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## You cannot be racist and Irish Republican

### A Letter from Ireland

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It was as depressingly predictable as showers after the sun in Ireland. On Saturday far-right groups in Ireland organized an anti-immigration rally in Dublin. I knew that the event would be followed by disinformation and confusion.

Those marching carried tricolors and the flag of the Irish Republic that flew over the GPO. Conor McGregor in a video message invoked the memory of men and women of the Rising to promote the march. McGregor was recently found liable in a civil court for rape and admitted to taking cocaine.

The 1916 Irish Proclamation makes clear, that “no one who serves that cause will dishonor it by cowardice, inhumanity, or rapine.”

The state broadcaster put the turnout for what was billed as a national rally at 5,000. By the time it was reported on far-right web channels, the number had swollen to an unbelievable 110,000. An incredible number with zero creditability.

Across social media post after post claimed Ireland is full as if we are about to sink into the Atlantic.

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Will newsgates be intended by the state to be released when space is available.

Will the gates be closed to all including returning Irish emigrates?

Of course not, because the idea of a country being full is nonsense. The population of Ireland has not yet recovered from the famine, we have plenty of land and wealth.

What we have in Ireland, particularly in the South is a housing crisis. Ending immigration tomorrow will not end the housing crisis. But it will create a crisis in our health and care system, in tech, hospitality, and foreign investment industries.

We need affordable homes, reasonable rents and suitable emergency accommodation.

The housing crisis has been created and sustained by successive Fianna Fáil and Fine Gael governments. Their housing policies are working for developers, institutional investors, and landlords not the people, renters or the homeless. None of this is the fault of immigrants. It is Irish-made and sustained crisis.

The same parties have created an immigration system that fails those in need and the wider society while lining the pockets of a small wealthy elite who benefit from overpriced "emergency" accommodation. It is neither efficient or effective.

There is genuine anger at how the government parties have allowed these crises to develop. That legitimate anger is being directed at those who are victims of the system and not those in control. An all too familiar playbook.

It is right to be angry. That is why Sinn Féin is committed to building a new and united Ireland.

There is a tiny racist minority those who believe that being Irish is to be white and catholic. A test that I and many of my friends would fail.

They claim to be patriots, I have lived my life surrounded by patriots who were prepared to give up their lives for Ireland. Patriots who lost years to jail for a united Ireland and continue to build that dream day daily. They are appalled at the actions of many on that march.

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the common banner of Irish men and women to break the link with Britain.

The Proclamation declared, “The Republic guarantees religious and civil liberty, equal rights and equal opportunities to all its citizens and declares its resolve to pursue the happiness and prosperity of the whole nation and of all its parts, cherishing all the children of the nation equally...”

There was no clauses, color bars, qualifiers, ifs or buts in either of these republican tenets.

Racism, wrapped in the flag of nationalism is an insult to the memory of the patriot dead. You cannot be a racist and an Irish Republican.

Ciarán

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

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## **British government’s decision regarding murder of Sean Brown just the latest example of political cynicism**

**Taoiseach must press British Prime Minister for public inquiry into Sean Brown murder – O’Neill**

Leas Uachtarán Shinn Féin Michelle O’Neill has described the British government’s decision today regarding the murder of Sean Brown as ‘cruel and inhumane’.

Ms O’Neill said, “At the Court of Appeal, Lady Chief Justice Keegan was unequivocal in her remarks, saying that ‘the decision to refuse a public inquiry cannot stand and is unlawful and in breach of Article 2 obligations’.

“It is an affront to the basic principles of truth and justice that Keir Starmer’s government is threatening to once again drag Bridie Brown and her family back to court.

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inquiry.

“This cruel and inhumane act is just the latest example of British government political cynicism — blocking the right of families to access truth and justice.

“This will only add further insult to the Brown family who, unlike the British government, have led with courage and dignity in their fight for answers into Sean Brown’s murder.

“These cruel actions undermine public confidence in the administration of justice.

“This once again demonstrates the British government’s intent to deny families access to truth and justice, while attempting to force them into engaging with the discredited ICRIR.



“I will stand with the Brown family every step of the way as they rightly continue to demand a public inquiry.”

