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For Class Struggle Anarchism

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FROM CRISIS TO CLASS WAR!

The unfolding crisis working class communities are facing has already arrived on their doorsteps.

As protests took place in England, Wales and Scotland the Industrial Workers of the World (IWW) Ireland Branch part in march and rallies held in both Belfast and Derry. The events held witnessed community action groups, trade unions and others taking to the streets once again to help highlight continuing attacks on our class from fuel poverty, cost of living and poverty wages.

Speaking during Saturday's events a spokesperson for the IWW said that "As energy prices rise the impact upon workers, their families and communities is evident. We have witnessed a surge in food banks setting up and foot fall on similar community resources increasing.



At what point do we say the enough is enough?"

Similar actions have taken place on the streets of Dublin and Cork as people begin to mobilise. These types of mass mobilisations or protests has to be welcomed?

"Definitely, the importance of mobilising on the streets, of encouraging a workplace and community response to what is happening right now is a rejection of those in their halls of power. People are angry.

DERRY ANARCHIST COLLECTIVE

BARRICADE BULLETIN

This is issue 20 of **Barricade Bulletin**, the news bulletin created by **Derry Anarchist Collective**.

As always this issue carries with it news on local activity anarchists have been involved in from prisoner and workers solidarity.

The Derry Anarchist Collective is active in many different projects from organising within our unions to prisoner support and other community activity. Some of our activity is listed within these pages and on our social media.

Barricade Bulletin is printed and produced voluntarily by the **Derry Anarchist Collective** to bring you info from anarchists in Derry.

If you feel you would like to participate, to write or help build locally then please get in touch.

Barricade Bulletin takes its name from the radical community news sheet printed and distributed during the period of Free Derry.



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On the streets is where we can address these issues and right the wrongs our class is facing.

"Throughout the North, as in other locations workers are being mobilised for industrial action or are currently taking part in strike action to challenge a share of the wealth bosses have been basking in for far too long.

"As a revolutionary union, it is our belief that what we are witnessing in our homes, in our workplaces and in our communities is far from a "cost of living crisis" but a class war.

"It is wrong to believe that the system which is in place is there to assist or help our class. It is wrong to believe that that same system can be somehow reformed or tweaked in to helping our class out of the pit we currently find ourselves. It is deliberate and calculated robbery. This system of capitalism was created and designed to act in such a way were the rich could easily gain as much wealth as the can off the backs of ourselves, the working class.

"They are the ones who are in control of the laws and regulations which is effectively attacking workers at every juncture. The system is there to support and protect them as can be seen clearly over the past number of months."

But what of the Industrial Workers of the World and its reaction to what is happening right now? You are here once again on the streets and visible as a revolutionary union.

"Yes, our union supports fully workers and communities fighting back. We are not silent in stating that we



seek to abolish that system once and for all, which is our stated aims and objectives. We believe that only as the working class themselves, unionised in the workplaces and in our communities can effectively end these attacks and the system itself.

"We also need to be mindfull of the enthusiasm of those political parties, those who describe themselves as radical or of the left. Of those who are already in "positions of power", of those attempting to keep their seats as well as those trying to obtain them. There are elections around the corner and these parasites know that only too well.

"But to get back on track, we must not be under any illusion that what we are witnessing is nothing short of a class war. Its us against them. Their elections, or their councils and parliaments will not correct the imbalances, the injustices our class are facing. Only a revolutionary organisation led by and for our class will suffice in removing that very same system of corruption and power once and for all. This is why we, as revolutionary syndicalists seek the immediate abolition of wage slavery and capitalism."

Source: IWW Ireland (www.onebigunion.ie)

#thisisaclasswar



Red & Black Bloc: Irish Anarchist Network & IWW Ireland at Dublin March

Just last month members of the **Irish Anarchist Network** joined forces with the **Industrial Workers of the World** to take part in the national Cost of Living Coalition march and rally against the rising cost of survival in Ireland.

