

# Forward

## Youth-Culture-Democracy

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# Housing Provision



# Left To The Market

While travelling through Leitrim recently I was subject to the most horrific views and sites of the destruction of our environment and small villages and towns at the hands of developers. The site pictured above, like many other seen, lay unfinished with little prospect of ever being completed. It now just sits there as part of the modern landscape of Ireland. Ironically named, Forest Park, the site sits on top of a destroyed and cut down native Irish forest.

This is housing left to the unregulated market and to the profiteering of business elites. We now suffer the consequences collectively. **GM**

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## Dracula Budget!

In its statement – on the so-called mini budget of the 7<sup>th</sup> of April – the Communist Party of Ireland described the budget as a Dracula sucking the blood from workers to give a blood transfusion to the wealthy – a very fitting image.

Marx described, and Connolly agreed, the State as but a committee for managing the affairs of the capitalist class. This can not be more evident or seen more clearly than today.

The capitalists have made a mess of it so the State forces citizens to bail them out and share the responsibility. This is the clear message from bourgeois Governments across the world. They are reluctantly intervening in the market, where once they would not go, with the sole purpose of stabilising events, restoring market confidence and let the capitalists off on their merry way again.

The nature of the State is, of course, far more complex than this but in times of crisis the fog is sometimes lifted and the view is clearer for all to see. The so-called nationalisations and recapitalisations combined with the increased taxing of workers, the cuts in public spending, the devastation of workers pensions and so on is corporate welfare on a never before seen scale.

## Count Cowen!

- Another State enforced pay cut for all workers via the increased income levy
- Social Welfare Xmas payment abolished
- Child benefit to be taxed and means tested
- Early childcare payment abolished
- 100 million cut from overseas aid budget
- Reduction in rent supplement

**“An across-the-board reduction in rent supplement would have the effect of squeezing some of the most vulnerable out of the rental market completely and, ultimately, they will be at risk of homelessness.”**

Aideen Hayden, Chairperson *Threshold*

## Statistics to make you sick!

Last year the EU spent 236 million pound buying and stockpiling 30,000 tons of butter, 109,000 tons of skimmed milk, 317,853 tons of sugar, 16,000 tons of grains and more, millions of gallons of wine, literally rotting in warehouses.

For every plaice eaten in Britain each year, 9 are left floating dead in the North Sea. 800,000 tons of fish caught are dumped in the North Sea with 1.33 million tons dumped in the North Atlantic.

- 800 million people live in starvation
- 200 million children live in absolute poverty
- 115 million children cannot go to school
- Africa, a continent ravaged by imperialism, owes \$230 billion in debt
- China is the only country to completely cancel the debt owed it by 3<sup>rd</sup> World countries
- 380,000 American workers lost their homes in one month last year

**The irrationality and inhumanity of capitalism knows no ends.**

## **A regulated market and democratic economy**

Deregulation and the 'free market' are now utterly discredited. We need a democratically controlled economy that above all else serves and benefits all the people of this island. Power needs to be held at national level and where necessary repatriated from the European Union. Decisions must be made with community participation and debate involving citizens, elected representatives and trade unions. The debate must no longer be about how to restore investor confidence but how the economy can best serve and deliver for our needs.

## **The creation of a state development bank**

Rather than the short term bail out of present banks at the expense of tax payers (through the state guarantee, recapitalization and now the proposed National Asset Management Agency) the CYM support the creation of an independent state bank that could provide a secure provision of loans and mortgages for individuals, families, small businesses and farmers and the protection of savings and pensions.

## **A national employment plan**

The CYM calls on the State to develop an employment plan concentrated on industry that promotes self-reliance and sustainability. A particular emphasis needing to be placed upon indigenous businesses that can be bedded into local communities and provide secure employment for the future and also long term employment and rights based agreements with any transnational companies seeking to avail of benefits of situating here.