On Thursday, she wrote to Taoiseach Micheál Martin urging him to make urgent representation to the British Prime Minister to direct a public inquiry without any further delay.

In the letter, Ms O'Neill said this ‘has created real anger with the Brown Family and the wider community’. She added, ‘how this decision was communicated via a press conference at Westminster by Hilary Benn is totally unacceptable’.

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## A New Ireland, A Time of Opportunity

# Senator Conor Murphy

Sinn Féin leader in the Seanad, Senator Conor Murphy, has said that the Irish government must embrace this time of pivotal change and opportunity with open arms, hearts and minds, and take a more proactive role in the planning and preparation for constitutional change.

Speaking today at the Institute of International and European Affairs, Senator Murphy said that the Irish Government is not only best placed, but is duty bound given its responsibilities under the Good Friday Agreement to lead this planning and preparation phase which we are now entering. He called for a Citizens' Assembly to be established to encourage greater participation by populations across the island in deciding their future, adding that respect and cooperation must be the cornerstone on which a new Ireland is built.

Senator Murphy's speech in full: 'A New Ireland – A Time of Opportunity'

For the people of Ireland, in the lasty thirty years, two years stand out more than most – 1998 and 2016.

They do so for very different reasons – 1998 was the year the people of Ireland voted to endorse the Good Friday Agreement (GFA) and 2016 was the year the people of the North of Ireland voted to remain inside the EU and reject Brexit – yet the British government ignored the democratic will of the people of the North and forcibly removed the North of Ireland from the EU, in January 2020.

In both referenda large numbers of the unionist and Protestant population voted in favour of the GFA and against Brexit.

This demonstrated that they are interested in being part of a wider set of relationships across Ireland and the EU.

The GFA promised and delivered unprecedented and positive change within Ireland, between Ireland and Britain and between Ireland and the EU.

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The combined pressure of the United States administration and the EU ensured that the damage to the peace process and to the economies of Ireland was contained, the message eventually getting through to the British government that Ireland was a special case and should not be press-ganged into a hard-Brexit regime.

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## Spring Video Update

Sinn Féin Representative to North America Ciarán Quinn and Friends of Sinn Féin Executive Director Greg O'Loughlin discuss recent Irish Government and Opposition formation issues, discuss the latest in legacy news, preview upcoming Easter events, and upcoming Irish Unity People's Assemblies which will take place in Nashville, TN, Cincinnati, OH, and Chicago, IL.

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## First Minister Michelle O'Neill Assembly remarks on the passing of Pope Francis

Go raibh maith agat, a Cheann Comhairle.

I had the privilege as First Minister of attending the Funeral of Pope Francis on Saturday. It was an honour to join with world leaders to pay respects to a man who defined the best of human values.

So, it is with great sadness that I rise to speak today to express my deepest condolences following the passing of His Holiness, Pope Francis.

I extend my sympathies to his family, to the people of Argentina – his homeland – to His Excellency Archbishop Luis Mariano Montemayor, the Apostolic Nuncio to Ireland, to Archbishop Eamon Martin, Primate of All Ireland, to church leaders across this island, to the Jesuit community, and to Catholics everywhere who are mourning the loss of their spiritual leader.

Pope Francis was a man of deep faith, profound humility, and immense courage.

He led the Catholic Church through a period of great change, challenge, and renewal – and did so with grace, integrity, and a powerful sense of compassion for all people, particularly the poor and the marginalised.

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- The first Jesuit to be elected to the papacy.
- The first Pope from the Americas
- The first from the southern hemisphere and
- The first to take the name Francis, inspired by Saint Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of the poor.

These “firsts” were not symbolic alone.

They reflected his vision of a Church that should walk alongside those on the margins and speak with honesty and courage to the challenges of our time.

He once described himself as “a man from the periphery,” and in many ways, that is how he led.

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## Nashville, TN, Cincinnati, OH, & Chicago, IL to host “Irish Unity People’s

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The “Irish Unity People's Assembly: Diaspora” is on the move and coming to [Nashville, TN](#), [Cincinnati, OH](#), and [Chicago, IL](#)! Pat Cullen MP will be our special guest. Info & registration links below.

Be a part of the conversation about creating a new & united Ireland!

