



BÍ PÁIRTEACH SA PHLÉ AR AONTÚ NA hÉIREANN

D'iarr Mairéad Farrell TD don uair dheireanach ar mhuintir Chonamara cruinniú léi féin, le Pearse Doherty TD, agus le hiarUachtarán Shinn Féin Gerry Adams ag Tionól Pobail sa gCrompán, ar an gCeathrú Rua, Dé Luain an 27ú Samhain. Déanfar plé ag an gcrúinniú seo ar "an deis atá ann anois dul chun cinn i dtreo sprioc Aontacht na hÉireann; an gá le go gcuirfidh rialtas na hÉireann tús leis an bpleanáil le Tionól Saoránach; agus na buntáistí a féadfadh a bheith ann do iarthar na hÉireann, agus ceantair na Gaeltachta ach go háirithe, de thairbhe athaontú na hÉireann."

Dúirt an Teachta Farrell:

"Deis ar leith agus cruthaitheach atá i dTionól an Phobail - 'Is do gach duine an Éire Nua - Abair Leat' - do saoránaigh páirt a ghlacadh sa díospóireacht atá ag fás maidir le hÉire aontaithe. Tá dul chun cinn suntasach le brath maidir le hÉire aontaithe agus éileamh ann go nglacfaidh an rialtas go dáiríre leis an bpróiseas pleanála a thosú don aontú sin.

Teastaíonn ó dhaoine a thuiscint cad a chiallóidh an Éire nua dóibh féin agus dá gclanna. Tá freagraí uathu, agus cinnteachtaí, maidir lena gcuid tosaíochtaí ar nós struchtúirí rialtais, soláthar seirbhísé sláinte, an Ghaeilge, fostaíocht agus pinsin. Ciallaíonn sé sin go dteastaíonn comhrá ar na nithe seo go léir. Céim tábhachtach a bheadh ann dá dtosódh an rialtas ag pleanáil don aontú. Cén cineál creatlach bunreachtúil agus rialtais a theastaíonn ó dhaoine? An féidir linn seirbhís uile-oileánda don chúram sláinte, seachadta saor in aisce don othar, a chruthú? An mbeidh daoine níos fearr as ó thaobh airgead de? An rachfar i ngleic le cúrsaí teanga agus athrú aeráide agus na cúiseanna eile go léir a ghoilleann ar ghnáthshaol an duine ar bhun níos dearfaí agus níos éifeachtaí in Éire aontaithe?



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Tá Aontú na hÉireann anois ar bharr an chláir pholaitiúil, ach níl sé cinntithe go fóill. Teastaíonn pleanáil ina leith. Ní mór dúinn féin atá ag iarraidh Éire Aontaithe pleanáil ina leith. Ní mór dúinn freisin deileáil leis na buairt atá acu siúd nach bhfuil cinneadh déanta suas acu go fóill, agus nach bhfuil

cinnte cén chaoi a gcaithfeadh siad vóta i reifreann ar an aontú.

Tá an Coimisiún um Thodhcháí na hÉireann ag Sinn Féin ag eagrú Tionól Pobal chun an plé seo a spreagadh. Beidh an Tionól Pobal Gaeltachta sa gCrompán ar an gCeathrú Rua mar an 10ú cruinniú dá saghas i mbliana.

Mar sin, tar i láthair tráthnóna Dé Luain an 27ú Samhain ag a 7in agus bí páirteach sa phlé ar an aontú.



IRISH UNITY IS THE VERY BEST OPPORTUNITY FOR THE FUTURE

The Ard Fheis was hosted this month in the Technological University of Shannon Campus in Athlone, County Westmeath. Party leadership set out the type of change that a Sinn Féin government will deliver if the people give us that opportunity in the next election. The theme of the Ard Fheis was all about the future, hope and opportunity. During Uachtarán Mary Lou McDonald's main address, the party president set out her plan to build a better, fairer country for all, for positive change and transformation. Speaking on Irish Unity and building a new Ireland Mary Lou said, "Ireland has known war. Today, we know peace. But it wasn't inevitable. Twenty-five years ago, brave peacemakers reached beyond the trenches of the past. They delivered peace. The Good Friday Agreement stands as testament that even the most intractable of conflicts can be resolved. That generation wrote Ireland's chapter of peace. Now, our generation must write the chapter of unity. To build a new Ireland. "Government must plan for democratic constitutional change. That means a Citizens' Assembly on unity. The day is coming when everyone on this island will have their say in referendums. Each vote counted equally, no vetoes, no shifting of the goal posts. Momentum is building, the conversation is live, history is happening now. Irish

