

Programme of the Communist Party Of Ireland

1. The repeal and replacement of The 1990 Industrial Relations Act which limits worker power with progressive legislation that gives unions and workers power in proportion to what they produce.
2. The withdrawal of Ireland from the EU in a “People’s Eirexit” recognising that the EU is a neoliberal imperialist force that undermines the independence and neutrality of Ireland.
3. The closing of Shannon airport, and all Irish airspace and water, to US forces, and all foreign military forces recognizing that failure to do so undermines Irish neutrality.
4. The expanding of the Public sector which includes:
 - a. The cessation of all public-private partnerships in the construction of infrastructure, schools and hospitals etc.
 - b. The complete re-nationalisation of Gas Networks Ireland, Aer Lingus, Eir, Glanbia and Bórd na Móna as well as the nationalisation of all airports, ports, hospitals and infrastructure
 - c. Forming and maintaining a state monopoly over the Gas, Water and Electricity markets.
 - d. Take the bin service back into council ownership.
5. The implementation of a socialist “SláinteAire” modeled after the NHS and other successful single payer healthcare systems that will not only improve the health of the nation but also ease anxieties in the North Eastern counties about reunification possibly leaving them worse off.
6. The closing of Tax loopholes and the increasing of the corporate tax rate to 24.9% in line with the OECD average.
7. The implementation of a progressive income tax system which will include the abolishment of Universal Social Charge and the introduction of a 100% tax bracket for earners above 200,000 euro a year.
8. Investment to be spread out away from Dublin to reduce the effects of the housing crisis and traffic congestion on the city with investment to be spread to Waterford, Cork, Limerick and Galway.
9. Expansion of renewable public transport links including the construction of a railway corridor to Donegal to connect with Derry.

10. The implementation of a “Socrú Nua Glas” that will expand and create new state-owned green industries to create jobs and protect the environment including:
 - a. The banning of non-state fossil fuel industries and destructive mining practices.
 - b. Expansion of green industries such as renewable energies, electric transport (cars, trains etc.) and heavy taxation of polluting industries such as chemical manufacturing.
 - c. The nationalisation of agri-food businesses including fisheries, meat production and other farming industries
11. Introduction of the Right of First Refusal in regards to workers collectively purchasing company business and property if the liquidation or closure of a private business occurs. In addition the provision of grants to groups of people who wish to set up cooperatives.
12. Build 100,000 public homes in three years, including Traveller-appropriate and student accommodation, and nationalise all suitable vacant properties for public housing. Take the major construction companies, land banks, corporate landlords and vulture funds into democratic public ownership.
13. Ending of Direct Provision and the creation of a new asylum system which gives credible doubt to Asylum-Seekers in the seeking of residency within Ireland.
14. Increased workers rights including
 - a. A 4-day week with no loss of pay, increased annual leave and two years’ paid leave for parents.
 - b. €15/hour minimum wage, without exemptions.
 - c. Outlaw unpaid and low-paid internships and ‘work experience’ schemes. Increase unemployment payments. Stop harassing the unemployed.
15. Commitment to democracy including full voting rights for 16 year olds and immigrants.
16. Commitment to the reunification of Ireland including the building of a cross border initiative in cooperation with Stormont as well as the introduction of a “Road to Reunification Bill” which would aim to make the people of the North enthusiastic about reunification instead of

worried about possible loss of healthcare, welfare or support or about possible religious discrimination.

17. Abolishment of the Special Criminal Court along with the reformation of the offences against the state act
18. Progressive, consent-based, LGBTQ+-inclusive sex and relationships education at all levels. Marriage equality in the North and full rights for the trans community, North and South, including accessible trans healthcare. Free provision of PREP and PEP through the health service.
19. A National Childcare Service to provide free childcare for all based on parents' needs and preferences. Ensure excellent pay and conditions for childcare workers.
20. All education should be free and accessible to everyone - abolish fees and 'voluntary contributions', nationalise private schools, colleges and school book publishers and take the education system out of Church control. Stop excluding students with disabilities, learning difficulties or ASD from our education system. No to authoritarian, neoliberal education - for holistic, participatory education with democratic decision-making by staff, students and communities.