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Industrial Workers of the World

An Injury To One - Is An Injury To All!

# INDUSTRIAL WORKERS OF THE WORLD THEN & NOW TOUR!

On the 10th of November, the Industrial Workers of the World in Dublin will be begin a series of public events around Ireland as part of the IWW 'Then & Now' Tour.

The events will include a bilingual presentation and discussion. Each event will look at the IWW 'Then', starting with its origins in 1905, as a revolutionary union that challenged racism in the dominant unions of the day and a union that organised precarious workers in occupations that other unions wouldn't touch.

And will discuss the IWW 'Now' in our ongoing process of working with prominent union activists to further develop the Ireland section of the IWW. The evening will include a free social event with workers ballads, vegetarian/vegan and an opportunity for those interested engage directly with active members and union organisers.

A spokesperson for the union said:

*"The IWW is a revolutionary international union, that fights for better conditions today as well as economic democracy tomorrow. By training our members in powerful organising methods, direct-action and direct-democracy, we put power in the hands of workers. We believe that ordinary working class people are best placed to lead and create change, both at work and in society."*

*"We put our members in charge, training each and every one to; build and lead their workplace unions, organise their own campaigns and, take the action that wins. We're an active and fighting union, not a historical group. We know solidarity is strength, and we prove it by looking after each other."*

*"We provide advice and workplace representation when members have problems at work, but we're much more than that. We're not here to provide a service; we're here to build a movement, winning bigger and better victories for working people as our movement grows in strength and confidence."*

IWW Ireland believes we can build a better future - at work and in society. We believe in sticking together and having each other's back. We believe that when ordinary people come together, we can make real change for the better.

Dublin event takes place on **Friday 10th November** in the **OUTHOUSE, 105 Capel Street in Dublin at 6pm.**

The following day the Then & Now Tour to arrives in Mother Jones birthplace of Cork on **Saturday 11th of November.**

IWW members in Cork will play host to southern part of the tour and again the entire Tour will be a public bilingual event with an

historical overview of the union presented by a leading member of the IWW.

It will also include an update by local union activities as part of this afternoon event at the **City Library on the Grand Parade, Cork at 2pm on Saturday 11th November.**

As an afternoon event it will also include a free social event with workers ballads, vegetarian/vegan and an opportunity for those interested engage directly with active members and union organisers.

We are pleased to announce that members in other parts of the country are already planning to take the **Then & Now Tour** to their towns in the new year as part of local organising efforts throughout the union. For more details click on our main website:

[www.onebigunion.ie](http://www.onebigunion.ie)

Presentation, chat, food & workers' songs

**FRI 10TH NOV 6pm**  
**OUTHOUSE**  
**105 Capel St, Dublin**  
[onebigunion.ie](http://onebigunion.ie)

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# SOLIDARITY WITH WORKERS IN PALESTINE!

The latest tragedy unfolding in Palestine reminds all of us to remain vocal in our opposition to oppression and war.

Thousands have rightly taken to the streets - friends of Palestine, anti war trade unions as well as the countless exiled dispossessed Palestinian communities - in their opposition to this new wave of bloodshed.

Members of the Industrial Workers of the World (IWW) have joined in demonstrations throughout the country to add their voice to demand an end to the terror inflicted upon the people in Palestine and an end to the illegal occupation.

A spokesperson for the IWW in Ireland said:

"Since our inception in 1905, the IWW has stood against all wars. Wars are caused by capitalist governments, and anti working class leaders and movements, for the economic and political benefit of the rich and their systems.

"The relentless waves of attacks and repression are just adding fuel to the current situation.

"What is for certain is that this terror has to end immediately, to prevent further tragedies.

"As the military of apartheid Israel prepares for a genocidal ground invasion of Gaza, we call upon our brothers and sisters internationally within the labour movement:

## IWW Environmental Committee calls for action against mining & Cop City

Fellow Workers,

The IWW Environmental Committee calls upon union members to organise and participate in protests against the Dalradian mining company and a multi-national insurance company linked to the Atlanta Cop-City project.

### Day of action in solidarity with Save Our Sperrins

The committee recently sent a delegation to Ireland to visit the site of a Dalradian gold mining site in the Sperrins mountains. The mine would have a devastating impact on the local ecology in the area and there are many health risks to those living in the area. We met with local activists from 'Save Our Sperrins' who have slowed the progress of the project and want to make the Canadian owned Dalradian mine an international concern.

In solidarity with Save Our Sperrins we call upon IWW internationally to conduct coordinated actions against Dalradian and its multi-national parent company, Orion Mine Finance, March 4th, 2024. A demonstration will be organised in London on the 4th March, details will be announced closer to the time.

The company is trying to play the "economics / jobs vs environment" card, but the reality is that those who would benefit the most from the mine are not local people in Ireland but mining executives and shareholders for Orion.

We want to spread the word about how Irish land is being poisoned and exploited by mining companies and so we encourage IWW branches to bring 'Save Our Sperrins' banners and leaflets to St Patrick's Day parades and events on the 17th March around the world .



to echo the demands for an immediate ceasefire; to allow urgent humanitarian aid in to Gaza, and; to ensure the lives of all Palestinians be protected from further oppression.

"As a union, we have been consistent in our objection to the campaign of terror and violence which Palestinian workers have been subjected to by the Israeli occupation and oppression machine.

"In international solidarity we demand social justice and human rights for all Palestinians. We call for immediate labour-led support for the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions campaign against the Israeli regime."

### Day of action against AXA XL in solidarity with Stop Cop City

For background on "Cop City", 381-acres of the Atlanta Forest is being leased to the Atlanta Police Foundation for a police-military facility funded by corporations. AXA XL is the main insurance company backing the project.

Opposition to Cop City has been fierce and used a diversity of tactics to prevent the destruction of the forest. The state has responded to ecological defence, as it always does, with violence. Our late Fellow Worker Tortugueta, was murdered by police during a raid on a protest camp earlier this year.

Opposing Cop City is essential for all of us that support civil liberties, the right to protest and oppose all forms of racism and ecological destruction.

The IWW calls for a global 'Day of Action' outside AXA XL offices on January 18, 2024 (the anniversary of the day Tortugueta was killed).

If you or your branch would like to participate in these actions please let the committee know via [green@iww.org.uk](mailto:green@iww.org.uk) to help coordinate.

