INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY: BREAD & ROSES

As every year on International Women's Day, the Industrial Workers of the World are particularly amplifying the feminist call for equality and social justice in our society. 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.

We take great inspiration from the Bread and Roses strike, led by a labour force of mostly migrant and female workers in the textile industry in Massachusetts, USA, guided in large part by the revolutionary strategy and vision of the Industrial Workers of the World, and which has become one of the most powerful moments in the history of working class revolutionary struggles led by women.

Why Bread and Roses? Bread represented the bare necessities of life, the ability for workers to feed themselves and their families. Roses represented the beauty, joy, and dignity that make life worth living.

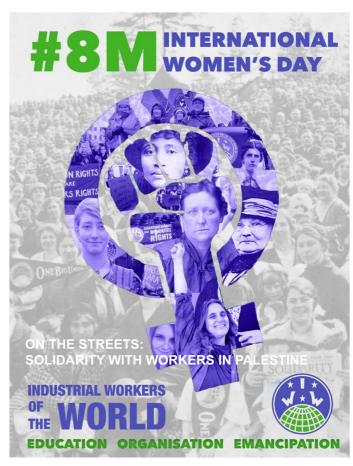
However, the demand for "Bread and Roses", which was ground-breaking in that historical context, is no longer sufficient today.

IWW recognises women who are multiply oppressed by the patriarchal hyper capitalist system; women who are targeted by racism, ableism, religious hatred, queerphobia, and intolerance of migrants. We take this opportunity to stand together against capitalism, to fight racism and to support the right of all women and non-gender conforming people to live and work in safety, free from the threat of social marginalisation, police brutality or deportation.

We also send our solidarity at this time particularly to the women in Palestine, Kurdistan, Sudan, Congo and all women in situations of war and conflict. We salute the struggle of women worldwide in their effort to organise against exploitation, oppression, precarity and for their human rights and freedom.

At this time more than ever, it feels necessary to return to the radical revolutionary principles that founded the IWW:

- > It is the historic mission of the working class to do away with capitalism.
- > The army of production must be organised, not only for everyday struggle with capitalists, but also to carry on production when capitalism shall have been overthrown.



> By organizing industrially we are forming the structure of the new society within the shell of the old.

We don't want anymore to simply demand that the oppressive system of patriarchal racialised hyper capitalism give us enough to be able to live well.

We want the destruction of this system.

We want Bread, Roses, the reappropriation of the means of production, and the creation of a new egalitarian ecosystem based on mutual aid, cooperation and collaboration.

"Our lives shall not be sweated From birth until life closes Hearts starve as well as bodies Bread and roses, bread and roses"

LANUGAGE WORKERS STRIKE: An Ghaeilge: Gníomh Stailc

Cuireann Oibrithe Tionsclaíocha an Domhain ár dtacaíocht agus ár ndlúthpháirtíocht le hoibrithe na Gaeilge atá páirteach i stailce inniu.

Dúirt urlabhraí don Chraobh na hÉireann de chuid IWW, "Cuireann Oibrithe Tionsclaíocha an Domhain ár ndlúthpháirtíocht leis na hoibrithe Gaeilge ar fad atá ag dul ar stailc in aghaidh ciorruithe ar mhaoiniú laistigh d'earnáil na Gaeilge. Cuireann muid ár nglór leis an nglao ó oibrithe sa stailc leathlae inniu chun na ciorruithe ar fad a aisiompú. Tá pá, coinníollacha agus cinnteacht fostaíochta níos fearr tuillte ag gach oibrí san earnáil seo.

Is cuma cá bhfuil oibrithe ag eagrú agus ag seasamh suas ar a son agus a gcearta ag an obair, tá ár dtacaíocht agus ár ndlúthpháirtíocht ar fad tuillte acu.

Tá sé seo i ndiaidh na haisghairme a rinneadh le déanaí ar dhlí 300 bliain d'aois a rinne coiriúlacht go bunúsach ar úsáid na Gaeilge i gcúirt nó i suíomh dlíthiúil.

Gan dabht, is beart suntasach siombalach é aisghairm dlí dá leithéid a bhfáiltíonn muid roimhe mar cheardchumann.



The Industrial Workers of the World extend our support and solidarity with Irish language workers taking part in strike action today.

A spokesperson person for the IWW Ireland Branch said, "The IWW extend our solidarity with all Irish language workers taking strike action against cuts to funding within the Irish language sector. We echo the call from workers in today's half-day strike action to reverse all cuts.

All workers deserve better pay, conditions and better job security within this sector. Wherever workers are organising and standing up for their jobs and rights at work, they deserve all our support and solidarity.

"This follows the recent repeal in a 300 year old law which effectively criminalised the use of the Irish language in a court or legal setting. The repeal of such a law is, without doubt, a significant and symbolic move that we as a union welcome."

INTRODUCTION TO THE IWW

The next introduction session will be scheduled soon.

For new members to the union, this is a useful info session presented by members, for members. If you would like to take part please register by emailing: ireland@iww.org.uk







BLOODY SUNDAY



IWW in Derry played their part in the commemorative events by joining together with other fellow workers, anarchists, communists and trade union activists from throughout the country and beyond. They marched together through the streets a long side the families of those murdered and injured, as well as many other prisoner and social justice campaigns, as many thousands marched to a rally at Free Derry Wall.

A spokesperson for the IWW Ireland and native of the city told us that, "We are here today to stand with the families and relatives of those murdered on Bloody Sunday and to assist the continuing call for justice of those murdered on Bloody Sunday."

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