I.B.R.G.

Irish in Britain Representation Group

Cumann Ionadaíochta na

n-Éireannach sa

Bhreatain

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Formed in the aftermath of the 1981 Hunger Strikes to represent the political, social and cultural interests of the Irish community in Britain, the IBRG campaigns and organises on a wide variety of issues.

Prevention of Terrorism Act

We campaign for the immediate repeal of this racist piece of legislation which is directed at silencing and intimidating the Irish community.

Anti - Irish Racism

We strongly oppose racism against any community and actively campaign against anti-Irish racism in the media.

Votes for Irish Emigrants

We fully support the campaign to get the vote for the Irish abroad in Irish elections so that we who have been forced to emigrate can have our say in the future of Ireland.

Employment

The Irish in Britain have consistently been forced to take low paid employment in unskilled jobs. We have campaigned for the Irish to be recognised as an ethnic minority so that the extent of our disadvantage may be recognised and tackled.

Housing

The Irish in Britain have a very low rate of home ownership. Many of our young are homeless, many of the elderly live in private rented accomodation. We campaign for a proper share in housing provision and against the deportation of homeless Irish families.

Prisoners

We are concerned about the welfare of all Irish prisoners in British Gaols, both political prisoners and those who have been framed. We support campaigns to release the framed prisoners. We actively campaign for the transfer of Irish prisoners home and for an end to the torture of strip searching.

Culture and Traditions

We organise local classes in Irish music, dance and language and work to foster a strong sense of pride in Irish identity amongst our community here. We promote the work of Irish artists, musicians and writers through exhibitions, readings, theatre and film shows.

Education

Recognising that our language is a vital part of our culture and history, we have led a campaign for the inclusion of the language in the school curriculum in Britain. We also work to ensure that Irish history is included so that our children may have a positive sense of their Irish identity.

Equal Rights

We campaign for the rights of women, lesbians and gay men who are often marginalised within our own community.

Travellers in Britain face discrimination from the broader community and from Irish people in Britain. We campaign for sites and other resources for Travellers and challenge anti-Traveller racism.

British Occupation of Ireland

The lives of Irish people in Britain are underscored by Britain's colonial relationship to Ireland and the racism and discrimination faced by us is a direct result of this colonisation. We campaign for an immediate and unconditional withdrawal, political, military and economical of Britain from Ireland and for self-determination for the Irish people as a whole.

We actively campaign for an end to abuses of Human Rights in the Six Counties.

* Non Jury Diplock Courts • Plastic Bullets
* Shoot To Kill • Media Ban/Censorship
* RUC and UDR collusion in loyalist murder gangs
* Discrimination in employment

Censorship and disinformation are an essential part of British policy in Ireland. To counter this we offer a platform at public meetings to representatives of the Nationalist community.

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IBRG Membership application form

Please return to Haringey IBRG, c/o I Hornsey Library, Haringey Park, Crouch End, London N8

Tel (081) 348 3351 ext 1432

Name........... Tel: (if available).......

Address.........

I would like more information about the IBRG

I would like to subscribe to the IBRG magazine An Pobal Éirithe

I would like to join the IBRG and enclose the appropriate fee: £1 unwaged £5 waged

Signed.......

WHAT WE STAND FOR

■ Equal Rights for the Irish in Britain

■ An end to anti-Irish racism and all racism

■ Equal rights for Irish women, lesbians and gay men and Travellers

■ An end to the racist PTA laws

■ Freedom for all framed prisoners

■ Equal access to and representation in the British media

■ An end to censorship, propaganda and anti-Irish racism in the media.

■ Recognition for the Irish as an ethnic minority

■ The vote in Ireland for the Irish In Britain

■ Irish unity and Independence and the ending of British colonial interference in Ireland

■ An end to British Human Rights abuses in the North of Ireland

■ The transfer of Irish prisoners home to serve their sentences near their families

■ The promotion of Irish culture and language in Britain