Commentary following the event stated that “Those at the top are bringing in record profits while workers struggle to make rent or heat their homes. The state and the capitalist class offer no long term solution to these issues.

“They are features of a system designed to transfer wealth from the poor to the powerful. The strength of the working class is in our numbers.

“We must organise ourselves to dismantle this system. Together we can fight for better pay and conditions in the short term and the abolition of capitalism in the long term. Replacing it with a system where our labour is done to provide for each other, not to line the pockets of the rich and powerful.”

Source: onebigunion.ie

PRISONER SOLIDARITY!

John Paul Wootton, is an anarchist political prisoner who has been wrongfully imprisoned for a crime he did not commit.

Incarcerated by a rotten system, he is a victim of a gross miscarriage of justice.

Imprisoned since the age of 17 years old, together with Brendan McConville their case became known as the Craigavon Two.

Sentenced on falsified secret evidence in a diplock court in a trial similar to that of the Guildford 4 and Birmingham 6.

Their family campaign of support was deliberately wrecked during a failed appeal, infiltrated by a secret MI5 agent.

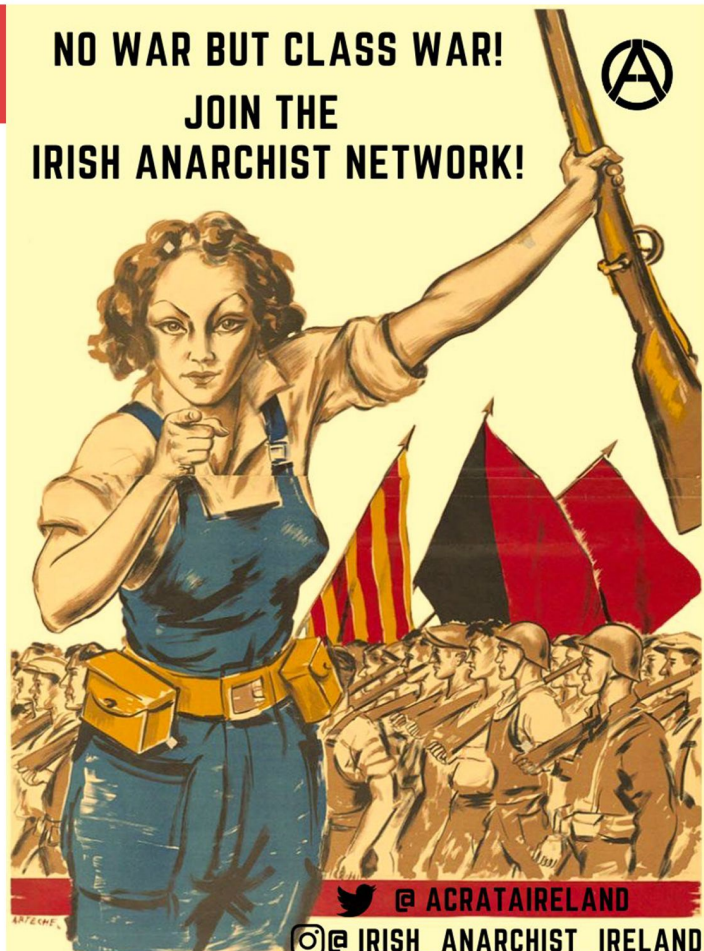
An IWOC member he is currently serving wrongful imprisonment in Magilligan Gaol where he continues to fight for justice and their immediate release.

You can send him a card or letter of solidarity at: John Paul Wootton, H5573, Magilligan Prison, Point Road, Limavady, Co. Derry, BT49 0LR, North Ireland.

Incarcerated Workers Organising Committee



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SOLIDARITY WITH ANARCHIST PRISONER

IHAR ALINEVICH is an anarcho-partisan sentenced to 20 years for participating in the Belarusian uprising, went on hunger strike. Members of the Anarchist Black Cross collected the latest information about Igor from the Facebook of his mother Valentina Alinevich and from his close friends.

