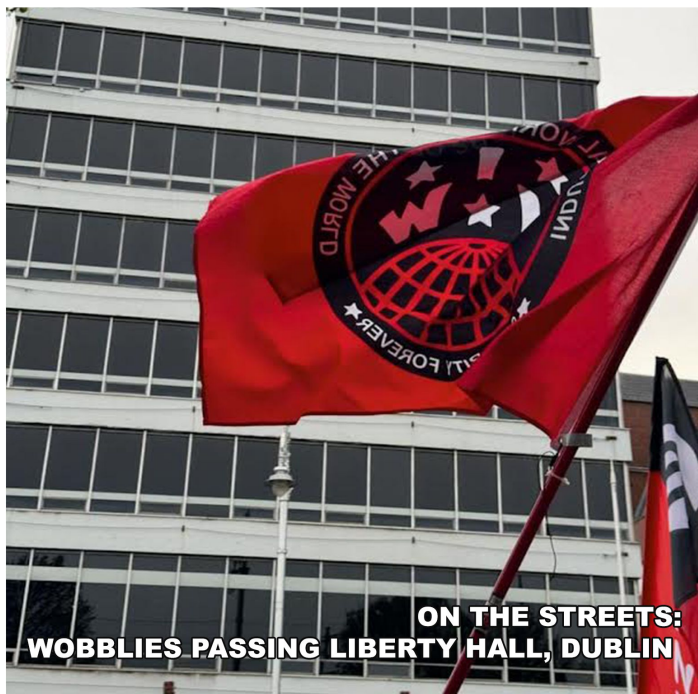


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Industrial Workers of the World

An Injury To One - Is An Injury To All!

# INTERNATIONAL WORKERS DAY: STOP THE GENOCIDE!



**ON THE STREETS:  
WOBLIES PASSING LIBERTY HALL, DUBLIN**

This May Day, we call on all workers to remember the original purpose and spirit of the labour movement and of unions themselves, and the repression the movement has faced.

In these islands, the start of May holds an ancient history of resistance and rebellion against the oppressive forces of empire and capital going as far back to the suppression of Celtic festivals, such as Beltane. Today, May Day commemorates the Haymarket Affair of 1886, where eight anarchists involved in the labour movement were executed or imprisoned for a bomb thrown during a demonstration that almost certainly none of them had any involvement with. The police response was to shoot indiscriminately into the crowd (and at each other). This demonstration was part of the bitter struggle in the US for the 8 hour work day. The labour movement won the 8 hour day around the world through direct action such as massive strikes.

The transformation of the Haymarket Affair and the Haymarket martyrs into the international day of action for all workers, was only possible with the power of an international struggle. Workers around the world condemned the murders and coordinated more actions to demand justice. This is how International Workers Day began, and it is how we will defend it. Today, May Day marches around the UK state will connect the labour movement and the Palestinian liberation movement, which is proving effective in gradually cutting off the material support that the Israeli state and military to maintain their occupation of Palestine.

We've seen the lists of companies that are making Israel's weapons of mass murder; their factories and offices are scattered all over this country. This lays bare the connections between us, and so the power we have here to support our comrades around the world.

The same capitalist system that carries out genocide of the people in Gaza, and maintains the occupation, is the same system responsible for our skyrocketing cost of living, bloated rents, disintegrating access to healthcare, and the increasingly uncertain future of the habitability of our islands as ecological destruction and drastic climate changes make harvests more and more unstable.

The urgency of the situation in Gaza has demanded militancy and power, a demand the Palestinian liberation movement rises to meet. Their strength is our strength, undermining Israel means undermining and dismantling the capitalist system that oppresses all workers. But the genocide continues. As the labour movement, as the movement that builds power for the workers within our workplaces, we can show our solidarity to all struggles, connecting our actions to theirs so we can attack the system together.

In the UK state now, all of our biggest unions are only prepared for limited days of strike action. Examples of more effective actions are inspiring but fall short, such as the United Auto Workers union in the USA state who have called for a general strike, but in 2028. Decolonial struggles and the trade union movement show us that militancy and power will only come from below, by organising wherever we are at and knowing our history so that we learn from those who came before us.

We must continue organising in our workplaces, uniting with our fellow workers to demand more, and sharing our successes to find opportunities where we can support each other.

