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THE NEW IRELAND IS FOR EVERYONE

The second edition of Sinn Féin's online magazine has just been published. Éire Nua/The New Ireland is committed to examining all aspects of the Irish Unity debate.

This edition provides additional detail on the 'Peoples Assemblies' initiative referenced in Uachtarán Mary Lou McDonald's Ard Fheis remarks and those of Party Chair Declan Kearney. It will be formally launched later this month and will go live in January 2022.

The initiative involves an extensive island-wide and global consultation on the political and constitutional future of the island of Ireland. This ambitious, 18 month long public and private conversation will be open to everyone through 'Peoples Assemblies.'

The intention is for the party to organise a series of national, regional and local 'Peoples Assemblies' in key locations across the island and invite citizens to make oral or written submissions. Wherever there is a demand Sinn Féin will seek to facilitate it, including within the Irish diaspora.

We want everybody to have their say. This means local activists beginning the work now of discussing this initiative, what contribution you can make and planning for an assembly in your area.

Éire Nua also contains articles by Declan Kearney looking ahead to a United Ireland; Pearse Doherty looking back on the year since Sinn Féin published "The Economic Benefits of Irish Unity"; the climate emergency in the context of unity; an interview with Mark Guilfoyle, the President of Friends of Sinn Féin and an article by Kevin Meagher, a former Special Adviser to Shaun Woodward who was Secretary of State for the North, and who writes regularly on Irish politics.

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Crann na Saoirse

- will grow tall in a United Ireland

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If you have a few minutes check out Sinn Féin's Facebook videos and watch Uachtarán Mary Lou McDonald and Leas Uachtarán Michelle O'Neill, along with Gerry Adams, Aisling Reilly and Pearse Doherty plant Crann na Saoirse - Unity Trees - in their local places.

The Unity tree symbolizes the commitment to achieving a united Ireland. As she planted the tree in Greek St, Dublin Mary Lou McDonald said:

"As we journey toward reunification and peace and a more equal and just Ireland this tree will be growing, taking roots and blossoming just as the new Ireland we all went to live in will grow and blossom and develop. I look

forward to watching it grow tall in a free United Ireland."

So why don't you join us and plant your Crann na Saoirse. Plant your own Unity tree. Native broadleaf species are best. This initiative will benefit the environment. It also provides families and communities the opportunity to plant a Unity Tree in memory of a loved one, for a new born baby, your local club, association or community group.



Crann na Saoirse

Plant a Unity Tree

This native tree will grow tall in a free United Ireland

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A CALL FOR IRISH UNITY AT CHRISTMAS

Are you a supporter of Irish Unity? Are you living abroad this Christmas or do you have family or friends who are?

This Christmas we are asking party members, supporters and members of the Irish diaspora to get active on social media and send a message home urging support for the campaign for Irish Unity in 2022.

The ask is simple - don your Santa hat, grab a flag, banner or homemade sign with the hashtag #Time4Unity, get out to a local landmark and take a short video sending your Christmas wishes home and urging people to get active in the campaign for Unity in the coming new year.

SEND A MESSAGE HOME SUPPORTING THE CAMPAIGN FOR IRISH UNITY



Post your message to social media and/or send to outreach@sinnfein.ie and we will release it over the Christmas period



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A CALL FOR THE DIASPORA TO MESSAGE FOR UNITY

Leas Uachtarán Michelle O'Neill is reaching out to those living in the diaspora to send a message home for this Christmas supporting the campaign for Irish Unity. Michelle O'Neill said:

"The Irish diaspora has an important role to play in campaigning for a referendum on Irish Unity and in spreading the conversation on the future of Ireland.

"As the debate around Irish Unity increases, our collective endeavour should be to shape that debate in a constructive and positive direction. I am sure the Irish diaspora will mobilise in support of Irish unity and build an international momentum towards that goal.

"The ask is simple - don your Santa hat, grab a flag, banner or homemade sign with the hashtag #Time4Unity, get out to a local landmark and take a short video sending your Christmas wishes home and urge people to get active in the campaign for Unity in the coming new year.

"Every single one of us has a part to play in that. Post your message on social media and/or send it to outreach@sinnfein.ie."

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ICTU BACKS GFA

The Biennial Delegate Conference of the Irish Congress of Trade Unions was held in the Waterfront Hall in Belfast in October. In an important move the conference backed a motion from the Waterford Council of Trade Unions supporting the Good Friday Agreement. It also acknowledged the growing debate around the issue of the referendum provision of the Agreement and mandated the trade union leadership to develop "a policy on the referendums."

