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Industrial Workers of the World

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An Injury To One - Is An Injury To All!

#8M: INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

'Yes, it is bread we fight for - but we fight for roses, too!'

"The rising cost of living, intensified by profiteering and high taxes tear the piece of dry bread from her mouth.

"Her earnings or those of the husband are decreasing and no skilfulness, no ability protects her from unemployment.

"The working day is growing longer, the burden, the torture and the danger of work is increasing. The employers, insolent and challenging under the protection of the state, are destroying the poor beginnings of legal protection for the wage-earning proletarian woman, for the children, the half-fledged sons and daughters of the producing class.

"The exploiting capitalist wants to hold his own on the market, and demands bigger profits."

These were the words of Clara Zetkins in 1922, stating that the effects of capitalism were dictating the slogans of Women's Day.

Exactly 100 years on, they still do.

There have been so many advances in the struggle for equality but there remains a lot to achieve and consolidate. Wage theft, exploitation, casualisation of work, structural violence still are the daily experiences of too many women, trans, and non-binary people, particularly BAME, migrant and precarious workers mostly surviving in retail, service, sex work, healthcare and textile industries.

The cost of living is rising exponentially and there's still a pandemic (despite the wishes of the governments) to survive. Reproductive rights and access to safe, free and local abortions are still denied.

There is money for weapons of war but none for essential services that continue to be scrapped or privatised. All these anti-women and anti-working-class attacks can only be fought back if we stand unionised and in solidarity against capitalism and the patriarchal system.

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We can see this mighty power in the ongoing work-in occupation by staff of the Regina Coeli House in Belfast, the only women's hostel in the north of Ireland, after threats of closure were issued.

This fight sets a courageous and positive example in how to take matters into our own hands to fight back against cuts and the closure of services that impact on the lives of the most vulnerable in society.

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BLOODY SUNDAY: 50 YEARS ON!

Members of the Northumbria Industrial Workers of the World branch were honoured to join fellow workers from London, Belgium and Derry at both the Derry Radical Bookfair and the annual Bloody Sunday March for Justice, as the city marked the 50th anniversary since the event took place.

It was a real privilege for those from our branch to be met with such a warm welcome, and to march with fellow workers on this important weekend. Meeting those who are hard at work on activism of all kinds in Derry at the bookfair was really fantastic. It was great to learn about the challenges activists face locally and comparing it with our situation in the north-east of England.

Our branch, like the union as a whole, is committed to solidarity across national borders. We had read about the links between the Hillsborough justice campaigners and the Bloody Sunday families.



The long struggle for justice is a struggle familiar to all those facing oppression, no matter where it is in the world. Of course, this is in line with our union's slogan, 'An injury to one is an injury to all', but more importantly, we wanted to follow through, to show up, and to learn from other people with first-hand experience of oppression.

For the full joint article written by both Ireland and Northumbria branches, please check out the main IWW Ireland website: ONEBIGUNION.IE



New IWOC information leaflet on 'A Prisoner's Guide to Prison Health Care in the North of Ireland' is available from our IWOC postal address: IWOC P.O. Box 346, Derry City, BT48 4FZ.

If you have a loved one, a family member or friend on the inside and would like a information sheet on Health Care, then please get in touch. IWOC members on the inside have come together to produce this fantastic information leaflet which is free to prisoners.

#IWOC Ireland meet each month to discuss, help support and organise solidarity support activities such as this.

If you would like to take part, you can PM us, you can join us directly via www.iww.org.uk/join or/and write to us here:

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Saturday April 30th 2022, Belfast

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WOBBLIES GET ACTIVE! CONTACTS IN YOUR AREA

IWW Members in each area meet each month to discuss, support and organise activity locally. If you would like to become active in your area then we urge you to please get in touch with your local organiser.

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If you take part in any workers solidarity actions at work, on picket lines or on the streets then consider writing or take some photographs to share for further support and solidarity.

Remember, Direct Action is printed and produced each month by volunteer labour of members. If you would like to help out then please get in touch, details below.

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