

SPRING NEWSLETTER

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PEOPLE BEFORE PROFIT: THE VOICE FOR WORKERS

The pandemic has shown that it is not bankers, landlords, or speculators we need to keep society going.

Instead it is workers - health workers, teachers, transport workers, supermarket workers, carers looking after vulnerable people at home, and all kinds of other workers that have got us through the Covid crisis so far.

But it will take a serious fight to force this government to recognise these facts.

People Before Profit have been organising alongside workers throughout this pandemic. We have:

- Been on picket lines with the Debenhams workers as they fight for their fair redundancies
- Organised with student nurses to help build their fight for fair pay
- Campaigned with taxi drivers, artists and others who have been left behind during the pandemic
- Campaigned for meat plant workers to get sick
- Pushed against taxes on PUP payments.

We bailed out banks - now is the time to help workers. People Before Profit can offer support to workers, both as a voice in the Dáil and through campaigning. We want to help build strong, fighting grass roots unions to push for better pay and conditions. Get in touch with us if you would like to get involved.

COVID RESPONSE COSTING LIVES & PROLONGING LOCKDOWN

The governments decision to ignore public health advice and lift restrictions in December has cost us over 2,000 lives so far.

This catastrophe should have triggered a decisive response. Instead, we see:

- A half-hearted lockdown, with lots of non-essential work going ahead
- Open outbreaks in over half the countries meat plants
- New cases and strains allowed to enter due to lack of consistent mandatory quarantine measures

Government half measures mean a prolonged lockdown. They must break from their failed Living With Covid strategy in favour of a Zero Covid strategy that would aggressively suppress the virus, eliminate community transmission and allow us to lift restrictions.



100 YEARS IS TOO LONG THE BORDER MUST GO

Boris Johnson has ordered a 'celebration' in May to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the foundation of the Northern State.

But there is nothing to celebrate. Partition has held Ireland back. The North was built as a 'Protestant State for a Protestant People' while in the South, the Catholic Church ruled over schools and hospitals. Only now are we starting to change.

People Before Profit is campaigning for a border poll to give people in the North a democratic right to decide their future.

We want to bring about a radical alternative 32 county Ireland that does not come about from a stitching together of two elites and their states.

We want an Ireland that has a high quality National Health Service, decent wages and conditions for working people - One that finally brings into being the vision of James Connolly.



DIVIDE AND RULE

The Tories in Britain try to divide workers with racism – and some are trying to import these tactics here.

An ex British soldier, a full time worker for Nigel Farage and a host of people who opposed Repeal and Marriage Equality are trying to put together a far right party.

Instead of attacking a wealthy elite, they want to blame immigrants. They want a return to the good old days of Church rule – which is why they have said nothing about the Mother and Baby's homes scandal.

Don't fall for their lies. Ireland is a multi-cultural society today – let's unite and fight the political establishment.