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Hello!

I hope everyone is well and healthy.

It was great to see many of you in New York and Pittsburgh. I'm hoping to connect with more of you at the Martin McGuinness walk on Sunday, September 13th in New York.

If you saw the last newsletter, you've seen information about all of the upcoming virtual events we have on the horizon.

- Sept 19 - Book Talk with author Ben Collins - all are welcome!
- Oct 25 - Irish Unity Virtual People's Assembly with Senator Conor Murphy
- Nov 7 - Not yet public, but scheduled - Irish Unity Education Webinar with Sinn Féin TD for Dublin Mid West and Sinn Féin's Spokesperson for Housing Eoin Ó Broin.

It's going to take some support from the incredible activists on this list - YOU! - to deliver a top notch experience on all of those calls.

I'm grateful to Tricia McIvor for spreading the word about the need for facilitators for the call on October 25th. If you want to volunteer to help, please let her know - email her at: pmcivor@cox.net

DATE CHANGE: Our next Activist Call will be on Monday, September 21st at 7:00pm ET, right here: <https://zoom.us/j/93819110821>

I'll send a couple more reminders between now and then - but go ahead and get it on your calendar now.

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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!

See you soon,

Greg O'Loughlin
Executive Director
Friends of Sinn Féin

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They are always better when YOU are there!

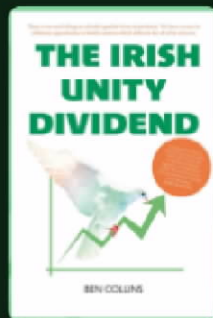
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The Irish Unity Dividend

Live Q&A and
discussion with
the author!



REGISTRATION OPEN TO ALL
NATION-WIDE BOOK READ

WEBINAR

Saturday,
September 19th
12:00 noon ET
Online via Zoom



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ON THE FUTURE OF IRELAND



Sunday, October 25, 2026

12:00pm Noon ET

Virtual - Zoom

Conor Murphy

Member of the Seanad Éireann
Oireachtas Committee on the
Implementation of the
Good Friday Agreement.
Former Minister for the Economy

AN COIMISIÚN
UM THODHCHAÍ
NA hÉIREANN

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.

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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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