

DIRECT**ACTION**

Industrial Workers of the World

An Injury To One - Is An Injury To All!

HOSPITALITY WORKERS UNIONISE!**WAGES SHORTAGE NOT
LABOUR SHORTAGE!**

Throughout Galway City, County and Connacht entire businesses in the catering and hospitality industry are failing to hire enough employees to ensure their businesses fully staffed. Just as in the rest of Ireland and Europe, the bosses are all saying the same thing - "nobody wants to work anymore!".

Tourism and Restaurant industry lobbyists have been on RTE Radio One to call for the immediate halting of PUP payments. Threatening workers with poverty to force them back into jobs that pay well below a living wage. Then in the very next breath the same cheerleaders for the business community demand that the government continue to give welfare payments to hospitality business owners.

There can be no clearer example of how business owners in this sector will campaign and fight to keep the money flowing into their own pockets at the expense of the workers. Those who do the actual work that make the businesses run which brings in the money in the first place.

A spokesperson for the Industrial Workers of the World in Galway said that: "When workers talk about why we are so slow to return to the catering industry, we tell a very different story. We don't talk about not wanting to work. We talk about the poor conditions, the terrible bosses, the unpredictable hours, the blatant disregard for health and safety, and even basic workers rights.

"We talk about the sexual harassment from both bosses and customers alike. We talk about the pitiful wages with no sick pay or overtime rates. The time off and holidays denied for the sake of the bosses profits. We talk about the constant squeezing of every last bit of time and energy from us by people who will replace us in an instant, without a second thought. If we're "all a family" like the bosses would like us to believe, then that's a very strange way to treat your family members.

"The employers and media want to call it a "labour shortage" but we need to call it what it really is: a Wage Shortage!

"People are slow to return to the catering and hospitality industry because the impact on their personal lives, their health and general well-being is not worth the low wages they get in return or the effort of dealing with industry practices that belong in a Dickens novel.

"Now more than ever as workers within that industry, we need to come together and not allow employers or business owners to threaten us, to abuse us and continue to pay low wages. We need to work together, stand up for each other and regain our dignity as workers. We can do that in a worker led union - a union such as the Industrial Workers of the World."

**Let's Get Galway Unionised! Let's get Connacht Unionised!
Let's get Ireland Unionised!**

**IRELAND WOBBLIES DONATE TO
ZAPATISTA TOUR OF IRELAND!**

It is without doubt an amazing opportunity for all grassroots groups and activists around the country as activists are currently preparing to welcome a delegation from the Zapatistas to Ireland at the end of October. Zapatista representatives will be visiting Ireland as part of a historic solidarity and movement building voyage to Europe. In a statement issued last month it read:

"It is time for our hearts to dance again, and for their sounds and rhythm to not be those of mourning and resignation. Thus, various Zapatista delegations, men, women, and others, the color of our earth, will go out into the world, walking or setting sail to remote lands, oceans, and

skies, not to seek out difference, superiority, or offense, much less pity or apology, but to find what makes us equal."

As part of the IWW Ireland Branch monthly meeting, members discussed a motion presented by IWW Galway in relation to the tour and the call issued to help assist the forthcoming Zapatistas tour of Ireland. The motion was then passed unanimously past.

If you would like to contribute to the Zapatista Tour of Ireland then please use the following link: <https://gofund.me/82ecf57f>

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Labour Rights Clinic

know your rights
organise and fight.

The IWW Ireland Branch hold a regular online Labour Rights Clinic in order to provide members with the space online to raise issues of concern they may have directly to workplace union representative.

A monthly reminder with JITSI link to the Clinic is also issued to all members by email from the IWW Ireland National Secretary.

To date some of the issues raised have been in relation to:

Contracts, Time Off, Covid, Holiday Entitlements, Agency Work problems, Non-paid of wages on 'Trial Shifts' etc.

The next online **Labour Rights Clinic** takes place on **Thursday 14th October at 8pm.**

You can always email the union casework team directly at any-time to:
p.mcwilliams@iww.org.uk



#BloodMoneyCampaign

Members of the Industrial Workers of the World in England, Scotland and Ireland took part in worker solidarity actions as part of the international week of action with workers in Myanmar.

In solidarity pickets took place in Bristol, Glasgow, Derry, Belfast and Dublin City Centres as members of the Industrial Workers of the World extended it's hand of solidarity with the various unions and grassroots social justice movements in Myanmar such as the Federation of General Workers Myanmar (FGWM), All Burma Federation of Trade Unions (ABFTU) and Food not Bombs Myanmar.

This also includes the support of the Asia Working Group of the International Confederation of Labour (ICL) who have confirmed a host of international companies that continues to assist the regime and/or military owned businesses. For updates, more information and how your area can help out at actions locally, please check out our social media pages and main IWW websites:

#bloodmoneycampaign
globalmayday.net

#whatshappeninmyanmar
onebigunion.ie

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**.

You can send your submissions directly to **Direct Action** to:
ireland@iww.org.uk

BULLDOZER

THE ONLY VEHICLE FOR PRISON ABOLITION
ISSUE 1

BULLDOZER: INCARCERATED WORKERS ZINE

This month see's the first production of the new **Incarcerated Workers Organising Committee (IWOC)** prison abolition zine titled **BULLDOZER**.

BULLDOZER is written and produced by members of the **Incarcerated Workers Organising Committee (IWOC) Ireland** who are actively supported by **IWW** members to unionise, educate, and organise on the inside.

Prisoners from around Ireland who wish to receive a free copy or who would like to contribute to the next issue of Bulldozer, please write to:

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