## **Control and use of natural resources**

Connolly Youth demands that the State brings under its control Ireland's natural resources so that an autonomous and sustainable energy plan can be developed. We must develop and support the emergence of new energy supplies, such as solar, wind and wave power, moving away from dependence on fossil fuel. Ireland is uniquely situated to build profitable business and research in this area and also to assist other developing countries in this regard.

## **Commitment to public services**

Public services must be kept public and where privatized brought back into public control. These key services and national infrastructure must be geared to providing equal access to all members of society regardless of personal wealth. Private service provision leads to an apartheid provision that favours the wealthy. Where managed effectively they can also be a source of wealth for the State.

## **The confiscation of derelict houses**

The CYM confirm that all people have the right to adequate housing and further state that no individual has the right to hold onto more than one house while others remain homeless. The thousands of houses currently lying unused should be confiscated by the State and put in the hands of the development Bank to assist in the provision of housing.

## **That tax on the wealthy be increased and that tax exiles lose their citizenship**

Connolly Youth believe that those who created this crisis and those that benefited most from the crisis in creation should pay the highest cost. The burden of increased taxes should fall squarely on the shoulder of the wealthy and big business. And furthermore if any Irish citizen is avoiding paying tax in Ireland they should automatically lose their Irish citizenship and passport.

## **A cap be put on all CEO's, Executive's and Board Members Salaries and Bonuses**

It is clear that the differential between highest and lowest earners, through the policies of this and previous Governments and the European Union, has got way out of control. The CYM believes that no one job is worth 400 or 500 times another job. A cap on salaries needs to be placed on all jobs in this country so that no one individual can earn more than a given amount. The CYM supports a nationwide discussion via our local councils on what level the cap should be put at.

## Murder at G20 meeting

*No violence can be tolerated, no intimidation of people is allowed, and the police will act very quickly if there is any threat to property or people.*

Gordon Browne



### **Threat to both property and people!**

Ian Tomlinson, 47 year old shopkeeper, was a victim of a violent assault while the G20 met in London recently. Quietly walking down a street amidst numerous colourful protestors and not wishing to disturb anyone out of nowhere Ian was violently pushed to the ground causing haemorrhaging in his brain that later killed him.

According to Browne, this is exactly the type of incident that cannot be tolerated with the full force of the law to come down on any perpetrators. However, despite numerous witnesses and video tape evidence of the assault nobody has been charged.

How can this be so?

Oh ye, one last thing. It was a copper that pushed Ian to the ground and murdered him.

An enquiry is underway by the Independent Police Complaints Commission yet no charges to date despite witnesses and video evidence. One law for the poor and one for the rich.

## The poorest of the poor must bail out the wealthy!

There have been many scandals in this country of late. But none so grotesque as the punishment of the poorest of poor for the greed and ignorance of the wealthiest people and institutions on this planet.

Since July of last year there have been unforgivable cuts from this Government in aid given to 3<sup>rd</sup> World countries. Specifically, €45 million in July 2008, €15 million in October 2008 and €95 million in February 2009 was cut and most recently €100 million in April's Budget.

This latest hack represents a 22% cut for the overseas development aid budget for 2009 and represents 14% of all cuts introduced.

The Capitalist system is in crisis. The worst hit are the poorest in neo-colonies of imperialist countries. Ignoring this, the establishment pumps billions into the very institutions that caused the crisis.



Why make them suffer?

In addition, with the powerful nations increasingly strapped for cash it has been harder for developing nations to export their products.

Add to this the massive increase in food prices recently witnessed, 40% in 2007, and it is little wonder an estimated 100 million people who escaped the poverty trap have now been ensnared once again (according to U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon).



Yes these are difficult times. And yes sacrifices must be made. But why is it the poorest of the poor and the workers in the western world that must sacrifice while those who caused the crisis are given billions of our money.

Another knee jerk and right-wing populist measure that the Government has implemented is the restriction on permits and the termination of permits for those who wish to take up a job under €30,000 per anum to non-EU nationals. So as long as you've been educated and have qualifications to get you over that bracket, you may still apply. But the unsavoury class of people that can't earn more than €30,000 per anum, well, we've had enough of them here.

