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Irish Freedom Party

*Freedom is the right to
tell people what they do
not want to hear.*

George Orwell

Welcome to the first edition of our newsletter. It's our intention that the newsletter will offer our members, supporters and sympathisers the opportunity to read about the Irish Freedom Party and various other topics that they may be interested in.

The newsletter does not necessarily reflect Irish Freedom Party policy and the views expressed are the responsibility of the Editor.

Irish Freedom Party Ard Fheis 2022

Following the Governments imposed lockdown, the Irish Freedom Party held our first in-person Ard Fheis in Wynn's Hotel in Dublin. This historic hotel was the location of the inaugural meeting of Cumann na mBan in 1914 and a fitting location in which to hold this event. It was great to meet so many Party members in person.

Aside from Party business there were several presentations including one by an invited guest, Dublin based solicitor Malachy Steenson (at left). Malachy has recently come to the fore as a key figure behind local opposition to the housing of asylum seekers in East Wall over the heads of local people.



This issue has rightly caused significant problems for the Government. Their propensity to rule by diktat has rebounded on them as locals reassert their local priorities over the demands of the globalist population replacement agenda.

Irish working-class people who struggle to pay their bills see freeloaders lining up to stand in front of them in the queue while the political elites and their media and NGO cronies sneer and call them 'extremists'. No wonder local communities are angry.

We were also treated to a presentation by Michael Horsman (pictured right) author of the book 'The State of Freedom and Justice'. His book promotes the work of Henry George who is best remembered as a proponent of the "single tax" on land. The government should finance all its projects, he argued, with proceeds from only one tax. This single tax would be on the unimproved value of land (the value that the land would have if it were in its natural state with no buildings, no landscaping, and so on.)



Video footage of some of the event can be found on the Irish Freedom Party's YouTube channel.

The national flag

Up to the time of the Rising the flag that was most closely identified with Ireland was a green flag with a gold harp. Padraig Pearse wrote in 1915 that ‘Every company of Irish Volunteers is to provide itself with an Irish Flag ... The authorised flag is a plain gold harp on a green ground and no other flag, except authorised regimental colours, is to be carried by bodies of Irish Volunteers.’¹ Indeed this flag flew over Liberty Hall during Easter week but was absent at the GPO.



At the GPO when Padraig Pearse instructed Eamon Bulfin to hoist the Irish flag over the GPO it was the tricolour that was flown at the corner of the GPO and Henry Street. At the corner with Prince’s Street (across from where Penny’s stands today) a plain green flag with the words ‘Irish Republic’ flew and this flag can be seen at the National Museum at Collins Barracks today. The harp is not displayed on that flag. It is possible that at some point there was a decision made by the Irish Volunteers to replace the traditional national flag. At the time of O’Donovan Rossa’s funeral in August 1915 in Glasnevin Cemetery at which Pearse gave the graveside oration the tricolour was the flag placed over his coffin and by now, the decision had been made that the national flag of Ireland was to be the tricolour.



The origins of the tricolour as a symbol of rebellion came in the form of a gift in 1848 from a small number of French women who believed the flag would symbolise the inclusion and hoped for union between Catholics and Protestants. The white of the flag symbolising peace between the green of Catholicism and orange of Protestantism. On the 7th of March 1848, Thomas Francis Meagher flew a tricolour flag at the Wolf Tone Club in Waterford City, where it flew for eight days and nights before being removed by the authorities.

The tricolour was formally adopted as our national flag in the 1937 Constitution which states (Article 7), “The national flag is the tricolour of green, white and orange”.

We sometimes hear calls that it is time to replace our national flag and even calls to replace the national anthem. These calls are malign and invariably come from those who seek to further erode Irish national identity. The national flag symbolizes our history and our fight to liberate our country from foreign control. Considering where we are today it is the opinion of this writer than our national flag is more important than ever.



Ireland’s only eurosceptic political party

National sovereignty is the root cause of the most crying evils of our times.... The only final remedy for this evil is the federal union of the peoples.

Plaque at the visitor centre – EU Parliament

The Irish Freedom Party are the only political party in the Republic of Ireland with a stated policy of taking Ireland out of the European Union. The EU is far from a mere trading block with no customs checks and tariff free access to markets. It has moved over time to adopt more and more the trappings of a federal superstate rendering countries like Ireland little more than colonies.

When we look at the calibre of what represents us politically, Irish people have serious reason to be concerned. Michael Martin is on record as saying “we want nothing to do with a backward looking idea of sovereignty” and adding insult to injury he said it in Dail Eireann in front of Michel Barnier the EU’s Brexit negotiator. And the less said about arch-europhile Leo

¹ <https://www.historyireland.com/summoning-children-flag/>

Varadkar and Green (on the outside, red on the inside) Eamon Ryan the better. Together with our phony opposition parties Sinn Fein, the Social Democrats and a motley collection of communists they pose a significant danger to the integrity of our nation. They must be stopped.