The motion stated:

"Conference also notes the provision in the Belfast/Good Friday Agreement for referendums in both jurisdictions, as well as the growing public debate relating to their timing, potential outcome and impact on workers."

The Trade Union movement is the largest civic body on the island of Ireland and in that context the Congress mandated the Executive of the ICTU to "identify the priorities of working people and their communities across the island of Ireland and to develop a policy on the referendums, consistent with the "No Going Back" objectives. The policy should then be advocated for by the Executive Council in relation to the referendums if and when they arise and the proposals that will be contained therein."

This is a welcome contribution to the ongoing debate on the unity referendum. At a time when British government policy on Brexit is threatening the Good Friday Agreement the ICTU's endorsement of that Agreement is hugely important.

Speaking at the conference Deputy First Minister Michelle O'Neill outlined the many measures Sinn Féin is promoting in defence of workers' rights. Very specifically she identified the need to "end precarious work; tackle low pay and strengthen trade union recognition and collective bargaining rights."

On Brexit and the Agreement Leas Uachtarán Michelle O'Neill said: "The bottom line is that Brexit is bad for Ireland. The gains of the Irish peace process and the Good Friday Agreement must not be undermined by the Tories. The invisible border is the greatest symbol of our peace and there will be no return to a border on this island. Jobs and livelihoods must be safeguarded and the All-Ireland economy strengthened..."

On the Irish Protocol she said "there is no credible alternative. And we welcome the strong statements from the US Congress Friends of Ireland Group and Ad-Hoc Committee on the Good Friday Agreement, including Congressman Ritchie Neal who have made it clear that they will not support a Trade Deal between the US and British Government if the Good Friday Agreement is not protected and defended."

TIME FOR CHANGE - TIME FOR UNITY



BY GERRY ADAMS

Apart from those years when I was imprisoned I have attended every Sinn Féin Ard Fheis since 1967. That is until this Ard Fheis. However through the marvels of modern technology I was only missing in body not in spirit. I watched the debates live online.

I don't know if it was the consistently good opinion poll results over recent months that had people in good form or the fact that they were getting together under one roof for the first time in two years, but the Ard Fheis was buzzing. There were smiles everywhere. Everyone who got up to speak was applauded - some of the older hands looked seriously embarrassed by this while the younger

speakers took it all in their stride.

Well done to everyone involved in the planning of the Ard Fheis. I know from long experience how much effort goes into making it all come together on the day and how many comrades are a part of the team and the success. So comhghairdeas to everyone involved.

A united Ireland and change were the two big themes of the Ard Fheis and Mary Lou didn't mince her words. She said it loud and clear: "I want to lead as Taoiseach if you give us that chance ... we can unite our country. To make this happen we need a government that shows-up for you. A government for the people and a Taoiseach that puts you and your family first - now and always. So, to those who told me - again and again - to make sure we run enough candidates at the next Dáil election. I hear you loud and clear because - friends - the time for change is now."

Housing, Health, Climate Change and the Environment, Law and Order, the Courts were among the many positive, radical motions debated and passed. It was an all-island, all-Ireland Ard Fheis. It was international with speakers representing the Palestinian people and the people of Cuba.

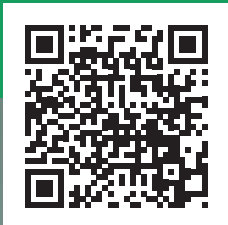
Declan Kearney, the Party Chairperson and then Mary Lou also referenced the new initiative from the party that will see 'Peoples Assemblies' held in key locations across the island and among the diaspora.

For those old enough to remember the idea for 'Peoples Assemblies' has its roots in the Peace Commission established by Sinn Féin in January 1994 that helped contribute to the IRA cessation announced in August of that year. On that occasion five major conferences were held - one in each province - Derry, Galway, Cork and Dublin and a fifth meeting in Belfast. 228 submissions were received from a broad range of community activists, religious groups, Trade Unions, women's rights activists, Irish language and cultural rights activists, campaign groups, politicians and individuals.

So, keep an eye open for the posters and leaflets, the social media messaging, the tweets and Facebook promotions letting you know when and where these meetings will occur. And if you belong to a community group, a women's organisation, a youth group, a business organisation, a farming organisation - in fact if you have an opinion on the future of the island of Ireland - Have Your Say. Make a submission. Come to the conferences and tell us about your vision for the future.

