

Connolly Youth Movement

Press statement

Don't get angry—Get organised!

People are angry. People have been cheated. People have been lied to.

Working people are being made pay for the short-sighted profiteering of the few elites in business and politics that have run this country into the ground.

Young workers in particular, who have grown up on and been sold the dream of luxury living via credit, are being made victims of this crisis.

The policies that drove the unsustainable growth—profiteering at workers' expense—that we witnessed over the last fifteen years, in particular in the financial services, are now utterly discredited. Yet the same experts are advising, the same indicators are being used, and the same mantra prevails.

As the General Secretary of the CYM, Gareth Murphy, described it:

"Working people were the basis upon which super-profits were amassed by already wealthy individuals and companies. Yet during the boom years workers' wages decreased in relation to the profits accumulated. We saw this all round us in the record levels of inequality on this island."

And now, with the economy driven into the ground by the Government and friends, who is made pay? Working people.

We are seeing anger like we haven't seen in years in this country. But anger is not good enough. Anger must be channelled at the Government and the wealthy elites. It is their fault, so they must pay. Not everyone shares the blame for this crisis, and so not everyone must pay for it.

So we in the Connolly Youth Movement say, Don't just get angry, get organised!

The CYM believes that an economy should be there to serve people's needs. It is not an abstract set of figures but a means by which wealth produced should be fairly and equitably distributed. We are not concerned about restoring market confidence, we are concerned about citizens' confidence, and right now, correctly, there is none!

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