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An Ireland for All

A Letter From Ireland

a Chara,

They say that imitation is the sincerest form of flattery, though I'm not always sure. When elected two years ago, Sinn Féin First Minister Michelle O'Neill declared her intention to be a "First Minister for All". She has stood over that promise both in office and when the institutions were suspended.

Michelle has reached out a hand of friendship to all, without favor. She is proud to be an Irish Republican while acknowledging differences and respecting the view of those opposed to Irish Unity. The future is in the hands of the people to be expressed in Unity referendums north and south. It is the people who count. It is their choice that must be respected.

One hundred miles down the road, the new Taoiseach Simon Harris last week declared his intention to be a "Taoiseach for All". It would appear that Simon is a pale comparison to Michelle.

Eyebrows were raised this week when the "Taoiseach for All" declared that, "Probably people of my generation are familiar now with London, and Berlin, and Paris than they might be with Belfast or Derry".

This betrays the new Taoiseach's worldview more than the reality. Travel and tourism from the South to the North far outstrips travel to London, Paris, and Berlin combined. Every weekend Belfast and Derry are full of Southern-registered cars. Many swear

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opposite ends of a short road.

That's the thing with partition: it worked on some people. They failed to see the north as part of Ireland. Turned their faces away. Thankfully they are a diminishing minority. The new Taoiseach is in his late 30s, and people of that age are almost a post Good Friday Agreement generation. I would suggest that the Taoiseach is a minority of those. The generation from the border region freely traveled across for work, retail, and leisure. Strangely, a Taoiseach for All appears to generalize from his own limited experiences and bias. Maybe he should get out more.

While the Taoiseach was making his discovery of the land north of the border, I traveled to Belfast for a series of meetings on planning for Irish Unity. This is not an aspiration to be held close and sung about as a distant hope. It is a very real objective and a pathway has been agreed. That pathway is the Good Friday Agreement. To support the Good Friday Agreement is to support the right of the people of Ireland to national self-determination via referendums North and South.

It is past the time for the Irish Government to grasp the opportunity to build a New and United Ireland. It is, after all, the aim of all the major parties in Dublin. Perhaps it is time for a Taoiseach for all who will build an Ireland for All.

Have a great weekend.

Is mise,

Ciarán

Ciarán Quinn is the Sinn Féin Representative to North America

British Government continues to deny truth and justice thanks to Legacy Act

The British Government continues to undermine truth, justice, & accountability and violate international human rights law. Their cruel Legacy Act will close down inquests in just a matter of weeks & they are hell-bent on denying truth & justice.

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Making Sense of a United Ireland - an interview with Professor Brendan O’Leary

At last month's Irish Unity Summit, Author and New York Times writer, Meghan Stack interviewed Professor Brendan O’Leary, author of Making Sense of a United Ireland to discuss constitutional questions surrounding Irish Unity. [WATCH IT HERE NOW](#)



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**Public Meeting, Thursday, May 23rd, 7 PM,
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Planning And Preparing For a New and United Ireland

**With guest speakers from Ireland's Future:
Niall Murphy & The Reverend Karen Sethuraman**

All Are Welcome



**Niall Murphy is the National Secretary of Ireland's Future,
and a Civil Rights Attorney from Belfast.**

"I believe that the debate and momentum towards constitutional change is growing and developing. Ireland's Future want to see constitutional change which delivers a new Ireland and society in which all who live here feel comfortable and have a stake in."



**Karen Sethuraman is the first and only female Baptist Minister in Ireland.
Karen practices her ministry in East Belfast.**

"Growing up in East Belfast, I saw a lot of 'us and them' and 'in and out' mentalities," says Karen. "But those divisions really didn't sit right with me and I felt obliged to question what the whole issue was about. I was never personally wedded to the Union and in the past was always quite ambivalent or centred on the issue but I believe Brexit in particular has catapulted us towards this new situation. Now we need to start asking ourselves, 'Is there something better than what we have now?' and I think there is."

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Transport Workers Union President in Belfast

John Samulesen, international president of the Transport Workers Union, a union of more than 150,000 members across the airline, railroad, transit, universities, utilities, and services sectors was in Belfast this week where he met with Sinn Féin member of Belfast City Council Séanna Walsh, and Mayor of Belfast, Sinn Féin's Ryan Murphy.



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National Self-Determination – The Key International Struggle of our Times

By Declan Kearny

Easter is a politically significant occasion in Ireland.

It marks the Proclamation of the Irish Republic in 1916 during what has become known as the Easter Rising.

The actions of those who participated changed the course of Ireland's history in the 20th century, and ensured that the denial of self-determination and national democracy became the defining issue of modern Irish politics.

National self-determination is the essential international struggle of our time. It is central to the two most intense wars in the world at this time.

The Russian invasion of Ukraine and Israel's genocidal war against the Palestinian people are direct violations of the right to self-determination and national sovereignty, and the United Nations Charter.

The primacy of self-determination also remains relevant in the broader European context where national democracy continues to be blocked, particularly in Euskal Herria, Catalunya and Cyprus.

When addressing a recent conference in Barcelona on the theme of 'Self-determination in the World', I emphasised that resolution of the national democratic question should be seen as synonymous with the ideal of European democracy. National self-determination should be a key political theme in the forthcoming European elections for all left, progressive and democratic parties.

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