

## Join the Connolly Youth Movement Cork Branch

### What is the Connolly Youth Movement?

The Connolly Youth Movement is an all-Ireland youth organisation founded in 1963 by a group of republican and socialist activists from all over Ireland. The CYM has campaigned for many years against injustice and inequality in Ireland and around the world, showing solidarity with many global campaigns and movements. The CYM has also actively campaigned against international imperialism, including the European Union, the partition of Ireland and its sectarian, corrupt and divisive states, and the warmongering imperialism of the United States and Britain.

Today the CYM is active in national and international campaigns, in cultural and solidarity movements, in the trade union movement, and in anti-war activities.

Check out the CYM web site, [www.cym.ie](http://www.cym.ie), for more information on the movement and for materials on the struggle for democracy and socialism in Ireland and around the world.

### Issues young people are facing today

In modern Ireland, young people are once again facing the grim prospects of low-quality education, unemployment, poverty, and emigration. Almost all the problems of Ireland's youth can be traced back to the gangster capitalism developed by current and previous governments and supported by all establishment parties. Fifty thousand people are going to emigrate from Ireland this year—a massive blow to a country with a population of 6¼ million. With jobs vanishing daily, choices are disappearing for young people leaving school. And with the cuts to social welfare planned by Fine Gael, it seems that poverty is one of the few options for those who choose to stay.

### National issues in Ireland today

The greatest issue in Ireland today is its national debt. The state now owes more than €97 billion in debt but has guaranteed potentially hundreds of billions more. This is €21,000 of debt for each person. (You can follow the fast-increasing debt at [www.nodebt.ie](http://www.nodebt.ie).)

The Connolly Youth Movement is taking part in the Repudiate the Debt campaign. This is a campaign to get the weight of the debt off the taxpayers and workers of Ireland and instead place it on the speculators, bankers and gamblers who incurred it. The only way Ireland can overcome this debt, which will cripple us for decades and is forcing the sale of our



sovereignty, is to demand a referendum for repudiation of the debt. Why should our future and our children's futures be sacrificed to bail out banks in Germany, Britain, and the United States?

Because of this debt, we don't have sufficient resources to maintain the hospitals, welfare system or other integral parts of society. We are spending money that could improve the lives of Irish people on keeping a handful of bankers and speculators rich and happy. The International Monetary Fund has already gone into many countries, where they produced a deal that the country could not ever

possibly pay. Upon not being able to repay the debt, the IMF came into those countries and robbed them of their valuable public companies and stole billions in gas and oil.

The Government has already sold many of its public companies, and the EU and IMF plan more. The state has already begun selling parts of the country itself through the sale of acres of forests to transnational corporations!

Under the control of the European Union, we have lost many of our rights as a nation. We have lost our fishing waters and other resources. We cannot even protect our national resources without incurring the wrath of the EU. With the combination of pressure from the EU and now the IMF, Irish citizens no longer have a say in how their country is run. Votes for Labour, Fine Gael and Fianna Fáil were all votes for the same establishment, with the same interests and the same intentions. The intention of these parties is to continue selling Ireland to international interests.

### Anti-establishment?

#### Hate corrupt politics?

#### Hate corporate media and celebrity fetishism?

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- Our official web site is [www.cym.ie](http://www.cym.ie).
- Anyone from any background between the ages of 14 and 30 can join.



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