If you want to watch the Sinn Féin Ard Fheis why not log on to Ard Fheis 21 and see for yourself the contributions and the debates.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LNb0vlgT5So>



A RIGHTS BASED FUTURE

For the last six months Unity News has serialised the Sinn Féin policy paper 'Inclusion and Reconciliation in a New Ireland'. The party also published an Activist Guide based on this document.

The policy paper is the third of a series of papers intended as a contribution toward the ongoing and evolving dialogue around the shape, form and governance of a New and Agreed Ireland. In 2016 we published, 'Towards an Agreed and Reconciled Future – Sinn Féin Policy on Reconciliation and Healing' and the following year we published, 'One Community: Tackling the Scourge of Sectarianism in Irish Society – Sinn Féin Anti Sectarianism Policy'.

These policies highlight the imperative of developing progressive thinking and policy proposals on the specific challenges of reconciliation and anti-sectarianism.

They detailed comprehensive proposals and recommendations for community, political and legislative action that seeks to address sectarianism in particular and the pursuit of a reconciled society in general.

'Inclusion and Reconciliation in a New Ireland' sets out Sinn Féin's position on the strategic importance of ending partition, and eradicating sectarianism and sectarian divisions, as essential foundations for the achievement of an agreed, united Ireland and the objective of institutionalising national reconciliation within the fabric of fundamental constitutional change in Ireland.

The need for a reconciliation process in Ireland is beyond dispute. Its achievement cannot be taken for granted.

Sinn Féin believes that healing the divisions in Irish society is inseparable from the new and building momentum for a new, agreed constitutional democracy in Ireland. In this context Sinn Féin is committed to A Rights Based Future. Discussing and debating the themes and issues raised in the 'Inclusion and Reconciliation in a New Ireland' policy must be a priority for the party in the time ahead if we are serious about achieving the Republic envisaged in the 1916 Proclamation.

A RIGHTS BASED FUTURE

Sinn Féin is committed to upholding, protecting and safeguarding the rights of all citizens.

We are committed to the principles of the GFA including:

- ✓ The right of free political thought;
- ✓ The right to freedom and expression of religion;
- ✓ The right to pursue democratically national and political aspirations;
- ✓ The right to seek constitutional change by peaceful and legitimate means;
- ✓ The right to freely choose one's place of residence;
- ✓ The right to equal opportunity in all social and economic activity, regardless of class, creed, disability, gender or ethnicity;
- ✓ The right to freedom from sectarian harassment; and
- ✓ The right of women to full and equal political participation.

The GFA also provided for an all-island Charter of Rights to protect the status, rights and aspirations of all citizens.

Yet despite the Agreement and the stated commitment to rights and 'the achievement of reconciliation', the overall ambition of social transformation has still to be achieved.

Resistance from within political unionism and the failure of the British and Irish governments to uphold their obligations as co guarantors have prevented full implementation of the Agreement.

Overcoming division, dealing with the legacy of the past and mainstreaming key equality and rights provisions must remain priorities for all who are genuinely committed to the full implementation of the GFA.

THE INCLUSION AND
RECONCILIATION PAPER
IS AVAILABLE ONLINE AT

<https://www.sinnfein.ie/contents/60497>



Todhchaí Bunaithe ar Chearta

Tá Sinn Féin tiomanta do chearta gach saoránach a chosaint agus a dhearbhu. Táimid tiomanta do phrionsabail Chomhaontú Aoine an Chéasta lena n-áirítear:

- ✓ An ceart chun smaointeoireacht pholaitiúil saor;
- ✓ An ceart chun Saoirse agus léiriú reiligiúin;
- ✓ An ceart mianta náisiúnta agus polaitiúla daonlathacha a shaothrú;
- ✓ An ceart chun athrú bunreachtúil a lorg ar bhealaí síochánta agus dlisteanacha;
- ✓ An ceart áit chónaithe duine a roghnú faoi shaoirse;
- ✓ An ceart chun comhdheiseanna I ngach gníomhaíocht shóisialta agus eacnamaíoch, beag bean ar aicme, creideamh, míchumas, inscne nó eitneachas;
- ✓ An ceart chun saoire ó chiapadh seicteach; agus
- ✓ Ceart na mban ar rannpháirtíocht pholaitiúil iomlán agus chomhionann.

