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# ACTION

Industrial Workers of the World

An Injury To One - Is An Injury To All!

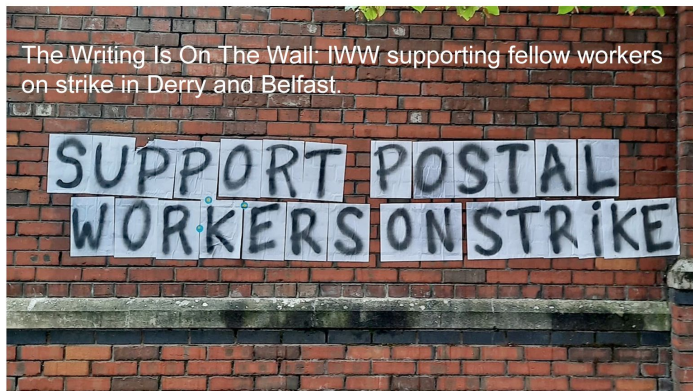
# BACK ON THE STREETS!

## COMMUNICATION WORKERS STRIKE

The Industrial Workers of the World (IWW) extends its solidarity to 180,000 communication workers from the Royal Mail, BT/Outreach and postal sectors, as strike actions across both islands. In turn the IWW have called upon working class solidarity with workers as the impact of their strike action escalates.

*"Workplace stoppages have commenced by postal workers at the end of August and telecom workers on 30th-31st August. As a union we in turn express our solidarity and support with workers demanding a real increase in wages for communication workers at this time."*

As the current wave of strike action gets under way, IWW members in Belfast and Derry have joined solidarity protest actions and picket lines as a gesture of solidarity. A spokesperson said *"We have been putting up posters throughout the city centre to extend our solidarity, calling for working class solidarity with striking workers at this time."*



The Writing Is On The Wall: IWW supporting fellow workers on strike in Derry and Belfast.

### What you can do to help:

The IWW encourages solidarity and support with all workers taking industrial action. As a revolutionary union, our union motto proclaims 'an injury to one is an injury to all'.

Small acts of solidarity are always welcomed by workers from tooting your horn while passing a picket. Stopping at a picket an expressing your solidarity with workers. Take a solidarity photograph with workers and share it on your social media.

Some have even did things like dropping off cool soft drinks or hot drinks to workers as another act of solidarity. Creating a solidarity poster for the window of your house, your street or your workplace to encourage further knowledge and solidarity.

Ordinary working class solidarity is vital as our history shows us that when workers win, we all win!

## FOYLE PRIDE: PRIDE IS A PROTEST!



Foyle Pride: Members of IWW Derry On The Streets During Pride 2022

A spokesperson for IWW Derry Branch said that "The annual pride parade takes the route of the original Civil Rights march in Derry. The act of which itself is an important connection with the past linking the struggles of yesterday and the ongoing struggle today. As a revolutionary union, we're here to add our voice in solidarity with the LGBTQI+ community, who still face huge barriers of discrimination and attacks both within the workplace and on the streets" #FoylePride

## TRANS RIGHTS ARE WORKERS RIGHTS!



Wobblers in Dublin attended a protest at the end of August outside the offices of Irish Independent Newspaper headquarters.

The protest was called by a number of trans activists to demand an end to ongoing "transphobic" hate attacks being "churned out" by their media. Attacks which are seen not only as hate related but life-threatening. #TransRightsAreWorkersRights



# IWOC PRISONERS STATEMENT ON WEEK OF ACTION EVENTS

*"The state justice system is a failure. We talk in particular about the abusive cages, comes to those who it considers perpetrators, to provide relief to those who it considers victims. On a daily basis those of us on the inside experience the harm it inflicts, not only on us directly, but on our families, friends and comrades.*

*Prisons are the side of the state's tendency towards authoritarianism, mostly to express itself. Typically, through arbitrary punishment, whimsical impositions and degrading acts such as strip-searching.*

*Although the state claim to afford us rights and protections. Their systematic disempowering of everyone they hold makes these rights and protections impossible to assert. Instead we are left in a daily struggle of increased violence and oppression on the inside. It's not only people in prison who suffer, the system consistently demonstrates its inability to meet the needs of those it seeks to protect or serve justice. Women, members of the Traveller community, those living in poverty or experiencing mental ill-health, to name a few, are constantly let down or ignored. As a consequence, it is left up to our communities to pick up the pieces.*



*We seek to abolish prisons, about that we make no apology.*

*We seek to replace prison and the 'injustice' system as a whole, in fact we seek to empower everyone to achieve truth, justice and freedom.*

*Standing together in solidarity inside and out we can overcome this broken system and create a better alternative, which is why we are grateful to all involved in organising the events this week, and to all those who have attended events throughout this important week of international solidarity with anarchist prisoners. Such actions are a step towards a better future.*

*We ask that you do not lament our incarceration, instead organise, mobilise and fight for justice and freedom for all."*

## Victory: TEFL SALES REP WINS €44K IN DUBLIN

Melissa Angarita Cardenas was a Sales Rep at SEDA College on Capel Street one of the largest English Language Schools in Dublin, Ireland. She challenged her employer in 2020 and finally won a ruling for payment totalling over €40,000 by Ireland's ACAS, the Workplace Relations Commission or the WRC this month.

The total awarded was €44,849. But she went through a battle to get this nominal award. Full article at: [onebigunion.ie](http://onebigunion.ie)



## WOBBLIES GET ACTIVE! CONTACTS IN YOUR AREA

IWW Members in each area meet each month to discuss, support and organise activity locally. If you would like to become active in your area then we urge you to please get in touch with your local organiser.

Contact your closest local organiser at the following email nearest you or online via Facebook or Twitter:

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## IWW BRANCH REDUNDANCY TRAINING WORKSHOP HELD

IWW Ireland Branch held a very informative online training workshop on **Redundancies** at the end of August.

The aim of the workshop was to help provide members with background information on legislation in 26 Counties, to help raise awareness of the law and how to support fellow workers who find themselves in this situation.

A spokesperson said following the event that "The training was put together to provide an overview of your rights as workers during redundancies in your workplace.

"The training gave workers all the information needed to ensure they know how to get a fair and legal redundancy, to give them the tools and information on how we may need to combat any unfair redundancy practices, which are not uncommon."

Further training workshops are already being planned for members over the next several months by our training department.

If you would like to avail of such training and support then please email the team at: [ireland@iww.org.uk](mailto:ireland@iww.org.uk)

## DIRECT ACTION SUBMISSIONS

If you have an issue, a story, a short news article or would like to advertise an event from your area then please remember to submit it to **Direct Action**.

If you take part in any workers solidarity actions at work, on picket lines or on the streets then consider writing or take some photographs to share for further support and solidarity.

Remember, Direct Action is printed and produced each month by volunteer labour of members. If you would like to help out then please get in touch, details below.

You can send your submissions directly to **Direct Action** at: [ireland@iww.org.uk](mailto:ireland@iww.org.uk)

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