# STRIKE WAVE CONTINUES AS WORKERS DEMAND PAY PARITY!



Members of the Industrial Workers of the World took part in a number of solidarity actions in support of a wave of industrial action by workers across the North from a number of sectors. From Education to Civil Service, to the Health Service seen strike action take place throughout the North. One of the main unifying demands workers had across a several of the trade unions involved was the call for Pay Parity with workers in both England and Scotland.

At a picket line in Derry's Altnagelvin Hospital, Health worker's were joined by workers from the Civil Service and Education sectors in what was a powerful show of strength by worker's not witnessed in the city for a number of years.



One Health Care worker on strike said "Today's strike action was really something else. The number of worker's involved showed clearly that our demands are just and the support has been amazing. From passers-by, passing vehicles to patients themselves coming out to show their support, it just means so much.

"At today's rally we heard speakers from a number of unions, I think there was seven unions in total, who spoke to express their solidarity, and the need to continue the fight until our demands are fully achieved. This is what solidarity looks like." Meanwhile in Belfast Wobblies also took part in solidarity actions at a number of picket lines while Food Not Bombs attended one picket line in a show of solidarity with workers.

A spokesperson for the IWW said that "Over the coming weeks workers will continue strike action and the need for them to be supported remains high. We need to see more of what we witnessed today. The gesture of solidarity and support with workers taking industrial action, as can be seen in both Belfast and Derry this week, should be a priority. This has helped to boost morale at a time when the government as well as the bosses are refusing to even engage with the many different unions involved. As a revolutionary union, we believe that worker solidarity in any form, large or small, gives support and encouragement to workers to continue to build further on what is already there."

#### **SOLIDARITY ACTION WITH TRANS WORKERS**

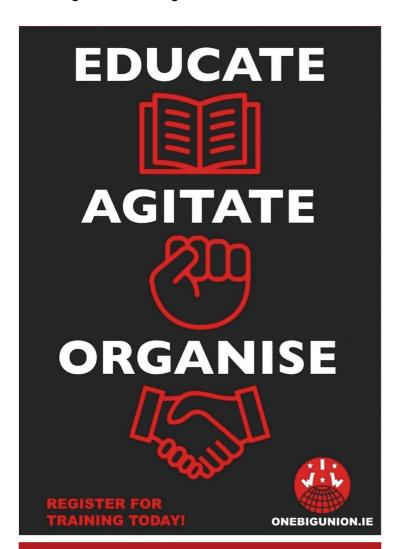
On 16th September the Industrial Workers of the World in Dublin stood alongside Transpride Dublin and other activist groups to counter Posie Parker, the British TERFs she parachuted in, and the bootlicking Irish fascists who support her.

The TERFs made a pathetic showing and were massively outnumbered. The goal of the day was to make as much noise as possible so as to drown out the terf's hate speech. Their rally was met with a cacophony of drum beats, horns and shouts and music blasting from multiple speakers.

Posie's hate rally was rendered completely inaudible beneath a chorus of trans joy. The people of Dublin made it clear that we won't tolerate these grifters and their bigotry.

Meanwhile in Belfast, members of the IWW gathered in Writers Square with several hundred trans rights activists as a gesture of solidarity with those opposing trans rights and the arrival of Posie Parker on our shores.

#noterfsonourturf #transrightsareworkersrights



#### **DIRECT ACTION IN THE AREA**

Direct Action is the monthly newsletter of the IWW Ireland Branch. It reports on events, actions and training taking place within the union. If you have an event or would like to report on solidarity actions in you area then please consider writing a short article so we can share this news with other fellow workers. Take photographs and ensure other members of the union know what you are getting up to in your own workplace or area.



## Have you considered being a Workplace Representative for the union?

If you're a member and would like to take part in forthcoming Workplace Rep Training then please register by emailing: ireland@iww.org.uk

Dates for training will announced shortly but please remember that spaces are limited.

If you have been wondering how you can help fellow workers in the union in their workplace then consider registering for Workplace Representative Training today.

### THEN & NOW TOUR TO BEGIN IN DUBLIN & CORK

Fellow workers,

This is a call out to members within the Ireland Branch, who are being asked to take part in the organising events for the latest IWW tour of the country, which will begin in the coming months.

Already we have members in a number of cities who have come forward to help out and play an active part in the creation of our **Then & Now Tour** events locally. The first of which will now take place in Dublin and Cork this November.

At present we have members organising Then & Now Tours in areassuch as Cork, Dublin, Derry and Belfast in the coming months.

If you would like to see an event happen in your area, then please get in touch with the organising committee today as planing is already in the early stages.

You can play a part by sending an email to the IWW National Secretary at the following email address: ireland@iww.org.uk