# SOLIDARITY WITH NEWCASTLE TESCO WORKER REINSTATEMENT NOW!



We would like to extend our love and solidarity at this time to our fellow worker suspended for taking action, for speaking out instead of remaining silent while the genocide is still continuing in Palestine.

At this time we remember that It was back in 1984, when eleven Dunnes Stores workers refused to handle goods from apartheid South Africa and went on strike. As a result of this action they spent three years on the picket line in Henry Street, Dublin, surviving on strike pay from their trade union, the Irish Distributive and Administrative Trade Union (IDATU). Despite this hardship, their solidarity action finally forced the Irish government to boycott apartheid.

Through their actions these workers, with the support of the people of Ireland, led the way in assisting the international call to the end apartheid regime.

Just last year, we marked the 40th anniversary of this historic anti-apartheid strike by

a group of young workers at Dunnes Stores. In the shadow of that occasion, workers throughout the world made the connection with their actions, with the ongoing boycott campaign of Israeli products, amidst the genocide and occupation of Palestine by the Zionist Israeli regime.

Over the past year workers across the world, from Australia to Italy, from Berlin to Belfast, have picketed shops and protested on the streets in their thousands.

They have taken direct action against the ongoing genocide on the people of Palestine, blockading ports and factory gates to stop arms shipments and the sale of Israeli products.

Throughout history, workers have repeatedly stepped forward to raise their voices and to use the power of their labour against injustice and exploitation.

Today, the Industrial Workers of the World stand against, and continue to actively

oppose, the ongoing occupation of Palestine and genocide of the Palestinian people by taking part in solidarity actions from strikes, pickets, occupations and boycotts and have supported others in solidarity.

Today we stand by our fellow worker who has been suspended from work for taking direct action by refusing to handle Israeli goods at a Tesco Store.

This is an act of solidarity similar to that of the Dunnes Stores strike in opposing the apartheid regime. The Industrial Workers of the World calls for an end to the targeting of workers and demands their immediate reinstatement as a respected member of staff. In doing so, we call upon Tesco Ltd. to bring an end to their sale and distribution of Israeli goods at their stores. Without question, the trade union movement must not remain silent. We must act now to extend our full support and solidarity for this fellow worker and endorse calls that they are immediately reinstated back to their post without restrictions or ramifications.

Today we have activists from throughout the country. From Derry to Dublin, we say to you to go back to your campaign groups and your trade union groups and echo the calls from here today. Let everyone know that An Injury To One Is Still An Injury To All!



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## BELFAST RADICALS MEET UP AT THE BOOKFAIR

The Belfast Radical Bookfair is now an annual event in Belfast and one that many looks forward to take part in. For the IWW Ireland branch members from across the courtry travelled to it, to take part in the various talks and meet up with other fellow workers.





We would like to pay tribute to the book fair committee who came together to organise the event itself and make it part of the local political scene.

A representative of the boof fair committee said that "What a fantastic turnout for the Belfast Radical Bookfair and from the organising committee, a big thank you to each and everyone who took part.

"To all the stall holders and to the participants, especially to those who presented talks throughout the event. Despite the cold weather, (inside and out) our hearts and stomachs were warmed and supported by the wonderful participation of @foodnotbombsbelfast and their brilliant selection of hot vegan delights throughout the day! GRMA!!!"





### FAREWELL FELLOW WORKER PAT TORLEY

It was sad news to learn of the death of our late friend, comrade and fellow worker, Pat Torley, who died peacefully surrounded by his family. We extend our love and solidarity to his family, friends and comrades at this time.

Pat was a member of the Industrial Workers of the World in his later years and an active member of the Communist Party of Ireland. Belfast.

A lifelong trade unionist, he had a wealth of knowledge and experience which was

always warmly used to help further assist and guide all workers in struggle.

Our deepest solidarity and sympathy goes out to Pat's immediate family circle and to all those fellow workers who have the pleasure of his company.

Codladh sámh comrade. La lucha continúa!

**IWW BELFAST** 

### **EVERY WORKER NEEDS A UNION**

The IWW Ireland branch rolling out a information campaign to help highlight the need for all workers to unionise their place of work

As a union, the IWW offer workers the training required to support and assist you to unionise and build a union within your place of employment.

IWW members will be holding regular information stalls throughout the country to encourage workers to join the union, to take part in essential training that will help guide members to build a union in your workplace and defend your rights are workers.

IWW believes that **EVERY WORKER NEEDS A UNION!** 

Whether you are employed in a call centre, a factory or a retail shop, a delivery driver or a cleaner, a hospitality or care worker:

if you have a boss or a manager then you need the protection and solidarity of a union to defend your rights at work.

A union is a group of workers who have come together to support one another and to protect their rights at work, as well as their pay and working conditions. If you are a member or supporter of the union and would like to help out with the campaign, then please come along to the next advertised information stall near you. Please see our website or social media channels for more info.

If you are a member and would like to create an informatino stall in your area then all you have to do is drop us and email for a FREE campaign information pack to help create your own IWW stall.

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