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Hey now, summer!

I hope you are all well and finding ways to stay cool. It's been a busy couple of weeks with Sinn Féin's Planning for Constitutional Change Bill being tabled in the Dáil, Keir Starmer resigning, and Fine Gael announcing that they will create a blueprint for Irish Unity at their next party conference. There has never been a better time to get involved in the work of supporting Irish self determination!

We have some good updates and plenty of good to do. Including:

Education

Study Group Update and Planning - we can review our excellent first Study Group meeting and discuss plans for the next call as well as plan for September's call with author Ben Collins.

Resolutions

Updates and Planning - we got some great feedback from a handful of New York State Assemblymembers. We can discuss, plan, and strategize for next steps and new cities and states.

Outreach & Engagement

Planning for next Virtual People's Assembly/Webinar. We'll be making plans for our next Irish Unity Webinar with special guest Pat Cullen MP, and discussing our next Virtual People's Assembly.

Reminder - the only prerequisite to joining a call is that you've attended an Irish Unity People's Assembly.

We have a lot of work to do and we need a lot of hands, heads, and hearts to get it done. If you have been hemming and hawing about joining a call or are feeling like it's too late to get involved because you haven't made it onto a call yet, please hear me loud and clear: we need your help and you're invited to be a part of this extraordinary moment in history!

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Next Call: Monday, July 13 at 7:00pm ET

Join our next call on Monday, July 13th at 7:00pm ET right here:

<https://zoom.us/j/93819110821>

They are always better when YOU are there!

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A celebration of the 150th Anniversary of the returning of the Catalpa



**Join us for an evening of story and song to remember one
of the most daring prison escapes and rescues in history!**

7:00pm Wednesday, August 19, 2026

New York Irish Center – Long Island City, NY

Tickets on sale now!



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

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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.

Three Before Me - In virtual group work, it can be challenging to get a word in or to monitor how much air-time you're taking up. A good rule of thumb can be: once 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 your 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 your 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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