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## A New Year With Plenty To Do

### A Letter from Ireland

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Merry Christmas! I hope that you got all that you wanted or, more importantly, all that you needed.

We are in the twilight zone in Ireland, between Christmas and New Year. A time to catch up with family and old friends. Days melt into each other as we move from home to home and lunch to dinner.

It is also a time to reflect on the past year. It has been a long and historic year. In February, the DUP ended their two-year boycott of Stormont, and the government was re-established. Sinn Féin Vice President Michelle O'Neill became the First Minister of the new government.

Ireland had been partitioned based on sectarian headcount and gerrymandered to ensure a pro-British majority. The election of a United Irlander as the head of government was emblematic of social change. Pro-British Unionism is now a minority position. The government in the North is now up and working.

Elections marked the second half of the year. Sinn Féin fought four elections in six months. Increasing the party's number of Council and Members of the European Parliament seats in the South. Consolidating its position in the North as the largest party in the British general election.

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from the past and continues to hold back information from bereaved families. They refuse to play a full part in the process of reconciliation by acknowledging their past actions.

At the end of November, the party fought an Irish general election, winning back seats and increasing the number of Sinn Féin members in the Irish Parliament.

Again Fianna Fáil and Fine Gael appear to be back as coalition partners with a group of so-called Independents making up the numbers to secure a government majority. It is expected that the new government will be formed by the end of January and, if so, Sinn Féin will be the official opposition in the parliament.

Looking back, the year has been a year of consolidation and steady growth. We have further to travel to secure a Sinn Féin led government in Dublin. That job restarts in the New Year.

A constant throughout the year has been a deepening of the Irish Unity debate. Friends of Sinn Féin with others hosted an incredible event in the Coopers Union on Irish unity and are rolling out a Commission on the same issue having completed successful events in Columbus and Cleveland. Washington, DC on January 27th and New York on January 30th are up next.(Registration information below.) Watch this space for information about additional cities in the coming months.

Building a new and united Ireland is not the sole responsibility of Sinn Féin; the majority of parties across the island are now committed to Irish Unity. We need to see those commitments translated into action by the incoming Irish Government.

Enjoy the next couple of days because come the New Year we have plenty to do.

Ciarán

**Ciarán Quinn is the Sinn Féin Representative to North America**

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## **New Video Update: Elections, Year in Review, & a Preview of 2025**

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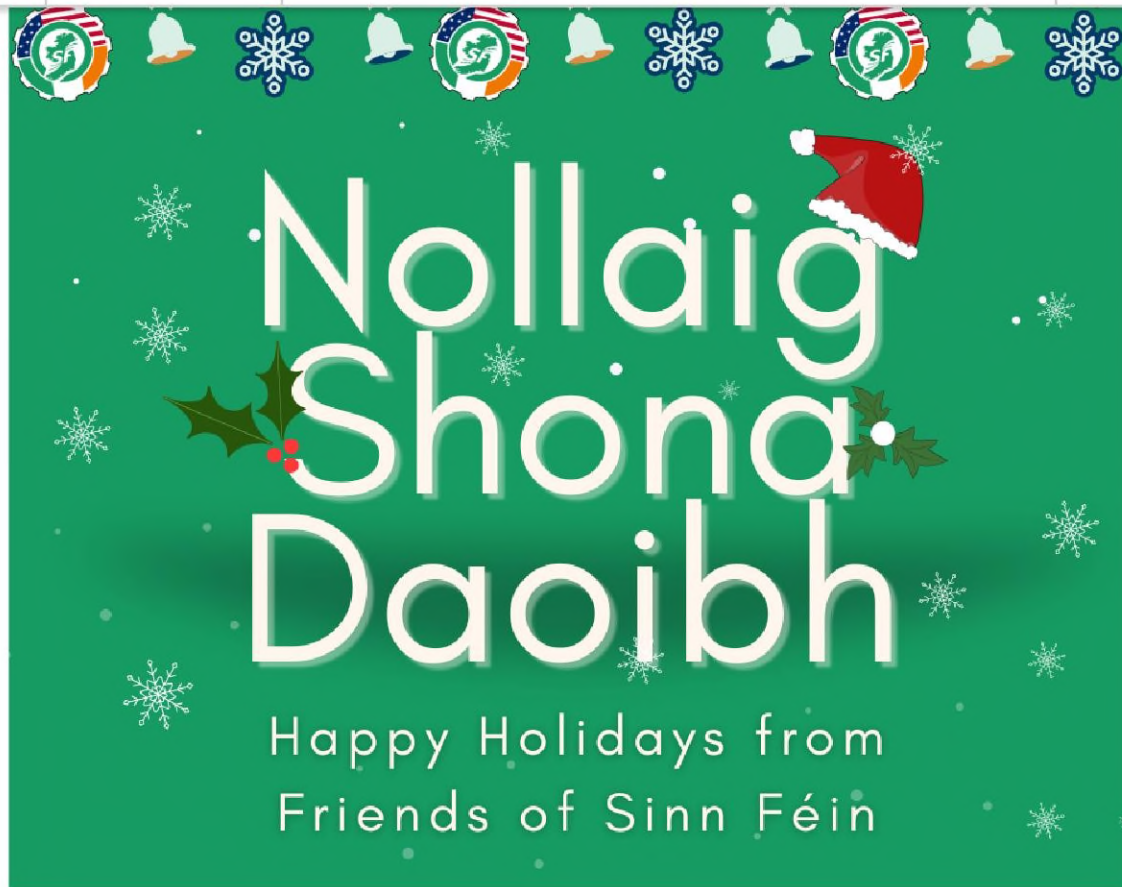
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Capitol Hill, look back at a very busy and eventful 2024, and talk about plans for 2025.