Rinneadh foráil ann freisin do Chairt um Chearta uile-oileáin chun stádas, cearta agus mianta gach saoránach a chosaint.

Ach in ainneoin an Chomhaontaithe agus an tiomantas luaite I Leith cearta agus 'an t-athmhuintearas a bhaint amach', tá uailmhian iomlán an athraithe shóisialta le baint amach fós. Chuir frithsheasmhacht laistigh den aontachas polaitiúil agus teip rialtos na Breataine agus na hÉireann a gcuid oibleagáidí mar chomh-ráthóirí a chosc bac ar chur ibhfeidhm iomlán an Chomhaontaithe.

Caithfidh deighilt a shárú, déileáil le hoidhreacht an ama a chuaigh thart agus príomhfhórlacha comhionannais agus cearta a phríomhshruthú mar thosaíochtaí do gach duine atá tiomanta I ndáiríre do chur I bhfeidhm iomlán an GFA.

What can Activists do to promote Inclusion and Reconciliation as we move towards a New Ireland?



- ✓ Inform yourself of the content and proposals for inclusion and reconciliation in this document.
- ✓ Discuss these proposals with comrades.
- ✓ Engagement is key. Be proactive!
- ✓ Be proactive in challenging sectarianism whatever its source. Republicans should have a zero tolerance for all discriminatory language.
- ✓ Develop your own local public anti sectarianism campaign.
- ✓ Create platforms for calm and reasoned exchange of views.
- ✓ Could your area arrange an online panel discussion on anti-sectarianism?
- ✓ Continue to reach out and engage with those from a unionist/loyalist background.
- ✓ Hold meetings with trade unionists; and defined religious organisations, Protestant and Catholic; members of business organisations like the CBI and traders' bodies and those sporting organisations who are interested to discuss the issue with us.
- ✓ Reach out to your local faith groups, local Chambers of Commerce & business organisations, sports organisations, youth and community groups. Actively seek their opinion on this policy, current circumstances and the prospects of change.
- ✓ Consider Council motions in relation to this policy.
- ✓ Circulate the policy to other elected representatives, invite discussion on the document.
- ✓ Use Social Media to promote inclusion and reconciliation and inform others of Sinn Féin's proposals.
- ✓ Take out adverts and write letters to your local media on this topic to inform the public.



Irish Unity role for Martina Anderson in Europe

A few weeks ago Martina Anderson took on the role of Sinn Féin's Representative to Europe, with a strategic focus on promoting Irish Unity.

Sinn Féin has long understood the pivotal role the international community can play in advancing the peace process and the united Ireland objective. In her recent Ard Fheis remarks Uachtarán Shinn Féin Mary Lou McDonald said that this is a time for big thinking and credible action nationally and internationally to secure the unity referendum contained in the Good Friday Agreement.

Martina's role will be to engage with a wide spectrum of political, community, legal, business interests in Europe, including Government Ministers, Political Parties, Ambassadors, Think Tanks, Trade Unions, Employers Groups, Civic Society Organisations, Universities and Editorial Boards. Martina said: "My job is to raise awareness across Europe of the real possibility of constitutional change in Ireland and the important role that Europe can play to support and assist the full implementation of the GFA, which includes the unity provision. I will be working closely with my EU Parliament comrade Chris McManus MEP, our international department and our elected representatives in the Assembly, at Westminster and in the Oireachtas."

The Sinn Féin message will be clear; the partition of Ireland is not only a problem in Ireland or between Ireland and Britain, but BREXIT has made it a European problem too. The ongoing threat by the British of invoking Article 16 is evidence of this.

Martina has already begun the task of establishing a European network for Irish Unity. In every part of Europe there are Irish people living and working. I'm asking them to get involved in this exciting project and to be part of the winning team that will win a united Ireland. This is a huge undertaking and Martina is asking for help from the diaspora in Europe.

So, if you know any Irish people living in Europe - a family member or friend who would want to play their part to advance Irish reunification - or European nationals from other countries interested in Irish Unity, contact Martina. #Diaspora4Unity.

BELFAST AND DUBLIN

Day of Action on Unity

Sinn Féin in Dublin and Belfast are planning a Day of Action on Irish Unity for 13 November. All are welcome to join us. The following list is not exhaustive and other events will take place. In Dublin the activities will include Unity White picket lines:

- 📍 Ha'penny Bridge , ÓGRA 12.30 - 1.30
- 📍 Walkinstown Roundabout, 12.30 - 1.30
- 📍 Sean O'Casey Community Centre East Wall, 12.30 - 1.30.
- 📍 Dublin Bay North will have Unity stalls from 12.30 onwards.