Those who seek to protect Ireland and the Irish nation from the EU's fifth columnists in Ireland have a political party that speaks to their concerns, the Irish Freedom Party.

I would venture to say that the vast bulk of ordinary Irish people are completely unaware just how the EU impacts our lives. I put it to you that if they did know they would be far more concerned – and in turn far more sceptical – of the EU.



The bloated NGO Sector

There is a video on YouTube in which a United Nations representative asks if every Irish person works for an NGO². One might think this a hilarious slip of the tongue but it very clearly indicates a problem within Irish civil society. Our NGO sector is enormous with over 34,000 organisations, and it costs hard pressed Irish taxpayers a staggering amount of money. In the region of €6 billion per year in 2020.³ You should not be surprised to hear that an organisation tasked with reporting on our bloated NGO sector 'Benefacts' has now ceased operations due to the Government decision to cancel its funding⁴. Am I the only one who finds this more than a little convenient?



It is a key plank of Irish Freedom Party policy that a root and branch review of our NGO sector is long overdue. There must be a significant scaling back of the sector along with defunding those who are parasitic in nature, i.e. those serving as mouthpieces of the State and who drive the 'woke' agenda. In reality these NGO's offer the State arm's length deniability when it suits them.

Many NGOs do of course serve a very useful civil purpose especially those operating in the areas of health, education and social services.

The loss of Irish neutrality

"She is awake, the Sleeping Beauty of the Lisbon Treaty: I welcome the operational steps taken today by Member States to lay the foundations of a European Defence Union."⁵ These words were tweeted by Jean-Claude Juncker, former President of the European Commission. European Defence Union being the latest sneaky euphemism for greater assimilation of the EU's colonies as they surrender yet more of what little sovereignty they have left. Despite the existence of NATO and its success in preventing conflict on the European continent, the EU doesn't wish to use that entity for its own defence, it wants to have its own military and the reason is simple. The EU wishes to strut the global stage with its own military to back up its agenda.

² <https://twitter.com/ChrisHahn411/status/1610656131424067585>

³ <https://benefactslegacy.ie/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/benefacts-nonprofit-sector-analysis-2021.pdf>

⁴ <https://benefactslegacy.ie>

⁵ <https://twitter.com/JunckerEU/status/940175532196589568>



The moment the Irish State acquiesced in the overthrow of the first Lisbon Treaty referendum result the loss of Irish neutrality followed. For years Irish people thought they were militarily neutral, and we now find out we were fooled. There are many amongst us who still claim with a straight face that Ireland is a militarily neutral country, but this is obviously not the case. Ireland is now actively involved in the war in Ukraine. Irish troops will be providing training to Ukrainian troops.⁶ We have referendums at the drop of a hat yet we won't be allowed have a referendum on the planned militarization of our own country. Our government prefer to

sneak Ireland into 'international obligations' through the back-door without buy-in from the citizens they purportedly represent.

The consequences are high. The sons and daughters of Irish families might just end up on a battlefield fighting not for the defence of Ireland but in support of the military ambitions of europhiles and globalists.

Climate and Environmental policy

The climate has been changing since the dawn of time yet over the past fifty years or so crackpots have managed to weaponize climate change to socially re-engineer our economies and indeed, the way we live. The Irish Freedom Party are the only party to refuse to toe the globalist line. We fully accept that climate change is real. Our priorities in addressing the issue centre on the protection of our natural environment with an emphasis on ecological conservation rather than carbon ideology.

For example, Ireland is a laggard in our continent in terms of forestry cover. We average about 11% compared with 33% across Europe and the Government seek to increase that to 17%. The Irish Freedom Party see that as an unimpressive target. Furthermore, we seek to prioritise the planting of native species having regard to commercial reality within the forestry industry.

Our energy requirement is growing caused in no small part by our success as a location for data centres. These facilities require huge amounts of energy. We must consider how best we can meet our energy demand and one such means might be nuclear energy. Nuclear energy production has a sixty-year record as a safe means of producing electricity. During operation nuclear energy produces zero air pollution and zero carbon emissions and doesn't burn fossil fuels. The Irish Freedom party advocate an open and honest national debate on the subject in contrast to our political opponents.

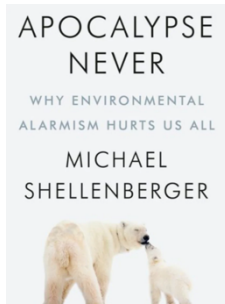
The Book Club

When you buy books, please choose to buy from bricks and mortar bookstores rather than buying online. It's not always possible to do so but bookstores are a huge resource and we should try support them. I've read the following books and I am recommending:

Ray Bassett's book 'Ireland and the EU: Post Brexit'. Here in Ireland this topic is terribly underreported, and Bassett's book plays a key role in shedding light on an entity which gets a free pass from our media. Ray Bassett played a role in the Irish delegation in the negotiation around the Good Friday Agreement. He has also spoken at events supported by our Party.