Unity is the very best opportunity for the future. In the words of Rita O'Hare, 'We must keep going. A United Ireland lies ahead' "Right across Ireland, it's time for change. Change is essential to drive progress, to meet the big challenges, to embrace the big opportunities. We want to make change real in the lives of ordinary people. "Love of home is what defines us. From those who fled famine and persecution, to the generations who left in search of work, to our young people today who seek opportunity across the globe. "Our special affinity with home binds us together. Home is where you are loved, secure, encouraged to reach your full potential. Home is where you belong. "We want to build a new Ireland. A nation home for all. A unified nation of confidence and compassion, talent and ingenuity, claiming our future, our rightful place among the nations of the world. "A new Ireland. "The Orange and Green reconciled. "No place for racism, Islamophobia, Antisemitism, sexism, homophobia, transphobia, or sectarianism. "Where there is no them, only us. "All of us who call Ireland home."

IRISH UNITY SNAPSHOTS

Members from across Ireland spoke during the Irish Unity section at this year's Ard Fheis. Many spoke about the importance of planning and preparing for unity. A key theme across many speeches was the need for the Irish government to establish a Citizens' Assembly on Irish Unity.

See below a snapshot of some of the contributions made.

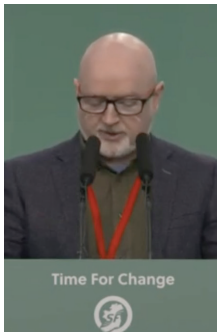
YOU CAN CATCH UP ON ALL THE CONTRIBUTIONS HERE:

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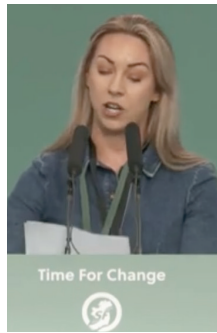
“A new Ireland would give us the opportunity to create a better future for all who call this place home. Irish Unity enables us to design something better for everyone and would allow young people to stay here without having to consider leaving to search for a better life. A new Ireland would give those who have already left, the opportunity to come home.”

**Cllr Paul Boggs,
Jim McGinn
Cumann
Strabane**



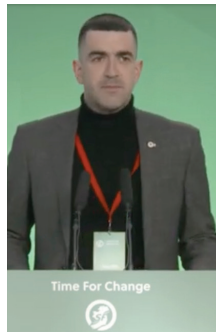
“British rule in Ireland and the denial of our right to self-government remains at the core of our divisions and difficulties. The human, economic and social costs of British rule and the disastrous decision to partition Ireland have been immense on border communities like my own in Strabane and Lifford. We have all been failed by the partition of this island- more and more people are realising this.”

**Cllr Brian Harte,
Breslin/ Devine
Cumann
Strabane**



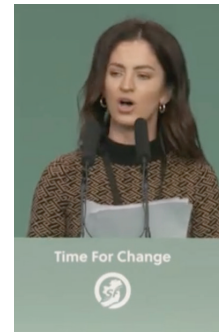
“The new United Ireland we want to create will be a warm house for all regardless of political opinion, background, religion or social status. That is the Republic we seek to build.”

**Emma McArdle,
Morris Harvey
Cumann,
Crossmaglen**



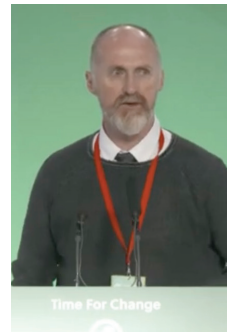
“Irish unity offers the only pathway back to EU membership for people in the North of Ireland. There is work that can and should be done in Brussels to prepare for a united Ireland and the return of the North to the EU.”

