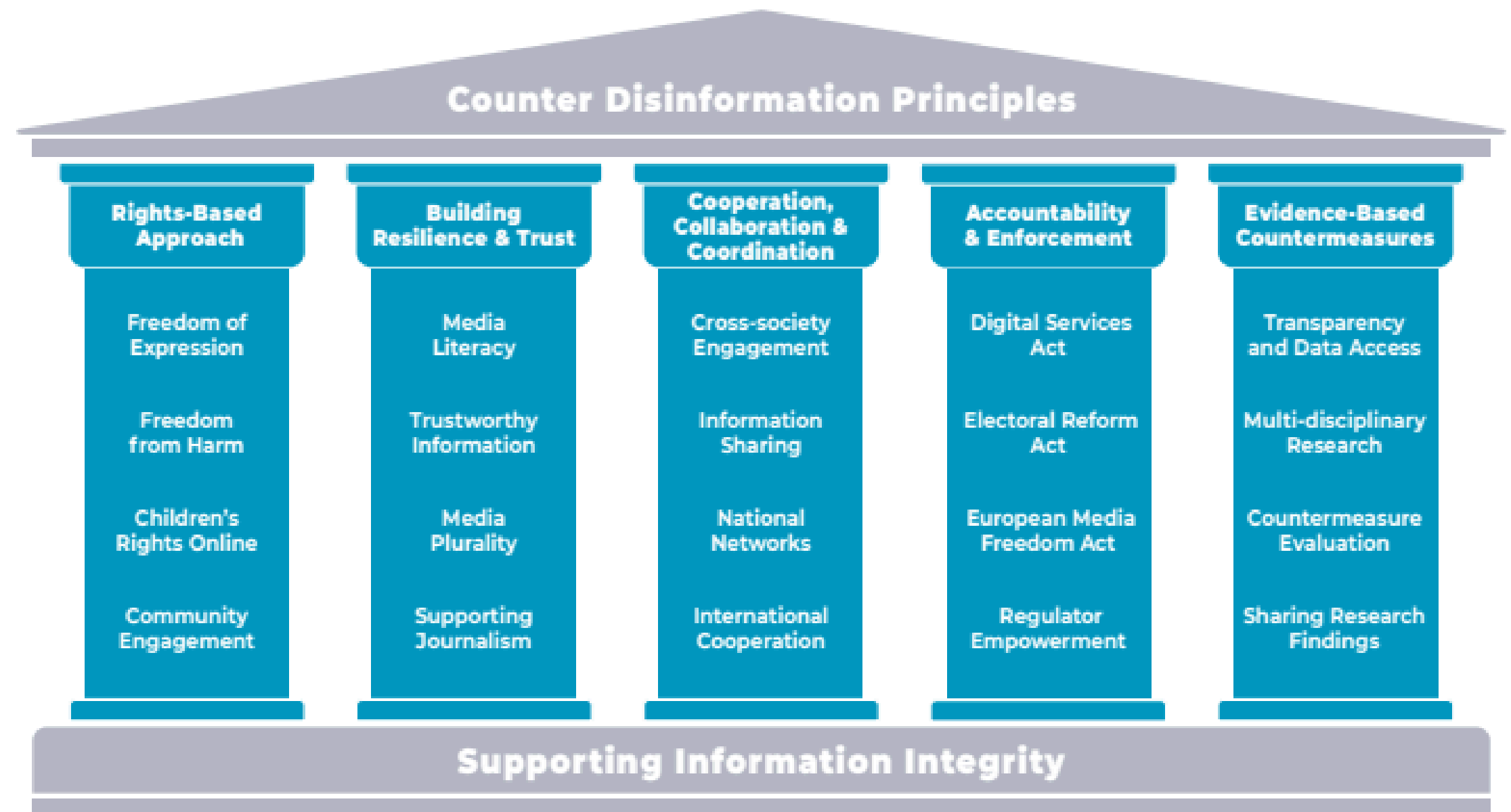


Figure 1: Principles Overview

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National Counter Disinformation Strategy

Electoral Commission

Coimisiún na Meán

Public Library 'Skills for Life' strategy

SOLAS & ETBIs in education sectors

... and more

RESPONDING TO DISINFORMATION IN A PUBLIC CONTEXT



Ask yourself if it is worth responding:

- is the disinformation likely to have an impact?
- will responding create more attention and confusion?