⁶ <https://www.irishexaminer.com/news/arid-41076611.html>



Leading environmentalist Michael Shellenberger has written a book called ‘Apocalypse Never’ which gives a starkly contrasting opinion to the many books promoting green hysteria. The fact that he is a leading environmentalist adds significant weight to his opinions. He is also an advocate of nuclear energy which doesn’t endear him to the green lobby.

Interesting articles

It can often be difficult to locate affordable books particularly on subjects that are sceptical of the current narrative. If you have some free time, reading is an excellent way to motivate yourself, exercise your brain and reduce stress. And you can educate yourself on various issues although it can be hard to find physical books on issues that are described as conservative or right-wing. It’s often easier to find articles on these issues. Here are some articles that you might like to read online or as I do, print them, and read them underlining key points.

Climate Change

<https://www.thegwpf.org/content/uploads/2020/05/The-Climate-Noose-1.pdf>

Economy

This Indecon report from December 2019 discusses the idea of community banking in Ireland. These are common in Germany (Sparkassen). It is Irish Freedom Party policy to evaluate how this concept might work in Ireland with a view to enabling its introduction.

https://www.indecon.ie/assets/files/pdf/evaluation_of_concept_of_community_banking_in_ireland.pdf

Nuclear energy in Ireland

It is Irish Freedom Party policy that we call for an open debate on the issue of introducing nuclear energy production in Ireland. This does not mean the Party support its introduction, merely that as a nation we must rationally debate and consider the issue further.

https://www.18for0.ie/files/ugd/c8b045_87f20ba044304e4fa2a11f5d61957a40.pdf?index=true

People you should know

Anthony Coughlan has been described by one journalist as “.. something of a national treasure” but those of us in the Irish Freedom party admire him for amongst other things his views on the supremacy of national parliamentary democracy. He has been a passionate critic of European federalism as exemplified by the European Union.

The Irish Times has written: “In more recent decades – in the era of the European Union and the near-global domination of transnational capital – with the National Platform, Tony has consistently held that the most important political task for all democrats is to join in international campaigns in defence of the nation state.”⁷

Coughlan spoke at the Irexit event in the RDS back in February 2018 and his speech is available on the Party YouTube channel⁸.



⁷ <https://www.irishtimes.com/culture/books/a-tribute-to-anthony-coughlan-1.3612496>

⁸ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8LgFqwJqQe0>

What the Irish Freedom Party stand for

The primary purpose of any Government is to ensure the safety and wellbeing of its own people. The Irish Freedom Party is a national movement of the Irish people which has as its primary objective the re-establishment of the national independence and sovereignty of Ireland and the restoration of national democracy to be achieved through leaving the European Union. We assert that the best people to look after Irish affairs are Irish people themselves.

Our full policy platform is set out in detail on our website which can be found at www.irishfreedom.ie/policies.

Citizenship:



- Applicants for citizenship will be required to have a reasonable fluency in English and pass an exam on Irish history, culture and our legal system.
- Any person illegally in Ireland will never be entitled to apply for citizenship nor will they ever be entitled to any form of social welfare or housing benefit funded through the taxpayer.
- Those who are refused asylum will be deported without exception.
- Landlords will be required to take details citizenship details of prospective tenants and if necessary, their work permit details. They will be required to report such details to the local Garda station who will be obliged to maintain records on this issue. Gardai will liaise with immigration services.

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- Employers who have hired illegals will suffer enhanced financial penalties together with being named on a publicly accessible database.

Irish Defence Forces:



- As an island nation our initial priority will be to enhance our naval services and our marine rescue services to protect our coast from smuggling activities.
- Ireland's primary radar project is one which is fully supported by the Irish Freedom Party.
- The Party support calls for a referendum on enshrining Irish neutrality into our constitution.

The will of the people will be respected.

Law and order Issues:

- The Irish Freedom Party support the introduction of tagging in certain cases.
- The Party support efforts to reduce recidivism and will incentivize employers to hire former prisoners.
- The Party supports the construction of additional prison capacity including deportation holding facilities.
- Convicted criminals who are not Irish will be deported on completion of their sentence.



Covid Inquiry:



The Irish Freedom Party will demand a public review of the activities of Government and all associated agencies and entities who participated in the Government response to the covid outbreak.

Get Involved

The Irish Freedom Party has Cumainn across Ireland and by emailing: info@irishfreedom.ie we can put you in touch with your nearest Cumann and you can do your bit to protect and defend your country.

If you want to know more about the Party, please check out our website www.irishfreedom.ie. You can join or renew your membership and if an Irish citizen you can donate to the Party.

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