**Senator Fintan
Warfield**



“The time to end partition and British rule in our country forever is now. For far too long the people of Ireland have suffered due to British government policy on our island. The north bears the brunt of bad British government decisions. Historically this has meant sectarianism and discrimination. This is what fueled the conflict.”

**Cllr Aoife
Finnegan,
Morris Harvey
Cumann,
Crossmaglen**



“Young people are demanding to be co-architects of the future of this island. Sinn Féins Commission on the Future of Ireland is allowing them to do this. I would encourage everyone to connect with the Commission and have their say.”

**Cllr Dermot
Daisy O'Brien,
Bray**



EXPLORING CULTURAL, POLITICAL AND SOCIAL CHANGE AMONG NORTHERN PROTESTANTS

Our political project takes its inspiration from the 'Spirit of 1798' and the United Irishmen and women. We are Irish republicans in the Wolfe Tone tradition; implacably anti-sectarian; committed to equality, rights, and national independence; dedicated to the unity of all our people – Catholic, Protestant, dissenter, and others. Understanding and engaging Protestant identities and culture is one of the most important discussions which needs to occur as we look to the future and potential constitutional change. With this in mind our Ard Fheis fringe event this year was themed around the recently published book, *The Ghost Limb: Alternative Protestants and the Spirit of 1798*. A packed audience took part in a very vibrant and thought provoking discussion which was

chaired by party Chairperson Declan Kearney. Claire Mitchell, the book's author, was the guest speaker at the meeting. Claire spoke about cultural, political and social change among northern Protestants. She stressed the importance of having the conversations, making connections and the shared values of 1798. Claire said, "Increasing numbers of Protestants are entering the reunification debate. It is of course important to ask what Protestants might want from political change. But I think it is interesting also to ask what Protestants might bring. "Asking these questions might allow all of us to be changed a little. This work will serve us well, however the constitutional chips fall."

TACKLING SECTARIAN SEGREGATION

Sinn Féin hosted a panel discussion this month in the Houben Centre, Belfast, entitled 'GFA 25: Tackling sectarian segregation', which examined progress made over the last 25 years and asked the question what more needs to be done to build a shared and better future for all.

The discussion heard from contributors including Betty Carlisle, Shankill Women's Centre, Peter Osborne, Integrated Education Fund and Daniel Holder, Committee on the Administration of Justice, each of whom have significant experience, and demonstrated leadership, in working to empower women, to promote better community relations and the benefits of integrated education and working to build a society that values human rights.

The event focused on how society has been transformed since the signing of the Good Friday Agreement, yet the challenges of sectarianism, segregation and division remain.

Declan Kearney MLA spoke at the event and said, "Dealing with these challenges will require community based economic, educational and health interventions.

"It will also require an anti-sectarian strategy that is led by a future Stormont Executive.

"It also means recognising that so many people and groups are working to build that better future for all through their work promoting community relations, building community wealth, supporting families, promoting integrated and shared education, and much more."



CEARTA MIONLAIGH AGUS NA mBAN IN ÉIRINN AONTAITHE

By Róisín NicLiam

Cuireadh cosaint chearta mionlaigh agus na mban in Éirinn Aontaithe trí chéile ag imeacht tábhachtach spreagúil in Ollscoil Uladh le déanaí. An Chomhpháirtíocht Ionannais (The Equality Coalition) agus an Institiúid um Cheartais Idirthréimhseach (The Transitional Justice Institute) a d'eagraigh an seimineár mar ar chualthas ó réimse leathan dearchtaí. Plé fóna tairbhiúil a bhí ann a thug an deis do lucht léinn agus an pobal mar aon teacht le chéile le machnamh a dhéanamh ar na dúshláin agus - níos tábhachtaí fós - ar na deiseanna a bheadh romhainn amach i gcás an athraithe bhunreachtúil.