Again, one must ask why is our Government victimising the poorest? Surely those with an education have a better chance of survival in their own country. But no, FF do not see these people as humans merely as what they can use them for and exploit them for in Ireland. Just like the British did to us for centuries? Are we now to do the same to others?

It is dangerous to allow such measures pass unnoticed and uncriticised. We must not stay silent.

**SILENCE  
MEANS FASCISM**

# Why Vote No to Lisbon, again!

## For more control over our economy

The Lisbon Treaty, originally drafted as the EU constitution for ratification in 2006, is out of touch with the new issues and concerns the people of Europe face.

In light of this global economic crisis de-regulation and privatisation are now discredited economic doctrines.

It is now widely acknowledged and supported by the public that we need more accountability and control over our economy so that never again can we be left at the mercy of greedy speculators, developer and bankers.



No to Lisbon graffiti



Sevilla footballer Frederica Kanoute lifts his shirt in support of the Palestinian people after scoring a goal against Deportivo La Coruna last January.

His t-shirt says 'Palestine' in many languages.

His 'celebration' landed him a suspension and fine but the admiration of millions of people worldwide.

Spanish unions came out in support of the footballer.

Yet, barely a word of this Treaty has changed. It still pushes further de-regulation and privatisation of our economy, the very things that have got us in this mess.

If we vote Yes to this Treaty we will lose more control over our economy and be further left at the mercy of other unaccountable and unelected decision makers.

Decisions forced upon us by Europe and pushed by this Government have led to hundreds of thousands unemployed and low paid workers bearing the cost.

The EU's key economic decisions are based upon what benefits the larger economies of Europe, Germany and France, and Ireland has no impact or say. Indeed this treaty greatly reduces the Irish voice in Europe.

We were 'sold' the euro on the basis of travel convenience and now we are faced with the inability to devalue our currency, as other non-euro countries have, to help us through this crisis.

The Government and EU have lied and misled for too long. It is time we stood up for ourselves and for control.

**Vote No to Lisbon, No to greed and No to corruption!**

## *Hasta la victoria siempre*

Towards Victory Always

### FMLN Win Elections In El Salvador

On the 15th of March, after 30 years of revolutionary struggle, both military and political, the Farabundo Marti Liberation Front (FMLN) ended 17 years of fascist ARENA rule when its candidate won the Presidential election in El Salvador. El Salvador has now joined Nicaragua, Ecuador, Bolivia, Paraguay, Venezuela as well as other Latin American countries with left wing or anti- imperialist leaders. The new President, Mauricio Funes, a 49 year old former TV journalist, led the FMLN to victory for the first time since the 12 year civil war that claimed the lives of 75,000 people ended. Despite a right- wing slanderous campaign and assassinations and intimidation by ARENA and its associates, the FMLN won 51.32% of the vote. After their victory, Funes of the FMLN declared “I want to thank all who voted for me, all who defeated fear, all who chose the path of hope.”



The FMLN victory is one of the most important events in the history of El Salvador. Their victory is also one of the most significant victories by the working class in Latin America over US domination and neo- liberal free market politics. It is especially important as El Salvador has one of the most Americanised economies in Latin America. The country has seen privatisation on a massive scale and an ever growing gap between rich and poor. The new government is aiming to fulfil the 1992 peace agreements. They plan to lead El Salvador to reconciliation, progress and social justice, and to favour the historically excluded sectors, the 40% of the population who live in poverty. They also have plans to generate jobs, reduce the cost of living, improve health and education, as well as clear and concise short, medium and long term plans to eradicate violence.

The FMLN face a very difficult struggle dragging El Salvador away from the rotten politics of ARENA and in rebuilding a New Salvador for the good of the working people. But with the growing solidarity throughout Latin America, this is achievable. They look certain to join the Bolivarian Alternative for the Americas (ALBA), which will benefit Salvador with cheap oil, fertiliser and medical supplies.

The FMLN dedicated their victory to their great leader and communist, Schafik Handal, who died in 2006. In the words of veteran Marxist Salvadoran revolutionary fighter Roberto Canas, the FMLN’s victory gives the Salvadoran working class “social justice and dignity.”