On October 5, Ihar's lawyer tried to get to him, but did not. He will try to get to him next week. According to unconfirmed reports, Ihar is still in the penal cell, where he was visited by the prosecutor. It is very difficult to get any information about Ihar. Even his mother has not been able to see her son for years; there is no way to get in touch with him by phone; all letters are censored and often do not reach him at all. It may be difficult for foreigners to understand this, but if the country is "out of touch with the laws," then information can be quite scarce.

Ihar began his hunger strike on September 19. The exact demands are not known for certain, but apparently the last straw was a report on his placement in a punishment cell.

Prior to that, he had sent complaints to higher authorities about the arbitrariness of the prison administration, but received no response. Therefore, Ihar suggests that these complaints did not leave the prison at all.



On Hunger Strike:
IHAR ALINEVICH

From the camp where Ihar was serving his sentence, he was transferred to prison regime. Under what pretext is not known, but he had assumed it could happen. This is a mass phenomenon among Belarus political prisoners. If a person has dignity and will, this is a necessary consequence.

The case of arson of the Russian embassy's car in 2010 has been recalled. Ihar's comrade, anarcho-partisan Dmitri Dubovsky, who managed to escape at the time, will be tried. Ihar was arrested at the time and received his first sentence. Probably they will try to bring Ihar as a witness. Ihar described his attitude towards this case in detail in his book "Going to Magadan" and in his last statement at the trial in 2011, where he was indignant that Dmitri was found guilty in absentia.

After they had been sentenced to huge prison terms Ihar and his comrades were fined for burning the police cars, but now, when life hangs in the balance, it does not matter at all.

Attitude towards anarcho-partisans in Belarus Both the opposition media and ordinary people have a great deal of sympathy to anarcho-partisans, the authorities have failed to convince people that these are dangerous terrorists.

There is no contact with Ihar, but both his mother and friends believe that he is not broken. For Ihar, fighting is a norm and a necessity. Rather, one should be worried if he did not try to fight in some way.

Source: ABC Belarus

For more updated information check out:
www.abcireland.wordpress.com

WHO WE ARE

We are a class struggle anarchist collective, organised by and for working class people. As anarchists we are opposed to all states and institutions, and all attitudes and ideologies that stand in the way of equality and the right of all people everywhere to control their own lives and environment. The working class has no country.

The class struggle is world wide and recognises no artificial boundaries. The Armies and Police of all states do not exist to protect the workers of those states, they exist only as the repressive arm of the ruling class.

Our Aim

Our aim is to abolish world wide, the state system, governments, capitalism and the wage slavery in all its forms and replace them with a free classless society based on self-managed communities and industries where production is for need not profit. In order to bring about an anarchist society the working class must take over the means of production and distribution, along with the day-to-day running of our communities.

What We Believe

As anarchists we believe that the only way for the working class to achieve this is by independent organisation in the workplace and the community. In federation with others in the same industry and locality, independent of and opposed to all political parties and trade union bureaucracies. Industrial and community federations must be controlled by the working

class themselves and must unite rather than divide the working class.

Dividing the working class by skin colour, religion, sex, nationality, sexual preference etc. is one of the main ways that the ruling class keeps us fighting amongst ourselves instead of against them. In creating a free society we must combat and destroy these divisions which the ruling class fosters within the working class.

Get Involved

Derry Anarchist Collective exists in order to further our aim for the creation of a social system where the working class alone controls industry and the community, free from the dictates, rules and laws of politicians, bureaucrats and bosses. If you share the ideas contained in this statement then we urge you to get involved with us.

Governments don't fall down by themselves, they need your help!

You can write to us at:

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Are you underpaid, working in unsafe conditions or discriminated against? Need help? The IWW is here for you!

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THERE MAYBE TIMES WHEN WE ARE POWERLESS TO PREVENT INJUSTICE, BUT THERE MUST NEVER BE A TIME WHEN WE FAIL TO PROTEST AGAINST IT

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