I measc na gcainteoirí ar an gcéad phainéal, bhí an tOllamh Brice Dickson a phléigh cearta na nAontachtaithe in Éirinn Aontaithe, an tOllamh Colin Murray a labhair ar cheisteanna éagsúla dlí, agus mé fhéin, Róisín Nic Liam, a labhair mar bhall de Chonradh na Gaeilge agus cearta teanga á gcoradh agam. Fréamhaíodh an chaint chéanna uaim i gcomhthéacs coilíneach agus nu-achóilíneach na hÉireann nuair a pléadh teip an dá stát – thuaidh agus theas – dul i ngleic le ceartas na nGael agus an tsaoirse chultúrtha ó bhí aimsir na críochdheighilte ann. Is le tuin dóchais a cuireadh clabhsúr leis an gcaint, áfach, agus mé ag áiteamh go bhfuil deiseanna ar leith amach romhainn mar phobal, ach iad a éileamh agus a thapú.

Fé chúram Chonradh na Gaeilge a bheidh an gnó úd go ceann tamaill. Beartaíodh ag Ard-fheis an fhóraitim úd i mbliana go gcuirfeadh an Conradh tús le coiste nua a réiteoidh tuairisc ar sheasamh bunreachtúil na Gaeilge in Éirinn Aontaithe. Is inti a dhéanfar iniúchadh ar sheasamh reatha na Gaeilge i gcórais dlí an tuaiscirt agus an deiscirt, agus is inti a dhéanfar anailís chomparáideach idir Éirinn agus tíortha dátheangacha eile leis, féachaint cad iad na dea-chleachtais thar sáile ar chóir dúinne a aithris amach anseo. Tá súil againn go gcuimasófar pobal na Gaeilge leis an tuairisc seo páirt ghníomhach ghlórmhar a ghlacadh sa chur is sa chúiteamh spleodrach ar aontú na hÉireann agus amhlaidh a

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dhéanamh ar bhonn straitéiseach eagraithe.

Labhair an dara painéal – an tOllamh Fionnuala Ní Aoláin, an tOllamh Fidelma Ashe, an Dr Joanna McMinn agus Elaine Crory - ar chosaint chearta na mban agus ár ról sa plé ar Éirinn Aontaithe leis. Ba dhiall an méid a chuir na mná misniúla úd leis an seimineár agus cumas claochlaitheach Éireann Aontaithe á chur trí chéile acu.

Tá ardmholadh ag dul don Ollamh Colin Harvey agus

Patricia McKeown leis as cathaoirleacht shnasta shlachtmhar a dhéanamh ar an ócáid mar is dual dóibh.

Ba léir ón imeacht go bhfuil an cur is an cúiteamh ar Éirinn Aontaithe níos beomhaire agus níos bríomhaire ná riamh. Tá daoine ó na haon saghas cúlra anois ag glacadh páirte ann le fonn, le fosc agus le fíis toidhcháí níos feara a bhaint dá bpobail fhéin. Tá an saol ar bhos ár gcamáin againn, a chairde, agus Éire Aontaithe ag teannadh linn. Buailimis go barra na spéire é agus beirimis bua!

TRADE UNIONISTS FOR A NEW AND UNITED IRELAND HOST CONFERENCE IN BELFAST

Trade Unionists for a New and United Ireland (TUNUI) held a two-day conference this month in St Comgall's, Belfast to mark the 25th anniversary of the signing of the Good Friday Agreement.

The two-day conference had contributions from International Trade Unionists including Koldo Sanes from the Lab Union in the Basque country, Jamal Juma from the New Federation of Palestinian TU. There were also Trade unionist representatives from Ireland, Scotland, Catalonia, Valencia, Galiza, Brittany and Corsica.

Gerry Mc Cormack, Deputy General Secretary of SIPTU spoke alongside Anne Speed and Conor Mc Carthy from UNISON. Frank Connolly, author of 'United Nation-The Case for Integrating Ireland' gave a comprehensive contribution.