One of the first actions by the new FMLN President, in the days after his victory, was to announce the renewal of relations with Cuba. Mauricio Funes declared that when he takes office on June 1st, he will re- establish diplomatic ties for the first time since the Cuban Revolution in 1959. Alfredo Elias, a FMLN representative declared, “For us, Cubans are our blood brothers”, recalling Cuba’s solidarity with the FMLN during their revolutionary struggle.

Announced in the same week was the decision by Costa Rica to also renew relations with Cuba. Costa Rica had cut off bilateral diplomatic links with Cuba in September 1961. In response to the renewal of diplomatic relations with Costa Rica, the Cuban government said “Consistent with its vocation of integration and unity with the fraternal peoples of Latin America and the Caribbean, (Cuba) accepts re- establishing relations at the diplomatic level.”

El Salvador and Costa Rica had been the last two countries in Latin America not to have normal diplomatic relations with Cuba. The renewal of relations shows again the confidence that is moving throughout Latin America at the moment. The people are no longer scared of, or allowing themselves to be bullied by, Yankee Imperialism.

The growing solidarity amongst the countries and peoples of Latin America is bringing a new found freedom for the working classes. The member countries of the Central American Integration System (SICA) are demanding an end to the US blockade of Cuba. In addition, the group’s heads of state applauded the decisions by El Salvador and Costa Rica for their decisions to re- establish diplomatic relations with Cuba.

Now that diplomatic relations are being normalized between Cuba and Costa Rica and El Salvador, the last country in the Americas without such diplomatic ties will be the United States. While the US President Barak Obama has said that he will re- assess US- Cuban relations and has made some changes to the restrictions and oppression US citizens face, it is clear that he will not end the illegal 50 year blockade of the island or acknowledge the right of Cuba to sovereignty. Obama is still President of imperialist USA after all.

## British Army Recruiting in Schools

The British army have recently launched a recruitment campaign in the north with schools targeted, billboards erected and leaflets delivered to homes encouraging young workers to join. One such school targeted was the cross-community Belfast Metropolitan College, with the Territorial Army running a misleading campaign which promotes a romanticised image.

Spokesperson Nicholas O'Hagan said "This comes amidst an economic recession and at a time when the British Army is failing to meet its targets for recruitment. Young workers will be tempted with the opportunity of earning thousands of pounds and the opportunity to 'see the world.'

"No mention is made of the atrocities carried out by the British army in Iraq or Afghanistan and the legacy of their actions in Ireland.

"The Educational Institute of Scotland have banned recruitment by the British army in Scottish schools and the National Union of Teachers in Britain have already voted to oppose the distribution of misleading propaganda.

"The Connolly Youth Movement call upon the trade union movement here to adopt a similar policy to prevent more of our young people being shipped off to certain death in Iraq and Afghanistan or even to face death here in Ireland as shown in Antrim earlier this month."

### **Join the CYM in opposing June 27<sup>th</sup> Armed Forces Day**

Following the end of the Troubles and the implementation of the Good Friday Agreement progressive people in Northern Ireland and across the island had hoped that the space would be opened up for the development of a popular consciousness, that we might be able to use the end of violence and the re-establishment of devolved government to advance the interests of the working class and other progressive forces.

CYM Spokesperson continued "The actions of the DUP regarding the proposed erection of a British army Flag at Belfast City Hall have shown that partitioned Ireland remains, as James Connolly predicted, a 'carnival of reaction'.

"The legacy of the British army in Ireland has been far from honourable and this proposal from the British Ministry of Defense will have the consequence to further engender bitterness and division.

"However, the introduction of Armed Forces Day by the Ministry of Defense should be viewed in the context of failing recruitment targets and the courageous actions by British trade unions who have voted to oppose British army recruitment in schools."

In conclusion, Mr. O' Hagan said "The actions of the DUP are inflammatory and designed to continue to push Unionist dominance at all levels, we need to turn protest into opposition. We need genuine class politics in the tradition of James Connolly to push forward both the national and social agenda."

