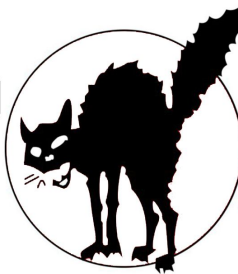


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Industrial Workers of the World

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An Injury To One - Is An Injury To All!

WORKERS SOLIDARITY FIGHTING BACK AGAINST RACISM!

The Industrial Workers of the World (IWW) Ireland Branch has expressed its concern at the recent wave of attacks upon migrant workers.

In a statement issued by the independent radical union, it has called on migrant workers to unionise against racist attacks in the community and in the workplace.

An IWW spokesperson said, "recent attacks upon hospitality and care workers, delivery drivers and taxi drivers, are fuelled by those who seek to benefit from the division of working class communities.

"It is deliberately organised by a tiny minority who seek to stir up racism and xenophobia on social media and on the streets of working class areas against migrant workers.

"As a union, it is our belief that workers must organise against such attacks by standing together as a class, as workers. Workers have repeatedly taken to the streets against racist hate on the streets of Belfast, Newry and Derry.

"It is vital that the trade union movement stand up and speak out against the continual racial profiling of workers.



ON THE STREETS:
IWW Dublin members attend recent anti-racist demonstration

Against the deliberate targeting and intimidation of workers who are providing a service to all our communities.

"We believe that the most effective way in which workers can help each other, to defend our rights at work and in the community itself, is to unionise. Especially at times such as this.

"When we see workers being openly divided by skin colour, by nationality, by religious beliefs or by gender.

"The labour movement must stand up against all racist attacks and the racist gangs targeting migrant workers. As a union, we believe that an injury to one is an injury to all!"

EVERY WORKER NEEDS A UNION CAMPAIGN!

Over the coming weeks, members around the country will be participating in the union-wide campaign to help encourage workers to unionise themselves and their place of work. As a union the IWW in Ireland put together regular training events to unskilled members on how best they can unionise workers. Fellow workers are encouraged to step forward and gain the necessary tools to help build the union in their place of work.

A spokesperson for the IWW Ireland Branch said the "We are a relatively young union in Ireland which is growing throughout the country. All of our members are encouraged to learn the skills necessary to help take the fight to the bosses and defend their rights at work. We provide regular training sessions, such as Organizer 101 and Rep training, that gives workers the confidence to help themselves and other workers.

"Already there are plans to carry out regular info stalls in most city centres around the country over the coming weeks and months.

"If you're a member in an isolated area who can help distribute campaign information then please get in touch. Every member has a part to play in building the union wherever they work or live.

"If you are part of the IWW in Ireland and would like to take part in training then please get in touch with the secretary and register for the next round of training. If you're not a member yet, but would like to be, then please join the union online today."

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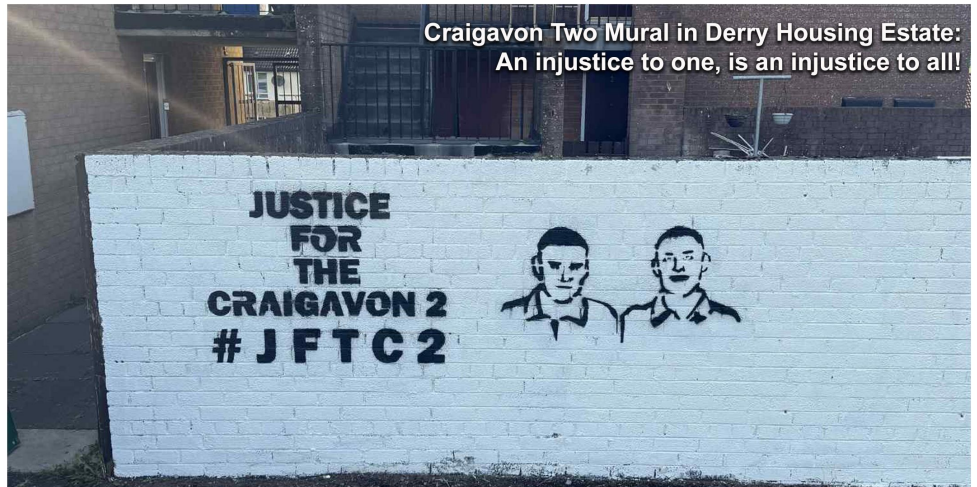
JUSTICE FOR THE CRAIGAVON TWO: CCRC SET TO RE-OPEN CASE!

In recent weeks, the Criminal Cases Review Commission (CCRC) informed legal representatives for the Craigavon Two, that they now intend to re-open the case following years of wrongful imprisonment.

For the family and friends of Brendan McConville and John Paul Wootton (an anarchist and IWW member) it's a case, said to equal that of the miscarriage of justice cases, such as the Birmingham Six and the Guildford Four.

Concerns have been raised over the convictions of Brendan McConville and John Paul Wootton, the "Craigavon Two", after it was revealed that the Police Service of Northern Ireland (PSNI) monitored members of their legal team.

The two men were convicted in 2012 of the



2009 murder of police officer Stephen Carroll, who was shot by a Continuity IRA sniper. Both men denied involvement and have been the focus of a miscarriage of justice campaign.

A review by barrister Angus McCullough KC, commissioned to investigate PSNI surveillance practices, found that authorisation was given in 2013 to obtain communications data belonging to McConville's solicitors Peter Corrigan and Darragh Mackin, ahead of an appeal that was ultimately unsuccessful.

McCullough raised concerns about the treatment of legal privilege in the authorisations.

Corrigan and Mackin described the surveillance as unlawful and said it undermined the defendants' right to a fair trial.

The convictions have long been controversial. Wootton, arrested at 17, initially re-

ceived a 14-year sentence later increased to 18 years, while McConville received a life sentence with a 25-year minimum.

The case relied heavily on testimony from a man referred to as Witness M whose father called him a Walter Mitty character, a compulsive liar and disputed the claim that he was even in the area at the time.

Surveillance was also carried out on the father's home and on meetings involving the defence team and campaigners.

The Criminal Cases Review Commission (CCRC) has reopened McConville's case, partly due to concerns about suspected British agent Dennis McFadden, who is alleged to have infiltrated the defence campaign.

The CCRC confirmed the case remains under review.

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