A selection of videos/photos by Councillors on the unity theme will also be posted on social media that day. In Belfast white line pickets will take place on the Andersonstown Road, outside Connolly House. At the Andytown Barracks site and at the Michael Ferguson roundabout at Poleglass. There will be a picket at the International Wall in Divis Street and in North Belfast there will be a picket at the Antrim Road junction; also on the Ormeau Road in South Belfast and at the Short Strand shops in the East of the City. In addition posters and the large "A United Ireland is for everyone - let's talk about it" will also be on display.



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Uniting Ireland focus at Edentubber Commemoration

On Monday 11th November 1957, five republicans were killed in an explosion which demolished a small cottage at the foot of Edentubber Mountain in County Louth.

The five who became known as the Edentubber Martyrs, were; Volunteers George Keegan and Paddy Parle from Wexford, Volunteer Paul Smith from Bessbrook, Volunteer Oliver Craven from Newry, and republican Michael Watters from Edentubber.

At this year's commemoration, which takes place on Sunday 14th November at 2.30pm, local members of Ógra Shinn Féin will display the Uniting Ireland banner.

The keynote speaker will be Pádraig Mac Lochlainn TD.

64TH
EDENTUBBER
ANNUAL COMMEMORATION
CUIMHNEACHÁN BLIANTUIL
ÉADAN TOBAIR

Sunday 14th November
Assemble @2.30pm

SPEAKER: **Pádraig Mac Lochlainn TD** | *EVERYONE WELCOME*
Fáilte roimh chách

RESISTANCE



ÉADAN TOBAIR
1957-2021

FUAIR SIAD BÁS AR SON
SAOIRSE NA hÉIREANN

IRELAND'S FUTURE DEBATE THE FUTURE

"The idea of a new and united Ireland is the opportunity to create something new, something different, to reconsider our social contract and shape the country we want rather than the one we inherited from the trials and tribulations of history." Dr Umas Al-Qadri

The debate on the constitutional future of the island of Ireland and the unity referendum are centre stage. Ireland's Future is playing a significant role in calmly, logically, inclusively discussing the future options open to Irish citizens. In recent weeks it held two very successful conferences. One in Galway and one in the Mansion House in Dublin.

Uachtarán Mary Lou McDonald was part of the panel at the Dublin event. Speaking afterward she said: "The Mansion House is where history was made and today we talked about our own chapter and how we can create the New Ireland."

The Sinn Féin President described it as "an incredibly interesting event on Irish Unity, on Ireland's Future. We had a very diverse panel. The conversation on Irish Unity is live – it is enthusing people – it is being seen in terms of opportunity for everyone who wants to live in a better Ireland. It's also clear that the Irish government needs to move and establish the Citizen's Assembly and we need an Oireachtas Committee on Unity. We need these because we have to be prepared. Change is happening. It needs planned for."



The importance of establishing a national health service on the island of Ireland was one of the main topics discussed in the Mansion House. It must be "free at the point of access" Mary Lou McDonald said. The future shape of a health service is the issue that is most often raised when there are conversations on Irish Unity. She said: "The smart money would join those together and create a single-tier universal health service for people across the island."

Fine Gael TD Neale Richmond described the London government as "utterly reckless and untrustworthy... You cannot rely on the British government for anything." Fianna Fáil TD Jim O'Callaghan said that the objective of a united Ireland is a "perfectly legitimate political objective" and there is nothing "sinister or

subversive about it".

Professor John Doyle of the Dublin City University Institute for International Conflict Resolution and Reconstruction said that the so-called British subvention would be mostly irrelevant to a united Ireland.

Dr Umar Al-Qadri, the chair of the Irish Muslim Peace and Integration Council, told the conference that he supported a united Ireland. This was based on his personal experience and that of his community in the South. In a survey of 200 Muslims 190 backed Irish Unity. The others were undecided. No one was opposed.

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Good progress made on Council Working Group on Irish Unity

Since it was established in June Derry/Strabane Council's Working Group on Irish Unity has met twice. A Terms of Reference has been agreed. The purpose of the group is to inform and oversee an engagement process to establish the views of a wide range of stakeholders, in the Council area, on issues related to constitutional change and the implications for the Council area.

