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## INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY THE STRUGGLE CONTINUES!

On International Women's Day, Industrial Workers of the World (IWW) Ireland branch reaffirms our commitment to the women of our communities: to fight against the patriarchy, and to celebrate the powerful work of women throughout history.

The heart of the IWW is resistance to power. Patriarchy is an insidious system of unjust power that oppresses women and girls in every aspect of our society. It is a system that must be dismantled and eradicated to bring justice and true freedom to women, and to us all.

We are rightly proud of the long history of radical women in the IWW. Since our beginnings Wobblies have been led by women, sought to recruit women when others would not, and stood shoulder-to-shoulder in the fight for women's rights. But looking to our past is not enough.

IWW is dedicated to seeking out those ways in which we still uphold the patriarchy and, through honest examination, to root them out. This year we aim to strengthen our Equalities work with a new Equalities Committee, stronger access and conduct policies, and specific training on women's solidarity and anti-patriarchal action.

IWW recognises women who are multiply oppressed; women who are targeted by racism, religious hatred, transphobia, queerphobia, and intolerance of migrants.

We are committed to solidarity with these women and to fight by their sides.

Where bigots and the far-right have come out with their non-sense protests, IWW has been there to show them that their hatred is unwelcome and will not be tolerated.

In 2023, as this kind of hate is becoming more and more palpable, Wobblies will continue to stand against it in our work and on our streets.

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When women's rights are under attack, we will stand up and fight back!

## WOMEN & THE IWW

As part of this year's international women's day celebrations the IWW Ireland Branch have looked at women within the union who have and continue to inspire the struggle today.

For our IWD poster we have used the images of women activists such as Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, Mother Jones, Lucy Gonzales Parsons, Anna Campbell, Eva Lynch and Judi Bari who through their activism still inspire many within the union and beyond our ranks. If you would like to get involved and help continue the struggle for working class emancipation then we urge you to join the IWW today.

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# WOBBLIES ATTEND LARGEST EVER ANTI RACIST DEMONSTRATION



IWW MEMBERS ON THE STREETS:  
Anti Racist March Through Dublin

The Industrial Workers of the World was in attendance at the solidarity march yesterday as part of a radical bloc of socialists and anarchists.

It was brilliant to see such a broad coalition of political organisations, trade unions, sports clubs, and people, come out to oppose the far right and call for better conditions for all. The atmosphere was jovial and upbeat. Le Chéile - Diversity Not Division organised a fantastic range of speakers and musical acts for the end of the march.

The far right claim to represent 90% of Irish people. Yesterday proved them wrong. Tens of thousands of people took to the streets, dwarfing even the largest of crowds the far right have gathered over the past few months.

Apart from a few lone individuals, there was no far right counter. Solidarity works. When the far right are shown their hatred is not welcome, they scurry away and hide.

While the march was a success and it was lovely to see so many different groups out, we wish to denounce the Green Party's attempt to insert themselves into the march.

As a government party, the greens are complicit in the disastrous response to the housing crisis and the direct provision system, which traps refugees in systemic poverty. You can not claim to advocate for migrants rights and housing for all while at the same time oppressing refugees and taking no action to solve the housing crisis. This attempt to wash their hands with the hard work of other groups is hypocrisy of the highest order. The working people of Ireland see right through you.

It should also be noted that the Labour Party were present despite it being a Labour Minister of State who pushed for the International Protection Bill 2015, which was a disaster for the reunification of refugee families. The Irish Refugee Council states that the processes introduced by this bill expose children to harm.

Solidarity from the Greens and Labour is an empty gesture. They claim refugees are welcome while adding to their suffering.

The IWW stands proudly with all others who attended the march and are dedicated to the causes of social justice and an end to bigotry. United, we will build a better world.

## WORKERS SOLIDARITY CONTINUES!



In Derry the local Trades Council continued their ongoing **WE DEMAND BETTER** campaign with a rally held in the city centre which was attended by most of the trade union movement in the city.

A spokesperson for the IWW said that "This action forms part of an ongoing mobilisation of workers unionising the fight back against crap wages, health and education cuts amongst other things.

"As a union we stand by our brothers and sisters who reject and stand up against imposed austerity brought upon us by the politicians and their governments on both these islands.

## Dublin Training: Organiser Training 10

On Saturday 21st and Sunday 22nd January, the Dublin group hosted the Organiser Training 101 in the Pearse Centre. The training was well-attended, with folks coming from as far as Belfast and Wexford. Participants were very pleased with the training, with many folks looking to put their new knowledge into practice.

Everyone was well-fed during the lunch breaks with vegan chilli, rice, brownies, and chocolate chip cookies provided by members.

The Organiser Training 101 trains participants on how to organise their own workplace. It goes through the entire process of organising; from mapping relationships and spaces in the workplace, to building the union, and finally, winning demands!

The branch hopes to hold the OT101 regularly in different areas as demand dictates, and we encourage every member to take the training. The IWW believes that there is no better way to organise your workplace than to organise it yourself, and this training gives everyone the knowledge and skills to accomplish that.

Many thanks to the trainers Anna and Tom for making the trip from London to deliver the training, and to the bakers and the cooks who fed us.

Onwards and upwards!

If you would like to participate in IWW Training you can register at the following email address as IWW training programmes run throughout the year.

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

"This is just the beginning as strikes and other forms of workplace organisation has only just begun.

"This is a time work worker unity as they have already begun to divide us with racism and sectarianism.

"We have to remain unified and confident in our aims and objectives. For us as a revolutionary syndicalist union that means the abolition of the wage system and capitalism itself."

As industrial action begins to increase over the coming weeks and months, the IWW has a role to play in supporting workers actions and extending the hand of solidarity wherever it is required. **PLAY YOUR PART!**

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