Muireann Dalton updated the conference on the ongoing outreach and campaigns across Ireland. She spoke of the success of Ireland's Future events and Sinn Féin's Commission on the Future of Ireland. All speakers stressed the importance of A Citizens Assembly on Irish Unity being established immediately.

TUNUI sees a New United Ireland as an opportunity to make a case for more investment in public services, stronger workers' rights, an economy that serves



to protect Ireland's unique climate and biodiversity and ensuring that social justice is central to Irish Unity.

TRADE UNIONS MUST BE AT THE HEART OF IRISH UNITY DEBATE

Trade unions must be at the heart of the debate over Irish reunification, SIPTU Deputy General Secretary, Gerry McCormack, told the union's Biennial Delegate Conference (BDC) in Galway today.

McCormack argued that Brexit had "decimated" the terms and conditions of many workers in Northern Ireland, making unions more relevant than

ever on both sides of the border.

"The trade union movement abandoned the constitutional question in this country when James Connolly was shot in 1916," McCormack told the conference, "but our values must be at the heart of this public debate."

"Trade unions stand for a social-democratic society based on principles of equality, solidarity and justice at work. That vision is just as important to workers in Northern Ireland as it is in the Republic."

McCormack added that the actions of the Democratic Unionist Party (DUP) in both supporting Brexit and blocking the Assembly and Executive from functioning in the North had left workers facing extraordinary cuts to their incomes and public services in recent years.

However, he also noted that the Fine Gael and Fianna Fáil coalition in the Republic of Ireland had led to the highest cost of living in Europe and cuts to real pay across the economy. "We don't want societies based on inequality in the North or the South. We want a new society which has workers' interests at its heart," he said.



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SELF-DETERMINATION AND UNITY REFERENDA ARE IN THE NATIONAL INTEREST



Sinn Féin MLA Declan Kearney has set out the outstanding challenges for the next phase of the peace process while presenting the party's new policy document, 'A New Ireland for All'.

Speaking recently the party's National Chairperson said:

"25 years after the Good Friday Agreement, it is time to begin the next phase of our peace process. The challenge facing us all today is to make the political process work, and plan for the next 25 years; to tackle sectarianism and achieve reconciliation.

"Significant new voices from within the diversity of Protestant and unionist identities are now discussing constitutional change.

"Understanding and engaging with Protestant identities and culture is one of the most important conversations which needs to occur as we manage this change.

"Republicans carry a major responsibility to engage with Protestants and unionists to better understand their current concerns. Those reservations are real.

"Our political landscape is complicated due to the legacy of colonialism, and sectarian segregation. Housing and education reflect the structural reality of sectarianism.

"The failure to implement the Good Friday Agreement and its Bill of Rights, is at the heart of that intractability.

"Our new policy document, 'A New Ireland for

All' sets out the outstanding challenges to end sectarian segregation and tackle sectarian attitudes, and to achieve reconciliation within the context of constitutional and political change.

"Eradicating sectarian segregation, and breaking the cycle of sectarianism, need to be embedded within all public policy processes. That means the function of government institutions in the north, and on a north/south basis should be repurposed to deliver on that objective.

"The democratic logic for managing change is now inescapable. It is why the Irish government, and those who will govern Britain in the future, should begin to plan and prepare the transition to unity.

"The moment has arrived to establish a Citizens Assembly on reunification.

"Self-determination and unity referenda are in the national interest: To open a truly democratic debate about our collective future on this island which addresses the economic and social priorities of workers and families in the 26 counties; shapes an all-Ireland economic model to serve the needs of the many and for the first time, an opportunity to design a citizen centred, rights-based Republic which celebrates our national diversity."

UNITING IRELAND ROUND UP

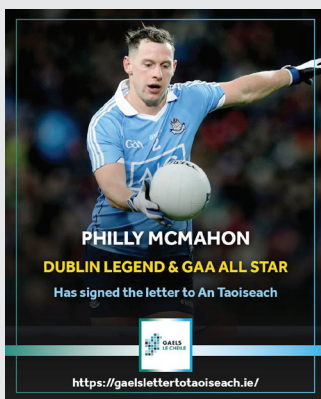


IRELAND'S FUTURE

There was a packed house this month in the Europa Hotel for Ireland's Futures business lunch. The guest speaker at the event was Gavin Eslar, former Newsnight presenter. Board members also met this month with representatives from eleven political parties from across the island in Dublin to discuss their plans for the year ahead.