To this end, the Connolly Youth Movement has called a demonstration outside Belfast City Hall at 10am on Saturday, June 27 to coincide with the flag raising ceremony.

**All anti-imperialists welcome.**

## Interview with Sven George of the Berlin SDJA

SDJA are the fraternal movement of the CYM in Germany

*Q. How is the SDAJ in Berlin, what are you up to?*

We are a small organisation here in Berlin if you compare us to the size of the city.\* We are very active and are trying to get involved wherever it makes sense and wherever anti-capitalist forces are acting. Due to the huge tasks the work-load for our comrades is massive. The pupils protests saw and will see us playing a key – role. We put big energy into the preparation of the May-Day- events, sure you can see how much is going on here. We are supporting the Communist Party in its election-campaigns for both EU and national Parliament elections. We organise our own meetings around subjects we are interested in. It is absolutely vital for us to grow bigger to be able to cope with the growing tasks.

*Q. During your very good speech at the DKP- May- Day event last night you asked people to throw money into a large Cuban flag your comrades carried through the hall. What are you doing with it?*

Up-front I want to say: Cuba is an idol for us. It exists as a socialist state, despite counter-revolution, blockade and all the hatred. That impresses us and we love the will of the Cuban people to fight. We want to learn from Cuba and give practical solidarity at the same time. Work-brigades are a great way to do this; young people can give practical help and experience life in Cuba. Two German brigades are going over this year and our collection will sponsor a young person from Berlin to join one of them.

*Q. Why are we experiencing several May Day demonstrations here in Berlin, the trade union one and the “revolutionary” one to name but two?*

There are historical reasons for this. During the 1980s the trade unions, or should I say their leaders, increasingly banned anti-capitalist slogans from the march. Groups of people who insisted in keeping the anti-capitalist content of May Day started to form their own blocks and eventually their own demonstration. It is now called the revolutionary one, carried by a large alliance of migrant workers groups\*\*, autonomous groups – both anarchist and Communist – people from the ecological left and recently also the Communist Party. It is not a new thing for Berlin to have several May Day demos. In the 1920s and right up to the total illegalisation of May Day by the Nazis, the Communists always organised their own demonstrations. The infamous “blood-May” of 1929 was a gunning down of the KPD’s rally ordered by the Social Democratic chief of police. It left 33 workers dead.

*Q. The SDAJ was at the trade union rally this morning and is getting ready for the revolutionary one now. In between we had to go and blockade the Fascists in Köpenick....*

Especially around the 1<sup>st</sup> of May the Nazis tend to try and kidnap working class traditions. This is a time when we have to show flag very strongly. It worked well today- we had a good alliance of people here, young trade unionists, Communists, anarchists and others. We basically stopped the fascists even getting to their Headquarters\*\*\* by blockading the railway station. By the time the police had physically lifted us off the platforms the anti-fascist march was well on its way. 1000 anti-fascists and about 100 Nazis who more or less had to be locked into their own yard – that’s good proportions.

*Q. You say the SDAJ is small in Berlin – how do you manage to be so present at all the different activities?*

What choice have we got? Wherever anti-capitalist politics happen we have to get involved. It seems far too large a task at times but we just can’t afford not to be there. You need a good plan and good activists.

*Q. Have you any messages for me to take back to the Connolly Youth Movement in Ireland tomorrow?*

Of course, tell the comrades we wish them powerful struggles and to sink more and deeper roots amongst the young people in Ireland.

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\*Berlin today has a population of well over 4 million people.

\*\* There are over 140 migrant workers groups in Berlin

\*\*\*Köpenick is the part of Berlin where the fascist NPD (National Party of Germany, sister of the British BNP) has its headquarters and holds – or in this case was trying to hold- their May Day Fest.

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# Change, Really?

