



May Day Festival 2011

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Through the generous sponsorship of the European Union Regional Development Fund through Belfast City Council as well as the Community Relations Council, we are delighted to present an extended festival programme with events for everyone including walking tours, exhibition launches, lectures as well as the fabulous May Day and Diversity Festival on Saturday 30 April.

We will be adding to events over the coming weeks as well so please check in with us for further information.

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Celebrate with us in the May festival 2011!

Tuesday 26 April, 5pm

Assemble Custom House Square

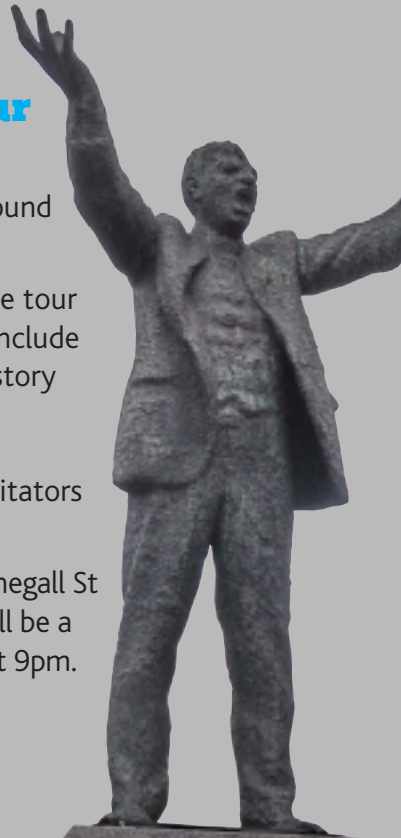
Labour History Walking Tour

Renowned labour historian and celebrated author **John Gray** will lead a walking tour around the cathedral quarter area.

Starting at Custom House Square at 5pm, the tour will last approximately 90 minutes and will include the landmark sites where Belfast's hidden history lives on – the Belfast of Larkin and Connolly, Victorian Radicals, United Irishmen, Slave Emancipators, Troublesome Feminists and agitators of the working class.

The tour will finish at the John Hewitt Bar, Donegall St with a complementary bowl of stew. There will be a trad session in the John Hewitt with **Brogue** at 9pm.

This tour is FREE but there will be a maximum of 25 places available and you MUST in advance. For more information and to book a place contact clare.moore@ictuni.org 028 9024 7940



**JIM
LARKIN**

1874-1947





Thursday 28 April 6-8pm

Launch of WOW (world of work) exhibition Golden Thread Gallery.

Golden Thread Gallery, 89-94 Gt Patrick Street, Belfast BT1 2LU

Launch: Thursday 28th April, 6-8pm

Exhibition runs until 21st May

FREE

Opening Hours: Tuesdays - Fridays: 10.30am to 5.30pm, Saturdays: 10.30am – 4pm also open late on the First Thursday of every month as **part of late night art**.

W.O.W is a collaborative exhibition hatched by the Irish Congress of Trade Union - Northern Ireland Union Learning Fund and the Golden Thread Gallery to celebrate the essence of May Day and showcase the often hidden value of trade union learning initiatives.

W.O.W. is a multi-media narrative in the form of a projection that explores the nature of 'work'. The projection is directed by up and coming film maker, Lee Stitt who mixes interviews with retired trade unionists and members of the ICTU Youth Committee, incorporating poetry and photography submitted by workers from a range of industries . To find out more about talks and events that complement the exhibition check www.goldenthreadgallery.co.uk and www.ictuni.org for updates or contact Gillian Belch, ICTU Congress House: Tel: 028 9024 7940.

Friday 29 April, 7.30pm

Dockers Club, Pilot St Belfast

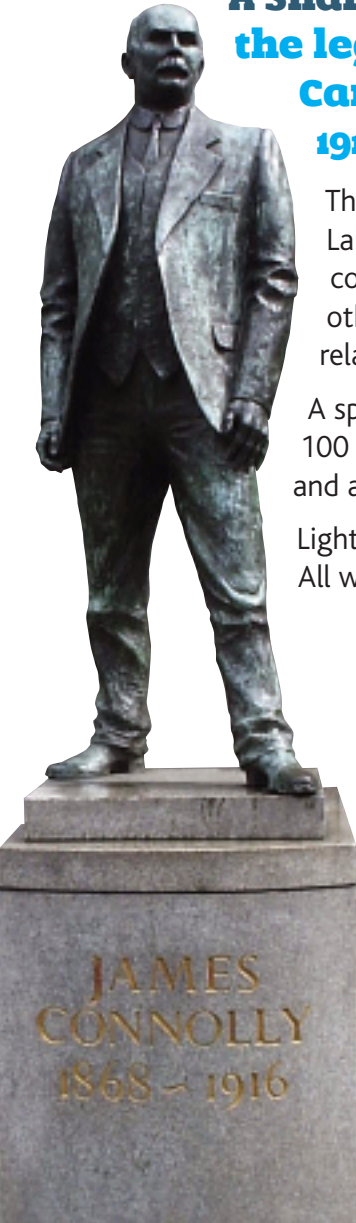
**SHIP (Shared History Interpretive Project) and ICTU
Inaugural Connolly Memorial Lecture.**

