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IWW IRELAND BRANCH 3RD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**HELP BUILD THE UNION****WHERE YOU WORK & LIVE!****ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING*****Saturday March 13th 2021*****INDUSTRIAL
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THE WORLD*****THE ONE BIG UNION*****IRELAND BRANCH**

The Industrial Workers of the World Ireland Branch holds its 3rd Annual General Meeting this month on **Saturday 13th March 2021**. **The AGM begins at 11am online**. Full details of our first virtual AGM will now have been issued to you directly to your email. That email will include an outline of the AGM with motions and scheduled times of events as well as planned discussions during the day.

The AGM is the main decision making and organising body of the union which debates and discusses important policy and planning activity for the year ahead. We would therefore ask all members to attend and take part in the events throughout the day in order for each of us to help shape and direct the union as best we can.

As we grow as a union, it is important that our members take part in the activity of the union wherever you work or live. Consider about your own abilities, what are your strong points and how could they be best put to good use within the union to help it grow stronger.

As well as presenting area reports from across the country members will also discuss a series of motions from members and areas which will be voted upon after debate.

There will also be several discussions and workshops to highlight ongoing work by members which in turn will be open for debate and discussion between members.

AGM ONLINE SOCIAL EVENT

This years AGM will be followed by an online social event on the evening of the AGM at 8pm. The event itself will provide entertainment presented by members of the IU 630, Ireland Section from across the country.

If you have any musical or artistic talents then consider taking part in the evenings events but if not, please do take part in supporting talented members by being in the audience as we draw to a close, this years virtual **AGM Social Event** which **begins at 8pm Saturday 13th March**.

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DROP THE CHARGES: IWW Reject Police Claims

The radial international union, Industrial Workers of the World (IWW) in Ireland have today rejected claims issued by the Police Service of Northern Ireland (PSNI) in which they stated they could 'not rescind BLM protest fines' after deliberately targeting members of the Black, Asian and Ethnic Minority community and other activists during a Black Lives Matters rally on June 6th last year.

Following the brutal murder of George Floyd by white cops in North America solidarity rallies took place in Belfast and Derry.

"For ourselves and those of our members involved on the day, it was clear that the entire operation was an attempt to silence the voices of the Black, Asian and Ethnic Minority (BAME) community in both Belfast and Derry. Those who helped organise the events, just as those who took part in them were deliberately targeted by the cops, harassed and issued fines.

"The PSNI know little of freedom of speech or of human rights as can be clearly seen by their track record on such issues.

IWW Branch Training For Members

The Training committee will be holding a "Branch Training" on **March 20th from 3:00pm to 6:00pm.**

The training will cover how branches interact with the wider union, the role of the branch and key activities they should be taking, and strategies for organising a branch.

The training is encouraged for branch officers, those working to establish a branch, and area organiser, but is open to all.

You can register emailing the Training committee at the following email address: training@iww.org.uk

DIRECT ACTION SUBMISSIONS

If you have an issue, a story, a short news article or would like to advertise an event from your area then please remember to submit it to **Direct Action**. You can send your submissions directly to **Direct Action** to ireland@iww.org.uk.

Their response to the Black Lives Matter solidarity actions was not only an attempt to silence a community but to ensure that BAME communities remained under the radar, isolated and disorganised.

"The message that came out from the Black Lives Matters rallies on June 6th in Derry and Belfast was that 'we have had enough - we will never remain silent in the face of injustice, whether that is here on the streets of Belfast or on the streets of North America'.

"As a union, the Industrial Workers of the World continues to demand an end to attacks on the BAME communities by the state and its protection units. We demand an immediate end to their detention centres or internment camps and their racist deportation policies which have created them. Likewise, we also continue to demand an immediate end to all changes and fines brought against Black Lives Matter activists in Derry and Belfast."

Incarcerated Workers Unionise

Incarcerated Workers Organising Committee has members across the country, both north and south and play a vital role within the IWW in an effort to support and show solidarity with members on the inside. Our work forms part of ongoing outreach to incarcerated workers across Ireland and discussing issues important to those on the inside.

To date we have slowly increased contact with prisoners who have been relating news directly affecting their daily lives from Covid-19 health concerns to workplace issues. From health and safe, training and areas of educational.

IWOC members are currently creating a Zine with news, writing, poetry and art, created by and for incarcerated workers.

If you are an incarcerated worker or you have a relative on the inside who you think would be interested then consider getting in touch and getting organised with other IWOC members.

Facebook: IWOC Ireland

Online: onebigunion.ie/iwocireland

Or you can write to:

IWOC P.O. Box 346, Derry, BT48 4FZ, Ireland.

THIS IS THE ONE BIG UNION!

The Ireland branch of the IWW has members in towns and cities throughout the country, both north and south, such as Dublin, Athlone, Cork, Derry, Belfast, Galway, Newry, Dungiven, Clare, Waterford, Donegal, Newcastle, Limerick, Portadown, Kildare and Tralee.

Our membership is wide and varied which so far includes workers in the public sector, construction, students, musicians, administration, artists, community, unemployed and hospitality workers and IT. You can help it grow further by playing an active role within the branch locally or nationally.

No matter how small a part, you can help make your union become stronger!



IWW CONTACTS IN YOUR AREA

Members in each area meet each month to discuss, support and organise activity locally.

Contact your closest local organiser at the following email nearest you or online via Facebook or Twitter:

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