GAELS LE CHÉILE

High profile Gaels from across Ireland are continuing to support the Gaels le Chéile campaign which calls on the Taoiseach to set up an all Ireland Citizens' Assembly to plan for our future. You can sign the letter here and should encourage Gaels in your area to do the same [www.gaelstlettertotaoiseach.ie](https://gaelslettertotaoiseach.ie/)



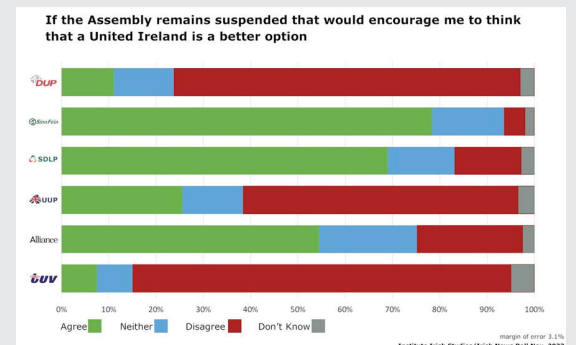
IRISH UNITY SUMMIT ANNOUNCED FOR NEW YORK

Seven key Irish-American organisations have announced an 'Irish Unity Summit – For a New and United Ireland' to be held in New York on 1st March next year as part of an international focus on Irish reunification. The initiative will take place just before St. Patrick's Day and ahead of the visit to the USA of political leaders from Ireland.



STORMONT SUSPENSION FUELS DEBATE AROUND IRISH UNITY

The debate around constitutional change is likely to intensify the longer the devolved institutions are suspended, according to new research. More than half of Alliance voters (54.5%) say that if the assembly and executive remain dormant due to the DUP boycott it would encourage them to believe a united Ireland would be a better option, according to the latest Irish News-Institute of Irish Studies-University of Liverpool survey.



COLIN HARVEY MAKES THE CASE FOR A UNITED IRELAND AT NEW YORK EVENT

Professor Colin Harvey spoke this month on the theme of "A Pathway to a new Ireland" at an event organised by the National Committee on American Foreign Policy and hosted by Fordham Law School. He said "There is a particular onus on the Irish government to facilitate the preparation for Irish Unity and inclusive dialogue is crucial. Building a persuasive case for change will require the contributions and insights of a broad civic and political coalition."



Promoting the Uniting Ireland message in Swinford, Co Mayo

Mayo Sinn Fein held a UI event this month in Swinford which was attended by Chris MacManus MEP & Rose Conway Walsh TD.

The Peadar O'Donnell Cumann in Swinford unveiled a bench and displayed the large Uniting Ireland banner in the area.

All speakers at the event highlighted the need for the Irish government to establish a Citizens' Assembly to plan for unity and encouraged local members to be active on the issue and to engage with their local communities on what Irish Unity will mean for them.



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BUSTING THE MYTHS ON IRISH UNITY



Belfast Sinn Féin have been hosting 'Irish Unity Week'. This was kicked off with a unity walk up Black Mountain and Cave Hill.

This week they have been posting a series of 'Myth Busters' videos to social media, highlighting the merits and busting some of the common myths around Irish Unity.

The videos can be watched by clicking the link: Sinn Féin Belfast Facebook Page



PEARSE COLUMN WALK

Fermanagh and Monaghan Sinn Féin joined together to host the Pearse Column Walk this month. They used this as an opportunity to promote the Irish Unity message with flags and by discussing the issue throughout the walk.

The walk retraces the footsteps of the Pearse Column from Altawark, Co Fermanagh to Mickey Joe Mulligan's cottage in Co Monaghan after the events of the Brookeborough Raid on New Year's Day 1957.



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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