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Industrial Workers of the World

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COMMUNITY & WORKPLACE SOLIDARITY CAN END TOXIC GOLD MINING!

The Industrial Workers of the World took part in an Environmental Delegation to the Greencastle People's Office (GPO) in the Sperrin Mountains, Co. Tyrone. The epicentre of a mammoth 'David and Goliath' fight between a multinational gold mining company and the people of a small rural community in the North West of Ireland.

Members of the IWW representing the Ireland branch, the Environmental Committees and Earth Strike were welcomed into the heart of the community as part of a fact finding delegation.

Representatives engaged in a lengthy questions and answers sessions before a tour of the area, noted for its outstanding natural beauty which is still under threat from Dalradian's potential toxic gold mining industry.

A spokesperson for the IWW Environmental Committees spoke following the visit stating: "Firstly on behalf of everyone who travelled to Greencastle as part of this group visit, I would like to thank them for traveling to the Sperrins to try and learn more about the desperate situation directly affecting the people of Greencastle and the population of the wider North West.

"The multinational corporation, Dalradian, has plans to effectively decimate the landscape surrounding us with a toxic gold mining plant.

"The people of Greencastle has shown great resolve in facing down increasing attacks and intimidation over the last number of years. Their bravery is an example to us all and the people of this beautiful area for preventing anyone to pollute and destroy all for the sake of greed and profit.



IWW Environmental Delegation: Solidarity Action with Greencastle Community Fighting Toxic Gold Mining in the Sperrin Mountains

"We have heard first hand accounts for grassroots community activists in what they and their community have been subjected to and how they continue to resist in order to protect the earth that we stand on for tomorrow and future generations. We have recorded and documented the solidarity this community of Greencastle has received both nationally and internationally. How they too have learned and educated themselves, and countless many others as to the destructive nature of toxic gold mining.

"What is for sure is that this community will continue to remain strong and defiant in the face of adversity. Be that from the multinational corporations such as Dalradian and that of those they employ to carry out their dirty work, from the politicians and the state itself. What is for certain is that opposition to toxic gold mining has increased. Environmental and trade union solidarity remains vocal and adamant that our opposition will continue in reject and call-out those who seek to profit from the destruction and poisoning of our land, our rivers and our communities.

"For ourselves as a revolutionary environmental union, we believe that only community and trade union solidarity can end toxic gold mining. We will continue to assist the community of Greencastle and the activists of the GPO as their struggle against toxic gold mining grows stronger by the day.

"Our message to those corporations such as Dalradian is that, you will never defeat the strength and resolve of the people who oppose you and your toxic gold mining plants. We echo the call from this protest camp and demand that you pack up and leave our communities, once and for all."



Solidarity is Strength: Members of the IWW Environmental delegation at the gates of Dalradian's toxic gold mining operations in Greencastle, Co. Tyrone.

FOYLE PRIDE CELEBRATES 30 YEARS OF PROTEST!

The Industrial Workers of the World took part in this years 30th Foyle Pride celebrations in Derry. The event is the only Pride Festival in Ireland which is deliberately free from multinational corporations and police involvement “which in itself is a cause for celebration” said a spokesperson for IWW Unions Derry Branch.

A spokesperson for the IWW spoke during yesterdays event as it weaved its way through the streets of the city stated “It’s important that the IWW as a union attend such an event as Foyle Pride. The event organisers deserve credit for the series of brilliant events held throughout the week leading to todays annual Pride march. Derry is a special place in which we celebrate independent self-organisation, free for the control of the state and of big business which in itself is a cause for celebration.

“As an independent, grassroots revolutionary union, the IWW are here to celebrate Pride as a protest with our members, and our LGBTQI+ brothers and sisters who continue to fight in the workplace and in our communities. against attacks.”

“Our flags are both union and antifascist as a reminder that the battle against fascism is far from over. For revolutionary syndicalists we believe that it will never be over without the full liberation and autonomy of the LGBTQI+ community. As antifascists we have to remain ever vocal, be it on days such as today as always by demanding that TRANS RIGHTS ARE WORKERS RIGHTS!”



PRIDE WAS A PROTEST:
IWW on the streets of Derry during this years 30th Foyle Pride celebrations

IRELAND DEMANDS JUSTICE FOR MARINA!



TEFL SOLIDARITY:
IWW Protests in Belfast in Solidarity with Marina outside the British Council Offices

On Tuesday, 15 August, members of the Dublin group took part in a coordinated action in multiple cities across Ireland and Britain against the employer 'British Council'.

The action was in response to the unjustified sacking of a member of the TEFL workers union by Impellam Group, a contractor employed by the British Council. The worker was let go after raising concerns that the scheduling system was harmful to the staff's mental health.

The Dublin group presented a letter of intent to the British Council before distributing leaflets outside. There was a positive response by passers-by and workers in the building.

In Belfast members of the Industrial Workers of the World staged a protest on the streets outside the offices of Blue Arrow - Impellam in the city centre. An IWW workplace representative hand delivered a letter of protest on behalf of the union, after

speaking directly to a member Blue Arrow - Impellam outlining concerns at the treatment of English language teachers at their third floor office.

"After delivery of our letter, we informed them that a solidarity protest would begin outside the building to raise awareness of Marina's case. Speaking to the lunchtime passers by we distributed several hundred information leaflets calling on justice for Marina. Our information stall also gave us the chance to talk with members of the public in relation to our demands."

As the protest came to a close, members of the IWW went to the offices of the British Council at The Boat building on Queens Square in Belfast. Again a workplace representative of the IWW delivered a letter to the Director of the British Council highlighting the treatment of English Language Teachers and in particular Marina.

Again members gathered outside the British Council offices with union flags and a banner demanding 'Justice for Marina'. As reports of actions come in, similar actions have taken place in Sheffield and London.

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Justice For Marina:
IWW Dublin members express solidarity with TEFL Worker as part of planned day of action