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Association**

*for
Irish
unity
and
independence*

What is the Connolly Association?

The Connolly Association has been campaigning for over 50 years for Irish re-unification and independence, inspired by the living legacy of 1916 leader and socialist James Connolly. Connolly's aim was the independence of his country; his means, the unity of republican and working class traditions.

The Connolly Association continues that work, seeking to win support in Britain - especially within its labour movement - for an independent, united Ireland, and defending the interests of the Irish living here. We have consistently campaigned for civil and democratic rights, against anti-Irish racism, against the militarisation of the Irish Sea and the betrayal of democracy by supra-national institutions of the European Community.

But how could a united Ireland come about?

We believe that the root cause of the crisis lies in the failure of partition imposed on Ireland in 1921. Ever since that time, the regimes which have run the Northern Ireland statelet, whether the local parliament at Stormont or Direct Rule from London, have shown themselves unable to accommodate demands for justice and democracy. The Connolly Association believes that a British government must, at some point, begin the process of disengagement from Ireland.

To begin this process, Britain must declare its intention to withdraw, and yield its claim to sovereignty over the Six Counties that make up the statelet of Northern Ireland.

Such a firm declaration would remove the veto on political progress maintained by the Unionists, a minority in Ireland transformed into a majority within the borders of the Six Counties by the British government.

And it would open the way for a negotiated settlement between representatives of all the people of Ireland - and in full consultation with the

Irish government in Dublin.

For the last ten years at least, public opinion polls in Britain have demonstrated there is majority support for a change of government policy.

The Connolly Association sees its task today as helping to win majority support in Britain for a

new policy of disengagement within the labour and democratic movements, and in the direct interests of the British and Irish peoples.

The Connolly Association does not support any particular political party in Ireland. Neither do we support the use of violence from whatever quarter: but we understand the conditions in which it arises, and believe that only a constructive British withdrawal will help bring the violence to an end.

The Association sees no future in any attempt to govern Northern Ireland by government devolved from London - devolution would leave the undemocratic structures of partition intact - and implacably opposes the imperialist designs of the Anglo-Irish Agreement.



James Connolly, 1868-1916

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