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Industrial Workers of the World

ACTION

An Injury To One - Is An Injury To All!

SOLIDARITY UNIONISM: MUTUAL AID & CLASS SOLIDARITY

Following the latest lockdown, I began a new job in a local cafe. At the beginning there was nothing out of the ordinary - rota supplied too late, holidays not granted without a fight, the manager laying claim to staff tips - hospitality as usual.

However there was a growing discontent amongst the workers. I was the new start, and hadn't received my contract after nine weeks working. I soon discovered that fellow workers who had been there two years where in the same position.

This seemed the best place to begin agitating in the workplace. I went along to the IWW Ireland, Labour Rights Clinic, and explained the conditions in my workplace.

The Clinic allowed me a chance to listen to more experienced FWs and get advice from reps. I was able to take that knowledge learnt and begin speaking to my colleagues in work and sow the seeds of organised discontent.

The contract was an obvious rallying point - everyone knew we should have one and anyone who had asked in the past never saw it materialise. I was assigned a rep and spoke over the phone about the situation in depth, and planned some next steps.

As the weeks went by I was able to chat to colleagues away from management's ears and within a matter of weeks we approached management collectively to request a copy of our contracts. The manager initially snapped and told us we couldn't as, 'no contract exists yet'.

When pressed further, we were told it would, 'arrive when it arrived' but regardless, two days later we all received our contracts, after months, and years of their absence. In addition to this, all those employed by this business, in their other cafes also received their contracts.

This first victory has changed the tone of our workplace entirely.

Fellow workers have started to chat together about what else we could deal with this in the same manner - from holidays to sick pay.

There is an understanding that we - the workers in our cafe - secured contracts for the workers in all cafes owned by this business. Who knows what will come next, but the seeds of our collective strength have been sown.

DON'T LET THE BOSS
TARGET
YOU OR YOUR RIGHTS
AT WORK!



**PROBLEMS AT WORK?
UNPAID WAGES?
UNPAID TRIAL SHIFTS?**

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MONTHLY ONLINE LABOUR RIGHTS CLINIC

The IWW Ireland Branch hold a regular online **Labour Rights Clinic** in order for members to raise issues of concern from their place of work as well as take part in educational presentations on workers rights and organising. The next online **Labour Rights Clinic** takes place on **Thursday 16th September** at 8pm.

For further information check Wobchat, IWW emailouts or you can email: secretary.ireland@iww.org.uk

If you are not yet a member, but would like to get involved where you live, then please join via the following link:
www.iww.org.uk/join

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BLOOD MONEY CAMPAIGN DAY OF ACTION

An international day of action with workers in Myanmar has been called for **Saturday 11th September**.

In Ireland members of the **Industrial Workers of the World** have extended it's hand of solidarity through the various unions and grassroots social justice movements in Myanmar such as the **Federation of General Workers Myanmar** (FGWM), All Burma Federation of Trade Unions (ABFTU) and **Food not Bombs Myanmar** – with the support of the *Asia Working Group* of the **International Confederation of Labour** (ICL) who have confirmed a host of international companies that continues to assist the regime and/or military owed businesses.

The recently established '**Bloody Money Campaign**' has been endorsed and supported by IWW Ireland to help raise awareness of how multinational companies are still profiting from doing business with the military regime in Myanmar.

To help defend workers rights, members of **IWW** will hold a series of information stalls outside businesses locally who are currently assisting investment and the funding of the Myanmar military regime as part of the international day of action on **Saturday 11th September** outside of Primark and Penneys stores across the country to help shine a light on those businesses here in Ireland who are happy to do business with the brutal Military Council in Myanmar.

IWOC CALLS FOR AN END TO PRISON BOOK BAN

A spokesperson for the **Incarcerated Workers Organising Committee**, has called upon the Northern Ireland Prisons Service to end the current book ban in place across the North's Prison system "immediately". In a statement issued at the end of August a spokesperson noted that: "Incarcerated Workers throughout the Covid-19 pandemic have been hit hard with restrictions of movement seeing prisoners locked up for 23 hours a day.

"Reading materials are vital for prisoners, it's a lifeline for everyone to be able to immerse themselves in books, pamphlets, magazines and newspapers. To have that restricted, withheld or banned is a denial of prisoners basic human rights and we call upon those within the Northern Ireland Prison Service to lift the ban immediately as it runs counter to Article 10 of the European Convention of Human Rights."

An online campaign and petition has been activated which has since seen hundreds signing in opposition to the book ban from trade union activists to relatives of those held behind bars.

For further information check the **IWOC Ireland** Facebook page, IWW emailouts or you can email: ireland@iww.org.uk

DIRECT ACTION SUBMISSIONS

If you have an issue, a story, a short news article or would like to advertise an event from your area then please remember to submit it to **Direct Action**.

Your can send your submissions directly to **Direct Action** to: ireland@iww.org.uk

STOP BLOOD MONEY INVESTMENTS IN MYANMAR

PRIMARK
PENNEYS
operated by PRIMARK

SOLIDARITY WITH WORKERS IN MYANMAR!

#BloodMoneyMyanmar

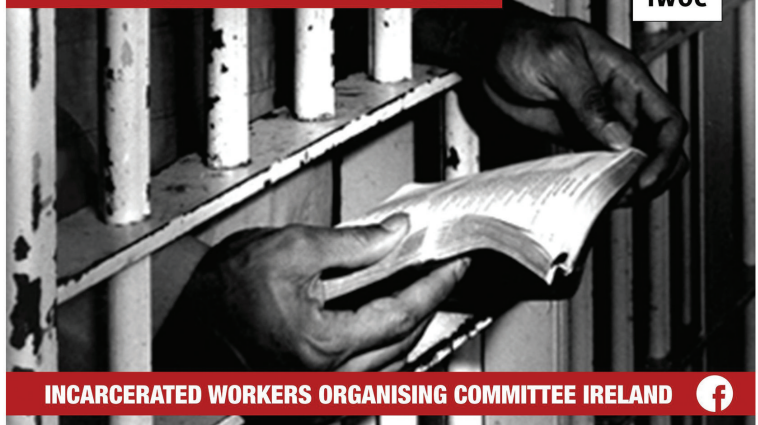
The graphic features a large red splatter with a white dollar sign inside it. Below the splatter are logos for IWW, the Myanmar Workers Union, and the International Confederation of Labour (ICL).

It has been confirmed that Primark Limited and Penneys in Ireland are still engaged in doing business with the Myanmar regimes who have a track record in war crimes, human rights violation, genocide and crime against humanity in Myanmar.

As part of this unfolding international campaign the IWW will play it's part to help highlight the abuse of workers in Ireland and in Myanmar. For updates, more information and you can help out at actions locally on Saturday 11th September, please check out our social media pages and main website:

onebigunion.ie

DEFEND PRISONERS RIGHTS END BOOK BAN IN PRISONS



IWW CONTACTS IN YOUR AREA

Members in each area meet each month to discuss, support and organise activity locally.

Contact your closest local organiser at the following email nearest you or online via Facebook or Twitter:

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Don't Forget You Can Also Write To The IWW Ireland Branch At:

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