

DIRECT**ACTION**

Industrial Workers of the World

An Injury To One - Is An Injury To All!

SOLIDARITY WITH SARAMAGO WORKERS!

SACKED HOSPITALITY WORKERS FIGHT BACK!

The Saramago Bar, located inside the Centre for Contemporary Arts (CCA), in Glasgow has summarily dismissed three workers in the middle of their shifts in a blatant union-busting effort.

The fired workers are members of the union **Industrial Workers of the World (IWW)** and were organising to increase the number of staff rota'd on in the kitchen and front of house to stop themselves being over-worked. A simple request for a business as popular as Saramago and one that has enjoyed popular public support including from over 100 people who have signed a petition in solidarity with the workers demands, staff in the CCA, and other businesses in the area.

Fellow workers at Saramago and the IWW are concerned that these unjust, cruel, and downright cynical rafts of firings are just the beginning. Both staff and the union are bracing for more firings and mobilising to provide support to those who have already been summarily dismissed.

The IWW is aware that Saramago workers are not alone in their fight against stressful workloads and understaffing, we therefore cannot but see this attack as one aimed at workers within the hospitality industry as a whole. With these firings, Saramago owners and bosses, seek to undo the gains made by workers and roll back the victories previously secured by the union including extended taxi cover to weekdays, increasing wages, and resisting the bosses targeting of individuals in the workplace. The message these bosses are sending is clear – accept precarity or starve!



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REINSTATE SACKED WORKERS NOW!

HOSPITALITY WORKERS UNIONISE NOW!

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SOLIDARITY IS STRENGTH!

Fellow Workers at the Saramago cafe have been an inspiration to all for standing up for your rights and better work conditions. We call upon fellow workers and supporters in other areas to support the **#Saramagosix** by sending them messages of support or financially contributing to their GoFundMe at:

[gofundme.com/f/hardship-fund-for-fired-saramago-workers](https://www.gofundme.com/f/hardship-fund-for-fired-saramago-workers)

Messages of solidarity can be sent to **IWW Clydeside** to the IWW workers at Twitter: **@clydesideiww**

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IWW MEMBERS ON THE STREETS:
Picket Line Solidarity at Magee University in Derry

WHY GET INVOLVED IN IWOC?

For nearly as long as the IWW has existed, some of our most committed and conscientious Fellow Workers, have been prisoners.

State and Capital colluded, in the early 1900s, to send those organising with the IWW to jail. The famous Poster the IWW produced then sums up the need for solidarity across prison walls - "we are in here for you, you are out there for us".

This picture had a strong effect on me (See article on onebigunion.ie)

Many people of the left and in trade unionism think about the different forms of oppression our class faces. However, few people involved in trade unionism, or leftist politics generally, seem to think much about prison abolition, or what is called the "carceral state". This means the tendency of law enforcement and punishment to enforce the rights of property and capital to the detriment of those most deprived and excluded in our society by all the other forms and systems of oppression.

Indeed much of the evils of society - misogyny, homophobia, transphobia, classism - run free

COUNTRYWIDE ACTIONS ON IWD



ON THE STREETS:
Wobblies take part in IWD Actions

and unchallenged in prisons. It truly is a forgotten nexus of the struggle for many forms of social justice, and it is here that the dominant social paradigm asserts itself the most strongly.

I would like to invite all of you as Fellow Workers, who engage with the struggle for a better world and a better future, to consider strengthening the links of solidarity with our FWs on the inside. In imagining and preparing for a better world, the organising that goes on among this population strikes right at the heart of everything that is wrong with the capitalist system and allows us to envision a radically just future in its ruins.

Even something as simple as sending a postcard at May Day to someone on the inside, can make a world of difference.

Get in touch with IWOC and see how engaging in this supportive work can change your perspective and open your eyes - maybe even ignite a hope for a radically different future, without jails, without punishment and without hierarchy.

Email: iwoc.ireland@iww.org.uk

This year's International Women's Day many members took part in actions. A spokesperson for the IWW Branch said that "For ourselves, we feel it is important to have a union presence on the streets to mark the occasion of international women's day. The IWW as a union echos the call in solidarity with all women, trans and non-binary people in demanding an immediate end to violence against them.

"We brought along our banner which displays our unions motto, 'an injury to one is an injury to all', which spells it out loud and clear. As part that call out, we extend our solidarity by calling on everyone to help unionise that fight." To organise and join the union wherever you work or live."

SUPPORT WORKERS ON STRIKE!

As workers Public Sector workers in NIPSA and Unison prepare to take part in further strike action, the Industrial Workers of the World believe that solidarity is an important part of their ongoing struggle.

A spokesperson for the IWW Ireland Branch said that as a union "We believe that solidarity in times of workers struggle must be at the forefront in all our minds and activity.

We must show our solidarity as best we can, in any way we can to workers on the picket lines. They are the battle lines of working class struggle.

"The struggle for Health, Education and Public Sector workers can be an important catalyst for other workers who are at this moment considering taking industrial action wherever they work.

"In the weeks or months ahead, it is important to note that workers need to receive support and solidarity on the picket lines.

"We call on all workers to do what they can, attend the picket lines, show your support at protests and stand shoulder to shoulder with workers taking on the bosses. They are fighting to demand a wage they deserve and better working conditions for all of us. Let no one forget that their fight is ours. Their victory is ours and let no one divide us. Win can, and we will win!"

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