**THE COMMISSION ON THE FUTURE OF IRELAND**



Wednesday, May 28th, 2025  
Nashville, TN  
Scarritt Bennett Center

**Featuring Pat Cullen, MP**

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



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NASHVILLE, TN

**THE COMMISSION ON THE FUTURE OF IRELAND**



Thursday, May 29th, 2025  
Cincinnati, OH  
Irish Heritage Center of Cincinnati

**Featuring Pat Cullen, MP**

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



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CINCINNATI, OH

**THE COMMISSION ON THE FUTURE OF IRELAND**



Saturday, May 31st, 2025  
Chicago, IL  
Irish American Heritage Center of Chicago

**Featuring Pat Cullen, MP**

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



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CHICAGO, IL

# Honoring the Chieftain, Advancing the Cause: A Night to Remember in New York

*By Brendan McGovern*

On Tuesday, April 22, friends, supporters, and Irish Republicans gathered at Bobby Van’s Steakhouse on West 50th Street in Manhattan for the annual Martin McGuinness Peace Foundation Chieftain’s Dinner. Organized once again by Marty Glennon, the event brought together a powerful cross-section of Irish America, united not only in remembering Martin McGuinness, but in recommitting to the cause he held dearest: a free and united Ireland.

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activists and young first-time attendees, the room was filled with passion, purpose, and a clear sense that Martin's work is far from finished, it's ours to carry forward.

### **A Leader Remembered**

We gathered not just to reflect, but to build. As Marty Glennon reminded us in his opening remarks, Martin McGuinness wasn't simply a politician, he was a Chieftain. A leader of people. A visionary who led from the front, who believed not in followers, but in creating new leaders.

Martin's evolution – from a freedom fighter in Derry, to Sinn Féin's chief peace negotiator, to Deputy First Minister – was driven by a single goal: uniting our people and our island. His legacy, as President Clinton once said, was that "his word was as good as gold." And those who met him, including many of us in the room, knew that to be true.

Marty shared personal stories of Martin's humility and integrity, including his early engagements with the Suffolk Brehons – once apolitical, until Martin and others drew them into the peace process with quiet strength and sincerity. Whether sitting next to Ian Paisley or encouraging young republicans across the island, Martin showed us that true leadership is built on respect, courage, and vision.

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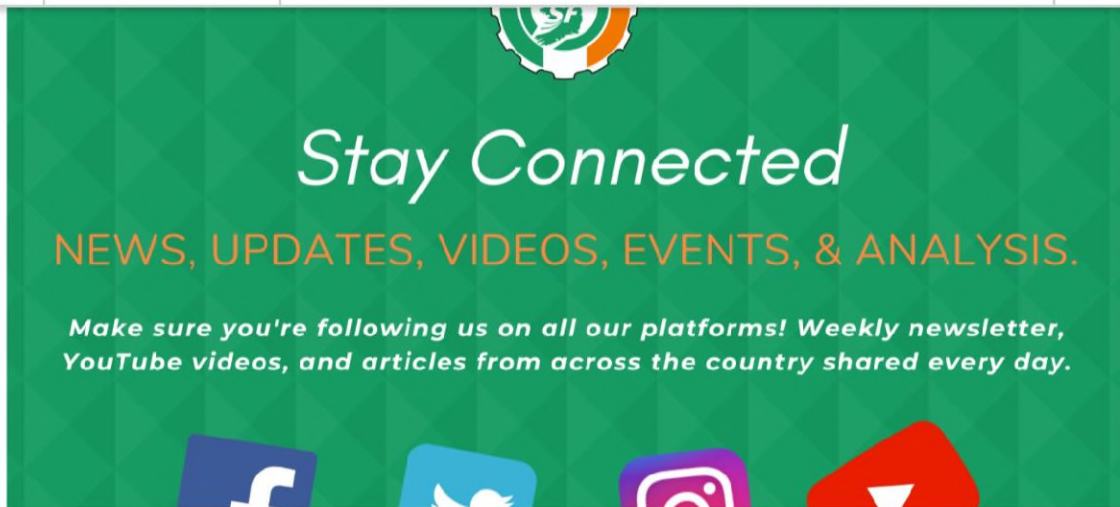
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