Although we still benefit from many of the things won by the labour movement such as the 8 hour day, the weekend, child labour laws, and health and safety protection, these will be eroded unless we take stronger actions to defend them. We must remember the urgency of the future that we face over the coming decades, and for that purpose remember our history.

**In remembering and celebrating our past we once again attest to our determination to meet these challenges head on and to fight for a better world. When we come together in solidarity and in bravery we build that new world, free of war and genocide, free of oppression, free of exploitation. A free world where each individual can develop to their full potential, a spring time for the flowering of humanity.**



# Victory for Disability Activists: Green Paper Scrapped

Disability activists believe pressure mounted on Minister's following 'a huge grassroots backlash' from several campaigns ahead of the forthcoming elections.

"As a union we call upon those receiving disability or unemployment payments to unionise. Only by doing so, can we fight back effectively against further attacks.

Speaking after the demonstration, a member of the IWW in Dublin congratulated disability activists and action groups who successfully fought against what can only be described as an 'ableist agenda'.

"If anyone is under the impression that all attacks on our class will now end with the scrapping of the governments Green Paper, they are wrong.

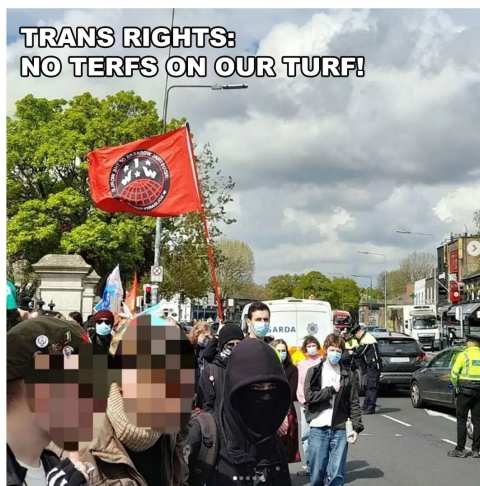
"From the outset, it was believed that the Tory inspired proposals would have meant those receiving disability payments would have to face even further intensive scrutiny, marking another new low by the State upon the most vulnerable.

"No matter what the next Coalition government will be, whether they're a little bit more Green, even with a hint of Red, workers will undoubtedly be facing further attacks and even more cuts. For ourselves as a union, we believe that every worker must be unionised no matter your age, sex or abilities you have."

Members of the Industrial Workers of the World in Dublin attended a 'Scrap the Green Paper' rally in central Dublin following the announcement of its welcomed demise.

# Trans Rights Are Worker's Rights!

The IWW were present to stand alongside @transpridedublin and a broad coalition of other socialist and anti fascist organisations against the misogynist transphobe Posie Parker, transphobic organisation the Countess, and their fellow bigots.



It is the people in power who we must be organising to fight.

Gardaí attempted to disrupt the counter. Throwing activists to the ground, assaulting a steward, and shoving a disabled person who was visibly using a cane. The gardai failed miserably, and activists valiantly stood their ground. The protest continued undisturbed.

The Industrial Workers of the World will continue to stand alongside our trans members and comrades because the working class is stronger together.

Posie and the cronies who attended the hate convention in the RDS represent dead-end politics. They seek to divide the working class so those in power can continue to exploit us. Trans people are not dangerous. Immigrants are not dangerous.

*Trans rights are human rights!  
Trans rights are workers' rights!*

The group that has done the most damage in Irish society is white men in suits.

It is landlords, bosses, and right-wing politicians who have devastated this island and put the working class into our current state of desperation.

**An injury to one is an injury to all.  
Solidarity Forever**

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
*Saturday June 8th 2024 - Online*

**INDUSTRIAL WORKERS OF THE WORLD**  
*THE ONE BIG UNION*



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## Workplace Organising Workshop

Are you an IT worker or work within the Hospitality Sector?

If so this is a great opportunity for you to take part in the first of a series of planned online events focusing in on 'Workplace Organising Workshop for IT & Hospitality Workers'.

The first of which has now been scheduled for the following date and is open to all members and supporters in an effort to help encourage further workplace organising:

**Sat. 11th May 2024**

**12noon - 1pm**

To confirm your place register we would encourage members and supporters to email the following email address and obtain further details regarding this workshop:

[ireland@iww.org.uk](mailto:ireland@iww.org.uk)

**Everyone Welcome. Please check emails for details and online link of this workshop.**

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ORGANISING WITH  
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