RESPONDING TO DISINFORMATION IN A MORE PERSONAL CONTEXT



Think about how and when to respond effectively. Consider:

- the person's state of mind
- openness to discussion

A PRO- ACTIVE APPROACH



Provide and promote
accurate information



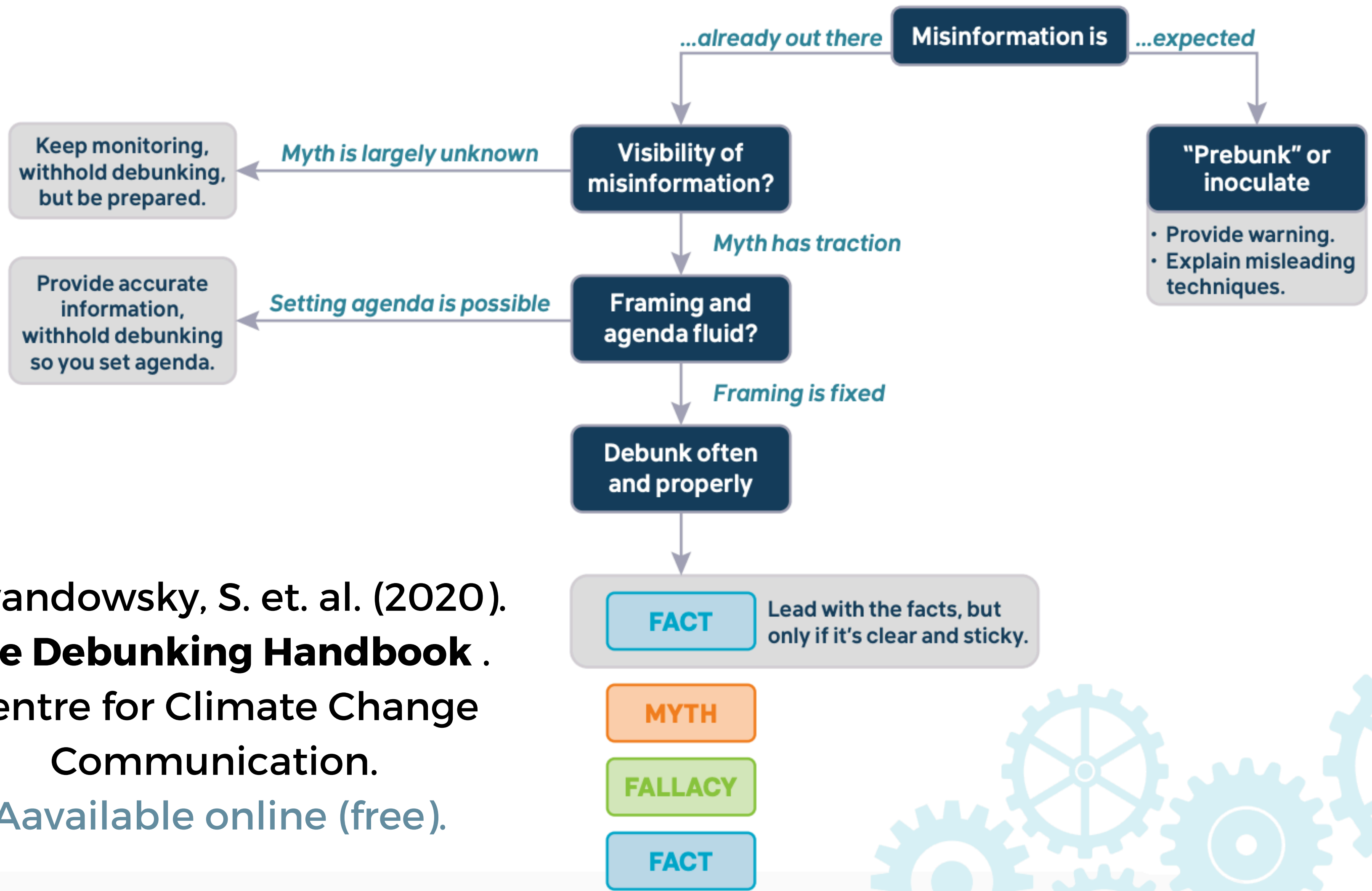
Ensure that information is
clear and accessible



Prebunk misperceptions
before they emerge



Promote and practice
media literacy



Lewandowsky, S. et. al. (2020).
The Debunking Handbook.
Centre for Climate Change
Communication.
Available online (free).

