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A Vital Piece of the Puzzle

A letter from America

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Last week Ciarán answered a few questions from readers regarding Irish identity and Irish Unity. We received great feedback - if you missed it, you can [read it here](#).

This week I'd like to share some thoughts on another popular question we received from many readers who want to get involved and play a part - "What can I do?"

This is a historic moment in the history of Ireland, and the path to a new and united Ireland has never been clearer.

In Ireland, The Commission on the Future of Ireland is hosting People's Assemblies all over the island, while organizations like Ireland's Future and ARINS (Analysing and Researching Ireland North and South) are conducting research and releasing reports on the constitutional, economic, and legal perspectives. Work is being done in universities, labor unions, and by many political parties.

For supporters of Irish Unity in North America, there have never been more ways or opportunities to get involved.

Here are some ways to play a role:

1 - Irish Unity People's Assembly for the Diaspora: Over the next couple of months, we'll be hosting People's Assemblies in San Francisco, CA, Hartford, CT,

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Mairéis Farrell TD, but you'll work in small groups with other activists in attendance to help shape the conversation. Reports from these events are shared with the Commission on the Future of Ireland so that the perspectives and questions from the Irish diaspora and Irish living in North America making these events a key channel in the work of preparing for Irish unity.

2 - Irish Unity Education Webinar Series: starting Saturday, August 30, we'll be hosting a monthly webinar focused on a different aspect of the work being done to achieve a new and united Ireland. These are free events, and open to everyone, and they provide an opportunity to learn directly from scholars, activists, and leaders who are leading the way. You can register for these events below.

3 - Get your organization involved: Are you a member of the AOH/LAOH or the IAUC? Do you belong to a union? Are you a member of your city's Irish Network or club? This is a great place to start. Some of these organizations have national statements about unity and have structures in place to help you organize a working group or committee. Others do not yet have such a structure, which could be a great place to start. Find out what your fellow members know and think about Irish Unity and consider starting a study group, letter writing committee, or activist body to advocate with local and regional leaders.

4 - Help spread the word: Friends of Sinn Féin is not a membership organization, but we do provide a great deal of information, news, updates, analysis, and organize events from coast to coast. Be sure you are following us on all of our [social media channels](#), and share and comment on our posts. Forward this email to 5 friends and encourage them to sign up for themselves. If you have friends or family in cities where we will be hosting events, let them know and tell them they should bring a group.

These are just a few ideas for ways to be a part of this historic moment. Support from Irish America is a vital piece of the puzzle, and we all have a role to play.

I hope to see you at an event or on a call soon!

Mise le mas,

Greg O'Loughlin

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something you'd like to know more about? Ask us at admin@friendsofsinnfein.com. We may answer your question in a future edition of the newsletter.

Massive crowds at National Hunger Strike commemoration in Belfast

Many thousands of people attend the National Hunger Strike commemoration in Belfast where Sinn Féin President Mary Lou McDonald gave an inspiring and powerful speech.



Irish Unity Education Webinar Series

Join us on **Saturday, August 30** for a conversation with Glenn Bradley. Glenn is a business man of more than 30 years, the former Chair of the Northern Ireland Business and Human Rights Forum, a leader in ethical transparency in global supply chains, a former British soldier, and Ulster Unionist party officer.

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involvement in the negotiations of the Good Friday Agreement, and his hopes for the future around the need for true reconciliation and to address Unionist fears. He is among a growing number of unionists who are now receptive to the idea of constitutional change.

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AUGUST GUEST: GLENN BRADLEY
SATURDAY, AUGUST 30 - 12 NOON ET
Free & open to all - bígí linn!



Join us on **Saturday, September 20** at 12:00 noon ET for the second in our Irish Unity Educational Webinar Series. We will be joined by special guest Professor Colin Harvey, a professor of Human Rights Law in the Queen's University Belfast School of Law, a Fellow of the Senator George J Mitchell Institute for Global Peace, Security and Justice, an Associate Fellow of the Institute of Irish Studies and a Fellow of the

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Fundamental Rights Agency. Professor Harvey served two terms as a Commissioner on the Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission, has been involved in an extensive range of advisory roles, and has provided expert evidence to parliamentary committees in Ireland and the UK, including the Oireachtas Joint Committee on the Implementation of the Good Friday Agreement, and the Northern Ireland Assembly Committee for the Executive Office.

