

The Communist Party of Ireland campaigns for

- ★ A new Ireland, a new national democracy where the voice and interests of working people in all decisions are central.
- ★ A sustainable all-Ireland economy, with maximum democratic participation in all decisions affecting the life of our people.
- ★ A national democratic strategy that can bring about a political, social and economic system that gives priority to the interests of working people.
- ★ A socially just and equal society.
- ★ The unity of our people, regardless of religion, gender, colour, or race.
- ★ Positive action to redress the centuries of inequality and oppression of women.
- ★ An end to elitist paramilitary activities, sectarian violence, and state repression,
- ★ Building an effective, fighting democratic trade union movement.
- ★ Challenging the European Union and its anti-worker, anti-democratic, pro-war and big-business policies.
- ★ An end to support for or involvement in any military alliances or blocs and for an end to the waste of valuable resources on wars of aggression.
- ★ Solidarity with those countries and peoples struggling against domination and exploitation and especially with those building a new society, such as Cuba.



Join the Communist Party of Ireland

We need a strong party to fight for the interests of working people, a stronger fighting Communist Party that will help to build the people's fight back.

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Build the people's fight back



The **Communist Party of Ireland** is an all-Ireland working-class party. Its objective is to bring unity to our country, to build unity between working people and to defeat sectarianism as an advance towards socialism - a society in which the wealth is owned and controlled by those who produce it, the workers.

BUILD THE PEOPLE'S FIGHT BACK

Capitalism in crisis

The system that dominates and controls our lives is in deep crisis. We face a profound economic and social crisis, as well as global environmental catastrophe, resulting from the avarice and greed of the big global corporate monopolies and the individualistic life-styles that they promote.

Small rich and powerful elites in both the Irish and the British state are using their power and influence over governments to place the burden of the crisis on the backs of working people, making them pay the price in loss of jobs and cuts in public services, education and health, making them pay for a crisis they did not create. There is now a generalised assault on the conditions of working people as well as on the public services that they need and rely upon.

The people, north and south, are paying the price

The economic crisis is taking a heavy toll on our people, both north and south. Unemployment, poverty and home repossessions are growing daily. Our youth are once again being forced to emigrate to find a future. There are bail-outs for bankers, developers, currency speculators and big

corporations while working people get cuts. The two political entities on this island have failed to meet the needs of working people. The partitioning of our country and the sectarian division fostered among our people has led, as James Connolly predicted, to "a carnival of reaction," north and south. It is time for a new way forward.

The European Union

Communists have opposed, and continue to oppose, the European Union. Experience shows that it is anti-worker, anti-family-farmer, anti-fishing-communities, and anti-democratic. We believe the construction of this new imperial power bloc is a danger to global peace and stability. It is an aggressive military alliance, being constructed to meet the needs and interests of the big European corporate monopolies and their political elites.

War and peace

Our planet is racked with wars, both big and small, causing the needless deaths of tens of thousands of people. Millions more die from hunger and curable diseases. Yet billions are spent by global corporate arms manufacturers on perfecting the means of killing. There are huge profits in death, and

in controlling the supply of medical drugs to those that most need them. Capitalism is driven by greed and the aspiration to dominate and control at all costs.

Workers' Rights

Workers' rights are regulated and controlled, but not the bankers. Workers' rights, and their trade unions' ability to defend and protect their interests, north and south, are regulated by anti-union legislation. We need to build fighting unions, to build a progressive, democratic trade union movement that seeks to organise, educate and mobilise working people and that will actively campaign for the repeal of all anti-union laws.

Think globally, act nationally

Elections are held and governments come and go, but little if anything changes. Our communities continue to fall apart, plagued by unemployment, poor social services, and anti-social behaviour. The feeling of powerlessness leaves many people confused and alienated. All the political parties say the same things in all the elected bodies, whether at the national, regional or local level. They foment or pander to divisions. They will not challenge the powerful political and economic minority.

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