## Editorial Comment

'Change'. The new buzzword. The new soundbite. Since Mr. Obama came on the scene its hard to find a politician that doesn't reel off some smooth sounding sentence about the need for change. The reality is of course that we need now, more than ever, real and substantive change. However, the reaction to any politician spouting on about change is to change channel. Why? Because the word 'change' has been stripped of its very meaning and essence.

Webster's online dictionary defines the noun change as 'the result of alteration or modification ... a relational difference between states; especially between states before and after some event' and the verb change as 'to become different in essence.' Neither the US nor the world have changed in essence since Obama's election.

So meaningless has the word change become a sitting Ulster Unionist and Conservative MEP, Jim Nicholson, standing for re-election in the 2009 European Parliament elections can, with a straight face, ask the electorate to vote for change by voting for him. Yes, you heard correct, Jim is a sitting MEP and member of a Party that has violently resisted change and by definition, conservative, stands for the maintenance of the status quo.

Using the same online dictionary up pops the very first definition of conservative as 'resistant to change'! [www.websters-online-dictionary.com](http://www.websters-online-dictionary.com)

### Obama absolves CIA officers of torture

Last April, the US President, Barack Obama, absolved CIA officers of being prosecuted for torture and human rights abuses that had been catalogued in parts of files his administration released to the public. These files, and only the ones that were released, showed the US secret service regularly uses, in the knowledge of senior US politicians, torture as a technique and tactic.

The tactics, recommended in memos, include slamming prisoners against walls, water-boarding and keeping prisoners naked and cold for long periods.

Many of these prisoners are totally innocent of any crime and ample evidence proves that torture leads directly to misinformation from desperate prisoners.

Obama said, 'Nothing will be gained by spending our time and energy laying blame for the past.' In a memo Obama himself sent to the CIA he said the identity of secret service officers will be protected.

Change or more of the same?

### Obama revives 'Bush' military trials

Hours after entering office the US President, in a widely welcomed move, suspended the military tribunals Bush created for Guantanamo prisoners and ordered a review to take place.



Following this review Obama, in mid May, announced military tribunals would recommence in Guantanamo, only Obama is to adjust the legal system to accommodate for 'fairer' versions of these military punishments.

Jonathan Hafetz, a lawyer for the American Civil Liberties Union, said 'There's no detainee at Guantanamo who cannot be tried and should not be tried at the regular federal courts.'



### **NATO – 60 years of imperialist crimes**

This year, 2009, is the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the bloody tool of imperialism: NATO. The World Federation of Democratic Youth has decided to publish an analysis of NATO to expose its real character and bring this to another generation of young people. The brochure is designed to awaken young people to the true nature of NATO and to realise the need to fight against it as a global imperialist instrument.

A successful struggle for the end of NATO would be a great blow to imperialism and to all imperialist states.

It is difficult to analyse the role of NATO without mentioning specific states – US and EU – or specific elements of these states – CIA and MI5. Therefore it is vital young people are prepared not just to fight against NATO but to fight against imperialism and all its instruments that spread death, war, exploitation and oppression of human rights.

After the peoples' victory against fascism the whole world changed and with it came an air of freedom, national liberation and sovereignty of people and countries all over the world.

On the one hand, the Soviet Union had defeated the Nazis and their allies and was in a position to deepen the achievements of the October Revolution globally. And at the same time, a socialist bloc was rising in Eastern Europe where people took power into their own hands and started building socialism.

Within Western Europe, despite continued bourgeois rule, popular movements were able to achieve significant gains and concessions from the ruling class in areas of health, education, social security and employment rights.

Across the rest of the world the situation didn't look any better for imperialism. Liberation and democratic movements were challenging colonial and imperialist powers everywhere. Particularly in Africa and Asia struggles for independence and an end to colonialism was threatening imperialism.

It is on this context the USA and other imperial countries had to quash the peoples' movements that defeated fascism and put together an organisation that united their interested and could coordinate the defence of Imperialism.

On April 4<sup>th</sup> 1949 the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation was founded.

