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Hello,

Thanks to everyone who made the call on Monday. I said it then, but I could stand to say it more often - y'all are an extraordinary group, individually and collectively. We're leading the way in the United States at every level to ensure the necessary work of planning and preparing for a new and united Ireland is getting done, and done well. It's no small feat, and it can be tough to see the forest for the trees sometimes, but our resolutions, our study groups, our virtual assemblies, our webinars, our outreach are all connecting hundreds, if not thousands, of activists from all over the continent to the work. I'm so grateful for you all and for the opportunity to work together!

Enough mush - we have work to do!

Education Committee

We're up to double digits for participants in the Study Group! (Gerry Adams retweeting the link and invitation helped a bunch.)

What will also help are the emails and personal invitations you send out to your friends, family, and colleagues you think would be interested in joining.

You can copy/paste the invitation below and send it out as is, or feel free to edit or add your own voice before you send it out. The Study Group is open to ALL so even if you're not on the Education Committee or if you haven't yet attended any of the activist zoom calls yet, please sign up if you're interested.

[Sign up here.](#)

STUDY GROUP FACILITATORS

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It's a simple role - like our Virtual Assembly facilitation, the main focus is ensuring productive, positive conversations in small groups. You'll be provided with a script, timing, and discussion questions, so you won't have to generate any of that yourself.

If you are interested in being a facilitator, please email me and let me know -

greg@friendsofsinnfein.com - This is open to anyone regardless of your committee.

Outreach and Engagement Committee

Virtual Assembly - July 26th at 4:00 ET - Put it on your calendar and get ready to help promote and spread the word. As soon as we can confirm a guest, I'll create the registration form and social media content we can use to spread the word and get folks to sign up.

Resolutions

We're making steady and important progress in New York (State and City), Chicago, Minneapolis, and other places. We also started the conversation about how to get civic groups involved thanks to a conversation started by Nadya about Veterans for Peace.

Next steps - All

Please check out the dates below and add them to your calendars.

If you're in the DC/DMV area, please join us on the 25th for a special event with Mary Lou McDonald.

Copy and paste the invitation below and send it to anyone you think would be interested in joining us for the Study Group.

There were many requests for links to notes from all the committees - you'll find them below.

Thank you and talk to you soon!

Greg O'Loughlin

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UPCOMING DATES

- Tuesday, June 30, 7:00pm ET - IRISH UNITY STUDY GROUP
 - Monday, July 13, 7:00pm ET - IRISH UNITY ZOOM ACTIVIST MEETING
 - Sunday, July 26, 4:00pm ET - VIRTUAL IRISH UNITY PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY
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Irish Unity Study Group Invitation

Hello,

I've signed up to join an Irish Unity Study Group, and I think it's something you would love to do, too.

We're reading and discussing [The Irish Unity Dividend by Ben Collins](#). We will meet once a month for 90 minutes, and the calls are facilitated by volunteers who are learning along with everyone. It's free to join the calls, and for our last call in September, we'll be joined by the author himself for further discussion and Q&A!

You can sign up here: <https://forms.gle/cVZGWbFuBgLuWV4w9>

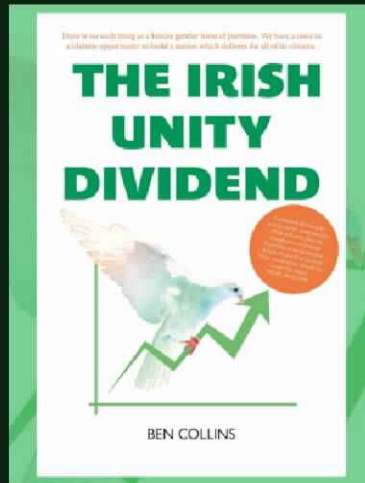
Our first meeting is on Tuesday, June 30 at 7:00pm ET. We'll be discussing the first three chapters. You can get the book [here](#) if you need it.

Don't hesitate to let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,

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BEN COLLINS

ONLINE STUDY GROUP

Irish Unity Study Group

Reading: *The Irish Unity Dividend*

Last Tuesday of each month

June 30 · July 28 · August 25

7:00pm ET · Online via Zoom

- All are welcome - free to join
- Study guide provided
- Facilitated small-group discussions
- Last call in September with special guest, Author Ben Collins

REGISTRATION OPEN TO ALL
NATION-WIDE BOOK READ

Mary Lou McDonald in Washington, DC in June!

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Friends of Sinn Féin & The New 32 Project present.

A conversation with

Sinn Féin President**Mary Lou McDonald**

Join us for a conversation with the leader of Sinn Féin, the largest political party in Ireland and Ireland's first woman leading the Opposition.



6:00pm, Thursday, June 25
Exiles - 1610 U St NW,
Washington, DC

Tickets are required & limited.



Notes

Here are links to notes for all committees. It can be helpful to see what everyone is working on even if you're not on that committee. They're all a little wild, but so are we ;)

[EDUCATION COMMITTEE NOTES \(Study Guide included\)](#)

[RESOLUTION COMMITTEE NOTES](#) (file download)

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Norms

Participate to the fullest of your ability, respect others when they are talking, and be present.

This can look like:

- Keeping your mic on mute when you are not speaking
- Refraining from chatting about unrelated topics
- Cameras on during calls and meetings

Speak from your own experience instead of generalizing

Speak from "I" instead of "they," "we," and "you".

Our goal is not to agree on everything -- it is to advance the cause of a new and united Ireland.

We all share the same goal, but we don't all have to agree on every detail of politics, current events, or analysis. Disagreement is ok - healthy even - but we are working together to advance the cause of a new and united Ireland, and anything else that detracts attention, resources, or energy away from that has no place on our calls. Disagreements can come out of committees and into a smaller discussion.

What's shared here stays here.

We are not doing this work for social media likes or for publication. People will change their minds over time, and some projects are best served by a lack of attention. All of that is better served by a sense of confidentiality. There are no secrets, but there is an expectation that everyone will have had a chance to review any and everything that is shared publicly.

Some practices that help support the work:

Parking Lot: If you have an idea, question, or some feedback that is important for the group, but not pertinent to the goals or conversation during the limited time we have, add it to [The Parking Lot](#). Ideas and questions can be addressed and answered asynchronously and raised at future meetings as needed.

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you've spoken up in the group, let at least three people speak before you chime in again.

It's better when you're here - We're all volunteers and we're all trying our best. We don't take attendance, but we do rely on one another to get the job done. Let you committee chair know if you said you'd do a task or get something done but now can't for whatever reason. If you're in a season in your life where you can take on a little more work, let you committee chair know. If you need to take a break from the meetings and the work, let your committee and chair know. We're making extraordinary progress as a team, and we should do our best to treat one another as teammates.



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