The group will play a key role in:

- 🕒 Identifying relevant sources of information / stakeholders that can inform the development, roll out, analysis and dissemination of relevant information;
- 🕒 Engaging, as necessary, with representative groups and other stakeholders to inform the approach and design of the engagement / consultation process;
- 🕒 Initially engaging and informing an analysis on broad economic, environmental and social impacts
- 🕒 Helping to identify any barriers to engagement and appropriate mitigation measures;
- 🕒 Identifying implications for the Council area and the wider north-west
- 🕒 Lobbying for funding and identifying funding opportunities
- 🕒 Disseminating the results of the engagement / consultation process.
- 🕒 Engaging with political representatives, where required, on a regional, sub regional and cross border basis;

Council officers are currently building up a research library of material and research relevant to Irish reunification that can help inform the Working Group.

At the second meeting there was a discussion on a proposal to 'Start the Conversation' and around the establishment of a bespoke model for the Council to begin a dialogue with local stakeholders and ratepayers on Irish Unity. and what the implications of it could be in that region. In other words a Citizens Assembly at Council level. The next Working Group meeting will be held before Christmas and this proposal will be firmed up with its work beginning next year.

In the absence of the Irish Government convening a Citizen's Assembly on Irish Unity. Councils in some areas are leading the way.

Archibald launches plan for all-Ireland tourism

Sinn Féin MLA Caoimhe Archibald and Deputy First Minister Michelle O'Neill have launched a plan to join up key tourism locations across the island to help rebuild the economy and ensure tourism thrives.

Speaking at the launch of 'Explore More' in Arás Uí Chonghaile, the party's economy spokesperson said:

"Sinn Féin wants to grow all island tourism to create jobs and put money back into communities and workers' pockets. Today we have launched our plan to extend the internationally renowned Wild Atlantic Way across the Causeway Coastal Route, Ireland's Ancient East through counties Armagh and Down, and the Hidden Heartlands into Fermanagh."

The Sinn Féin MLA said: "There has been an opportunity missed to date as the key tourist spots, known the world over, stop at the border. Prior to the pandemic, tourism was a key part of the local economy and can be a

key part of recovery by getting more people into local businesses like bars, restaurants, cafes and tourist attractions."

Extending tourist areas and working on all-Ireland basis can help rebuild the economy, create jobs and help businesses protect and support workers and families. We must seize the opportunity to encourage those who live on this island, and those who visit it to 'Explore More' of it."



View Sinn Féin's document here: www.sinnfein.ie/files/2021/OnlineA4_TheNorth_Tourism20Oct.pdf

THERE WILL BE A REFERENDUM

Terry O'Sullivan, President
of the Labour International Union
of North America
gives the closing address.



This is the eleventh year of the Irish Echo Labor Awards. These take place annually in New York and are a celebration of the work of Irish/American trade union activists and of their extraordinary commitment and dedication to the cause of Labor and to the needs of their members and families. They also mark the level of connection between the Irish American Labor Movement and Ireland. One of this year's honourees is Jim Devine from West Belfast. He and his brother Columb moved from the Rock Streets on the Falls Road, close to where James Connolly lived in Belfast, to make a fresh start in Albany, New York.

The Devine's were great battlers for the cause of Ireland and as a union leader with the Communications Workers of America, Jim helped lobby for the adoption of the MacBride Principles of Fair Employment across America.

Terry O'Sullivan, President of the Labour International Union of North America gave the closing address in which he launched a fierce broadside against partition a century ago and demanded the right of the Irish people – through the unity referendum – to determine our own future.

Speaking via video to the Trade Union event Gerry Adams told them of his confidence that there will be a referendum on Irish Unity and that Irish America will have a key role to play in bringing that about and in winning that referendum.

He said: "The Irish government don't want a referendum on Unity. The British government don't want a referendum on unity, even though that is part of the Good Friday Agreement. But that referendum will happen.

If we do the work and win the referendum we can be the first generation to actually live in a free United Ireland. So, support those trade union leaders who are for a united Ireland and support those political leaders who are for Irish Unity. We will have unity."



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RESOURCE FOR ACTIVISTS

All of the recent articles and significant contributions on the United Ireland theme are available on the Sinn Féin website. Log in to www.sinnfein.ie/irish-unity for all of the news on uniting Ireland.



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