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Irish Unity People's Assembly for the Diaspora in San Francisco - with John Finucane MP

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Thursday, September 18

7:00pm - 9:30pm

San Francisco, CA

United Irish Cultural Center

Featuring John Finucane, MP

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McGuinness Peace Foundation Chieftain's Walk NYC

By **Brendan McGovern**

On Saturday, September 13, 2025, Irish America will gather once again at the Irish Hunger Memorial in Battery Park City for the 5th Annual Martin McGuinness Peace Foundation Chieftain's Walk. We will walk in honor of Martin McGuinness, to carry forward his vision of peace and justice, and to demand the full realization of the dream of Irish unity.

Carrying Martin's Legacy Forward

Martin McGuinness spent his life in service to his community and his country. From his earliest days in Derry, through the most difficult years of conflict, and finally as a statesman and peacemaker, Martin never wavered in his belief that Ireland must be free and united. He worked tirelessly for peace, helping secure the Good Friday Agreement, but always insisted that the Agreement was not the end of the journey, it was the framework for achieving Irish reunification by democratic means.

The Chieftain's Walk honors that legacy. Each year, Irish America gathers not just to remember Martin, but to recommit ourselves to the cause that defined his life: a new, united Ireland built on equality and inclusion.

Why This Walk Matters

The reunification of Ireland is no longer a distant aspiration, it is the central political question of our generation. Demographic change, Brexit, and Sinn Féin's historic growth North and South have brought us to a turning point. The Good Friday Agreement provides a clear path: unity referendums when the people are ready. The people are ready.

But readiness must be visible. Silence allows opponents of change to pretend the question is not urgent. That is why events like the Chieftain's Walk matter. They put Irish unity on the streets, in the headlines, and at the heart of our political

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again, making clear that we expect and demand Irish unity in our lifetime.

Event Details

■ **Date:** Saturday, September 13, 2025

📍 **Location:** Irish Hunger Memorial, Battery Park City, 290 Vesey Street, New York, NY

● **Sign-In and Kickoff Celebration:** 9:30 AM – 10:30 AM, featuring live Irish music and remarks from community leaders 🚶

The Walk Begins: 10:30 AM along the Hudson River, a visible march for peace and unity

Be Part of History

Martin McGuinness reminded us that leaders do not create followers, they create new leaders. By joining the Chieftain's Walk, you are stepping into that role. You are showing the world the Ireland you believe in.

Be there. Show your support. Stand for unity.

👉 **Register today at:** <https://martinmcguinnesspf.org/>

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The Martin McGuinness Peace Foundation 2025 Chieftain's Walk NYC

September 13, 2025

Date: September 13, 2025 @ 9:30 am

Location: Irish Hunger Memorial

Address: North End Ave &, Vesey St,
New York, NY 10280



Check our website:

<https://martinmcguinnesspf.org/>



Walk for a United Ireland
Tiocfaidh ár lá

Irish Unity People's Assemblies in Hartford, Boston, and Philadelphia in October - with Mairéad Farrell TD

The Irish Unity People's Assembly: Diaspora will be hosting free, open events in Hartford, CT, Boston, MA, and Philadelphia, PA in October.

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for the creation of a new and united Ireland!

Join us for a conversation with special guest speakers, Irish diaspora, descendants of Ireland, and all those who support Irish unity.

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	<p>Saturday, October 25, 2025 Hartford, CT Irish American Home Society 2:00 - 4:30pm</p>		<p>Tuesday, October 28, 2025 Boston, MA Florian Hall 7:00 - 9:30pm</p>		<p>Thursday, October 30, 2025 Philadelphia, PA The Irish Center 6:00 - 8:30pm</p>
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WOMEN'S ASSEMBLIES HAVING CONSTITUTIONAL CONVERSATIONS

By Eilish Rooney

Something remarkable that has never happened before is happening on the island of Ireland. For the most part it is happening below the radar of public notice. Women's organisations are holding women's assemblies to discuss constitutional futures and the implications for women's lives north and south.

The first women's assembly was organised in Belfast in June 2023 by a team from Sinn Féin's Commission on the Future of Ireland. Women came from all walks of life, from different cultures and backgrounds, from Belfast and beyond, they came ready for the conversation.

The top room in the Europa Hotel was packed and buzzing. As the report shows (<https://sinnfein.ie/futureofireland/>) the conversation was wide ranging,

event featuring feminist theorist and writer Cynthia Enloe. When it came to discussions of feminist constitution creating, Professor Enloe emphasized that constitutions are values and protection put to paper – but feminism is an action. So, key to the success of feminist constitutions is the fine line of firmly enshrining protections, while still being flexible enough to move with the change we create. She also highlighted that in order for a constitution to be successful, we need to have a shared knowledge and feel individual ownership of a constitution.

Coverage of that event can be found here:
“Later is a patriarchal time zone”: Cynthia Enloe in Conversation with the Belfast Women's Assembly — Women's Resource and Development Agency



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