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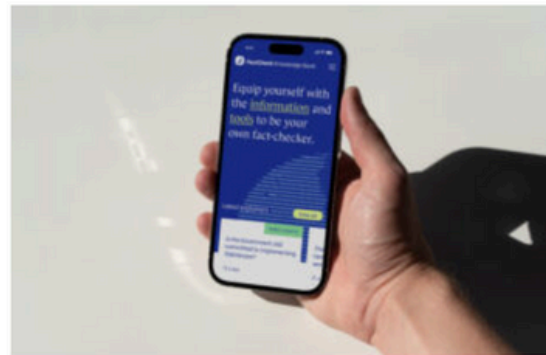
**In summary:
always affirm
accurate
information**

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**MEDIA
LITERACY
IRELAND**

Training & Development



FactCheck Knowledge → Bank

Equip yourself to be your own FactChecker. The Journal FactCheck, which has been targeting disinformation in Ireland since 2016, launched a brand new media literacy resource to allow members of the



Everywhere All the Time →

A digital literacy intervention for teens that fosters critical conversations about technology and AI. With a growing generation of teens relying on the internet for learning, entertainment and socialising, it's crucial to cultivate their...



Top Tips to Be Media → Smart

Download and display these posters to remind people how to 'Stop, Think and Check', and to promote any Be Media Smart events you might be planning. Do let us know about any events and we can help to promote



Workshop in Box →

The workshop in a box provides teachers, librarians, community leaders and other educators with the resources needed to deliver a Be Media Smart workshop where participants can learn about engaging with digital media content, as well as...

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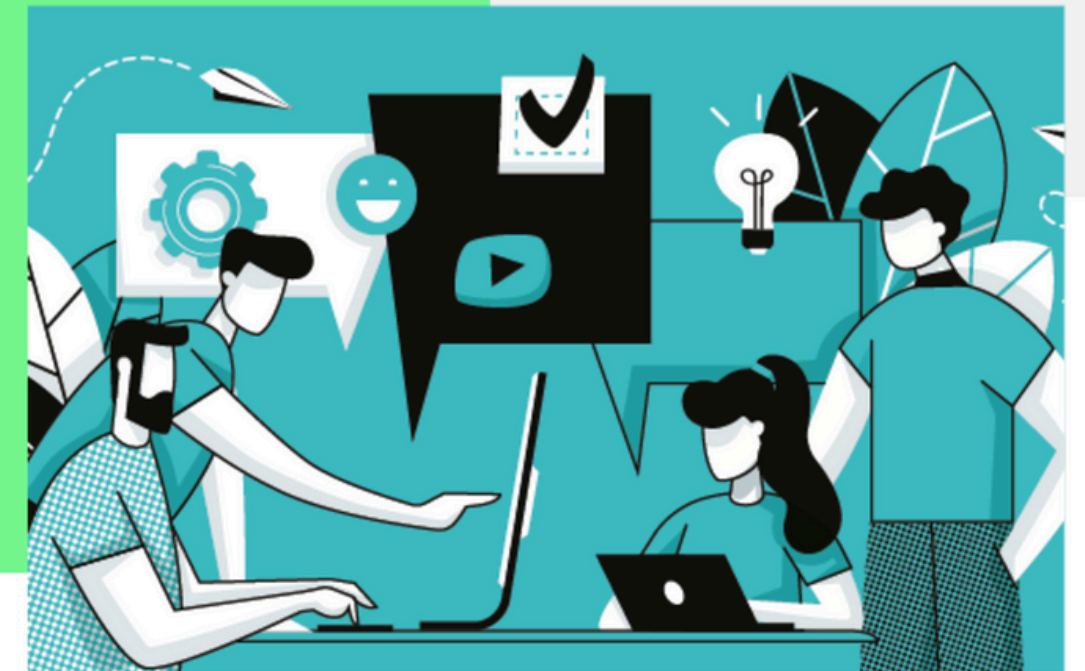
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LITERACY
IRELAND**

Join our Network

Become a member of MLI and connect with
likeminded professionals committed to the
promotion of media literacy across Ireland.

