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**CONNOLLY YOUTH MOVEMENT PAYS TRIBUTE TO FIDEL CASTRO**

The Connolly Youth Movement has paid tribute to the former Cuban President Fidel Castro.

Fidel Castro has been an immense figure in international politics for the cause of socialism. He has worked tirelessly with the Cuban people to bring about living socialism in his country, and his leadership has brought about many successes. Castro will always be remembered in Cuba as the leader who helped construct a first-class health and education system, free and available to all Cubans. It was also with Fidel Castro's international leadership that the spread of apartheid to Angola was stopped. One must remember that it was Cuban soldiers who fought shoulder to shoulder with the Angolan people against this oppression. Castro also led the campaign for the cancellation of debt for Third World Countries in the 1970s, when no-one would listen.

While Fidel Castro's resignation will be a blow to Cuba and the world, Cuba will continue to be a leading light for socialism and a focal point for the continuing world struggle. The Connolly Youth Movement salutes the superb leadership he has shown and wishes him well in his retirement.

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