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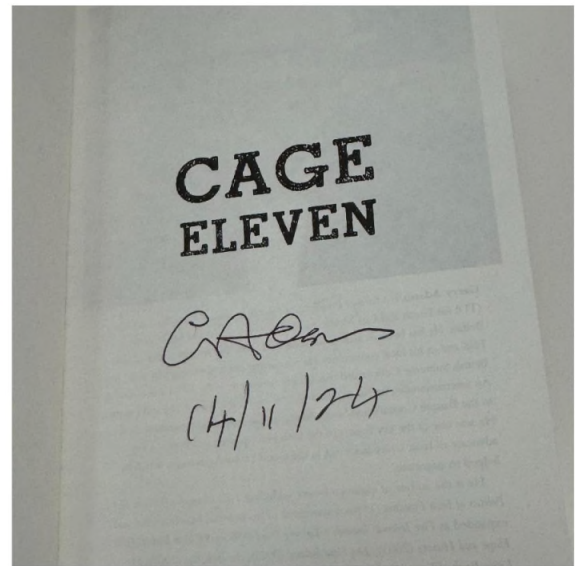
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# Rita: A Memoir

Veteran republican, IRA Volunteer Rita O'Hare led an astonishing life. She was imprisoned three times—in Armagh Jail (twice) and Limerick Prison; survived being shot and gravely injured by the British Army; became a writer, editor, Director of Publicity, and Sinn Féin's representative in Washington.

Nelson Mandela referred to her as his 'little warrior'. Of all republicans she was the longest 'on the run'. But above all she was devoted to her beloved partner Brendan, to her four children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Rita is the memoir she was writing at the time of her death in March 2023.



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# Incoming Irish government must plan for Irish Unity - Mary Lou McDonald TD

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Uachtarán Shinn Féin Mary Lou McDonald TD speaking at the launch of the party's interim report on the work of its Commission on the Future of Ireland demanded that any new incoming Irish government must implement a plan for Irish Unity.

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## Irish Unity People's Assembly: Diaspora to meet in New York & DC in 2025

Join us in New York and Washington, DC in January 2025 for the next meetings of the Irish Unity People's Assembly: Diaspora.

Featuring John Finucane, MP, the Assembly will include an address about the current status of work towards Irish Unity, a Q&A session, and small group discussion about the role of the Irish Diaspora.

The event is free to attend, and registration is required. Registration and more information available in the links below.

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## ON THE FUTURE OF IRELAND



**Monday, January 27th, 2025  
Washington, DC**

Laborers' International Union of North America  
905 Black Lives Matter Plz

### Featuring John Finucane, MP

A conversation with the diaspora, the descendants of Ireland, and all those who support Irish unity.



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## ON THE FUTURE OF IRELAND



**Thursday, January 30th, 2025  
Rockland County, NY**

Rockland GAA

### Featuring John Finucane, MP

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## Releases Report

Sinn Féin's Commission on the Future of Ireland released a report on the successful work & events that have taken place across Ireland and beyond. Read the full report - click the image below.

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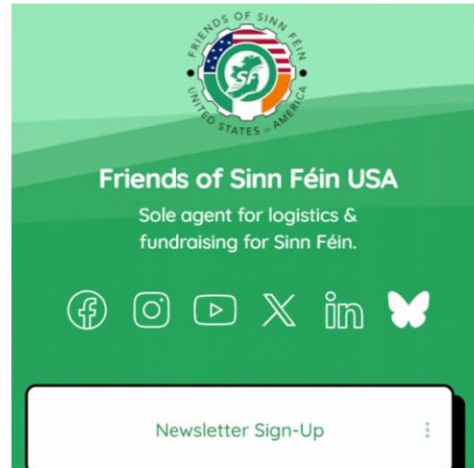
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