**A Shared History –
the legacy of James Connolly, Winnie
Carney and labour activists from
1911 onwards.**

Through music, verse and words Francis Devine, Irish Labour History Society will recall the lives and contributions of James Connolly, Winnie Carney and other labour activists and will explore their legacy in relation to current economic and societal realities.

A specially cast limited edition badge to commemorate 100 years of Connolly's arrival in Belfast will be launched and available for sale.

Light refreshments will be served.
All welcome – Free entry.





Celebrate May Day 2011 Saturday 30 April

May Day is traditionally the day when workers throughout the world come together to march and celebrate working class culture and history.

The May Day rally and march in Belfast is among the biggest in UK and Ireland and sees speeches from noted labour activists before the march itself, accompanied by trade union banners and traditional silver, pipe and flute bands makes it's way through Belfast City Centre.

March with us in 2011!

May Day rally and march through Belfast City Centre

Assemble Writers Square,
Donegal St Belfast

Keynote Speakers

Jack O'Connor

President, ICTU

Grahame Smith

General Secretary Scottish TUC

Avril Hall Callaghan

NIC Chairperson

Speeches: 12 noon

March-off: 12.30

Family Diversity Festival

Writers Square, 1pm-5pm – FREE

After the May Day march, join us in Writers Square Belfast 1.00 – 5pm for a family afternoon of diversity, music and entertainment.

Bar, music, food, stalls, face painting and entertainment for all the family

Free entry – all welcome.

Bring the kids and make a day of it!



Wednesday 4th May 2011 at 6pm

Linenhall Library – FREE

INTO present the 2nd Annual Vere Foster Lecture

"Vere Foster - The Man Who Paid Women to Go Away"

Speaker: Dr Ann McVeigh, Public Records Office Northern Ireland

Vere Foster was one of the founding members of the Irish National Teachers' Organisation. He was a philanthropist, reformer and one of Ireland's leading citizens of the 19th century.

INTO will host refreshments after the discussion.

For further information contact INTO 028 9033 1831

Saturday 7 May, 11.00am

Assemble at Sailorstown Historical Society, Garmoye St (between Dock St and Pilot St).

Walking tour of Docks area and Sailorstown

Walking tour of Docks and Sailorstown led by Liam Mc Brinn,

SHIP Chairperson and former Deep Sea Docker and Sailorstown residents.

Come along and hear about this historic area of Belfast including a visit to the Sailorstown Historical Society and St Joseph's Church. This tour will last approximately 90 minutes. The SHIP exhibition which shows the history of the Docks from the 1907 strike onwards will be on display.

Light Refreshments will be served afterwards.

This tour is FREE but there will be a maximum of 25 places available and you MUST book in advance with the ICTU office on 028 90 247940.

Saturday 7 May

The Belfast Blitz Remembered

In this 70th anniversary of the Belfast Blitz, The Hubb Prison to Peace project will be arranging a number of events including a cross community music session as well as a number of workshops.

For further information contact The Hubb on 9077 7511



Thursday 12 May

Golden Thread Gallery 89-94 Gt
Patrick Street, Belfast BT1 2LU
6.00 - 8pm

Free entry, light refreshments will
be served

Launch of Through the Lens Photographic Exhibition

Launch of *Through the Lens*
photographic exhibition. Over
the last 6 months groups of trade
union members and activists
have been working with the
Workers Educational Association

to interpret Diversity through
digital photography.

They have come up with
stunning images of diversity in all
it's forms and this exhibition
launch show cases the results.

The opening night will include a
dj set from **Love Music Hate
Racism** and a performance piece
from **Scream Blue Murmur**

Thanks to the Golden Thread
Gallery for their involvement
with this exhibition.

For further information
contact Clare Moore
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