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 The Journal

[Irish News](#)

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FactCheck

Last week


4th May 2025 - 10th May 2025



FACTCHECK

An old Trump video, re-used Gaza footage, and other fake news from the India-Pakistan conflict


9 May ↗ 5.6k



FACTCHECK

Debunked: Gardaí say warning over Asian men approaching children in Sligo was 'fake news'

8 May ↗ 8.4k



FACTCHECK

Debunked: Deepfake video appears to show Canadian Prime Minister announcing ban on old cars

7 May ↗ 20.3k

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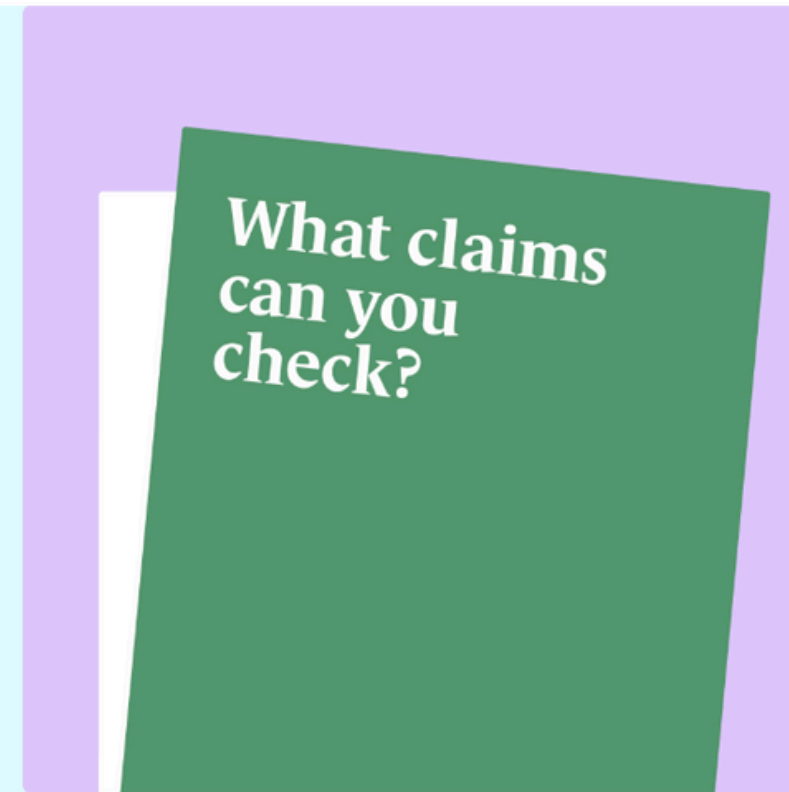
Equip yourself with the
information and tools to
be your own fact-checker.

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Video: How to spot misinformation on election leaflets
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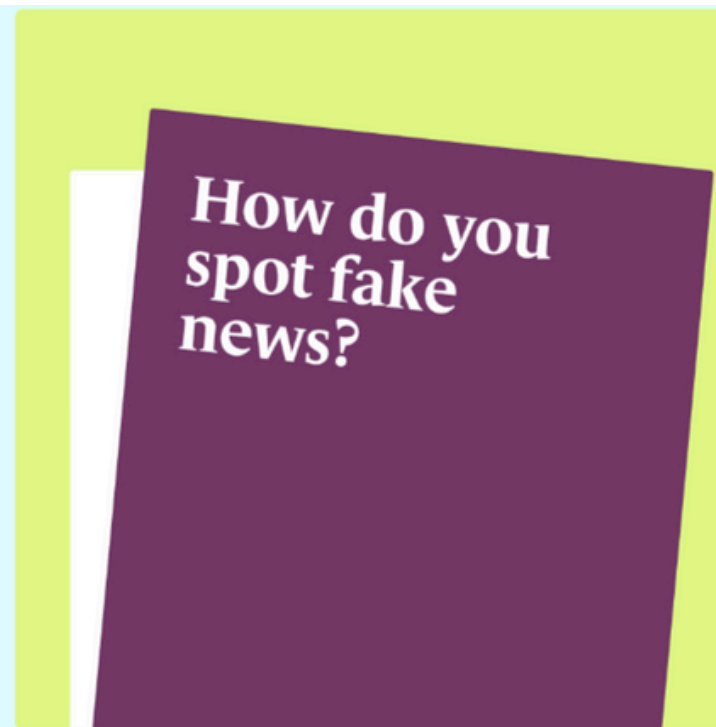
Guide: How do I know when a claim can be fact-checked?
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Guide: [How do you spot fake news?](#)
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Guide: How to get Freedom of
Information laws working for you
[Read more](#)



Video: How to spot fake AI images
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