To read the whole document log on to the link below

<http://www.wfdy.org/wp-content/uploads/2009/04/brochura-da-nato-versao-site.pdf>

## **The Orchard**

You are the worm in the Apple,  
Penetrating through  
I've given you this, your Audience,  
The Acidic feast.  
I haven't taken much notice, my  
vision has been impaired.  
But that day has come, as the  
rumbles in my temple,  
Call out for a bite  
The sunken skin, once glistened,  
but now it's clear to see  
For us all to see  
That the worms are in the Orchard,  
Leaving a tainted yield

Fresh spray speckles my profile, as  
the crunch now sinks in,  
Expecting the fruits of nature, the  
vile worm has it consumed.  
Oh you hoarder of our Bounty, is  
this the way it is to be,  
Shall we forever grow these riches?  
For you to suckle on within.

The Worms are in the Orchard,  
Apples are rotting to the core.  
Pick them out! Expel the Worms! I  
hear the cry from a distant march  
What is to be done? The keeper's  
converse  
As the bleached soil is dotted with  
shells  
Here we stand  
Amongst the Trees and the Worms  
Amidst the Abundance of Nature  
Yet we still wait on our title and the  
deeds to our land  
The seeds of the fallen, now  
replenished in the soil  
Churned in the cycle,  
Irony must prevail!

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# Connolly Youth Movement

Youth - Culture - Democracy

## Ógra Uí Chongaille

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The Connolly Youth Movement (CYM) is an all-Ireland socialist youth movement committed to building a united socialist Ireland through educating and mobilising young workers and students.

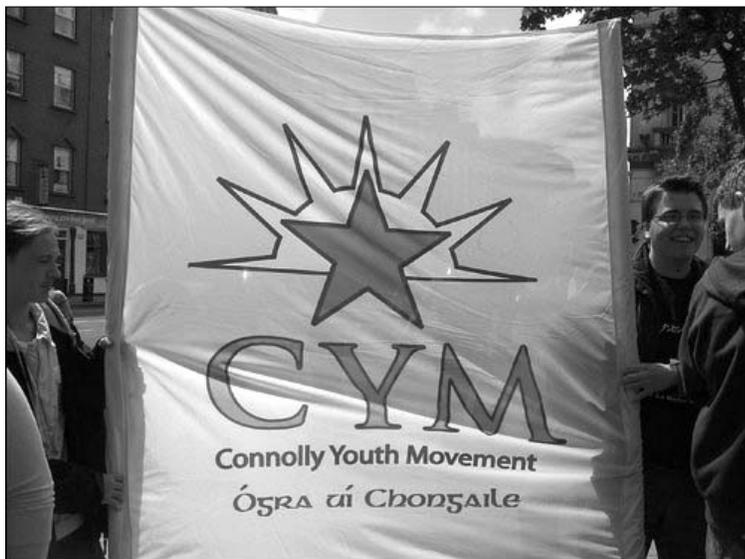
The CYM contains young people from the many traditions on this island who have come together through their common belief in class struggle and their opposition to the inequalities of the capitalist system.

We are committed to fighting for young people's rights whether through unions, on the streets or in the communities we live in.

We actively support the Communist Party of Ireland and work with the Party to forward the cause of socialism amongst the young people in Ireland.

Named after the revolutionary working class leader, James Connolly, we take inspiration from his thoughts and actions to continue his struggle for liberation today. As internationalists, we also learn from the worldwide experiences of great leaders like Rosa Luxemburg, Ho Chi Min and Lenin.

Formed in 1964, the CYM has always defended and forwarded the rights of young people and today is no different. We will continue to organise, educate and agitate for a Worker's Republic and a socialist world.



- We seek the reunification of Ireland and an end to all forms of imperialism and exploitation. We work for the building of a Workers Republic.
- We are opposed to the European Union and see it is an undemocratic imperialist alliance seeking to impose its will on working people.
- We support the trade union movement and actively encourage young people to join and get involved in their union. However, we oppose the 'Partnership' arrangement as it cripples unions fighting capacity.
- We are members of the World Federation of Democratic Youth (WFDY). We actively

### Join us in our Struggle!

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