

Connolly Youth Movement

Demand a democratic economy

We are angry. Angry at a government that allows thousands be sacked and working conditions be attacked by the very companies our taxes are being given to prop up. We are angry at a government who's only economic plan to solve this crisis that they helped create is to let of the hook those that caused it and make those most vulnerable and hard working pay to restore confidence in the economy. Confidence from whom?

There is another way and we demand it.

Sack the government and fight for:

A democratic economy

Deregulation and the 'free market' are now utterly discredited. We need a democratically controlled economy that above all else serves and benefits all the people of this island. Power needs to be held at national level and where necessary repatriated from the European Union. Decisions must be made with community participation and debate involving citizens, elected representatives and trade unions. The debate must no longer be about how to restore investor confidence but how the economy can best serve and deliver for our needs.

The creation of a state development bank

Rather than the short term bail out of present banks at the expense of tax payers (through the state guarantee, recapitalization and now the proposed National Asset Management Agency) the CYM support the creation of an independent state bank that could provide a secure provision of loans and mortgages for individuals, families, small businesses and farmers and the protection of savings and pensions.

A national employment plan

The CYM calls on the State to develop an employment plan concentrated on industry that promotes self-reliance and sustainability. A particular emphasis needing to be placed upon indigenous businesses that can be bedded into local communities and provide secure employment for the future and also long term employment agreements with any multinational companies seeking to avail of the benefits of situating here.

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Control and use of our natural resources

Connolly Youth demands that the State brings under its control Irelands natural resources so that an autonomous and sustainable energy plan can be developed. We must develop and support the emergence of new energy supplies, such as solar, wind and wave power, moving away from dependence on fossil fuel. Ireland is uniquely situated to build profitable business and research in this area and also to assist other developing countries in this regard.

A commitment to public services

Public services must be kept public and where privatized brought back into public control. These key services and national infrastructure must be geared to providing equal access to all members of society regardless of personal wealth. Private service provision leads to an apartheid provision that favours the wealthy. Where managed effectively they can also be a source of wealth for the State.

The confiscation of all unoccupied houses

The CYM confirm that all people have the right to adequate housing and further state that no individual has the right to hold onto more than one house while others remain homeless. The thousands of houses currently lying unused should be confiscated by the State and put in the hands of the development Bank to assist in the provision of housing.

Increased taxation of the wealthy

Connolly Youth believe that those who created this crisis and benefited while creating it should be the only ones to pay for it now. The burden of increased taxes should fall squarely on the shoulder of the wealthy and big business. And furthermore if any Irish citizen is avoiding paying tax in Ireland they should automatically lose their Irish citizenship and passport.

A cap on all CEOs', Executives' and Board Members' Earnings

It is clear that the differential between highest and lowest earners, through the policies of recent Governments and the European Union, has got way out of control. The CYM believes that no one job is worth 400 or 500 times another job. A cap on salaries needs to be placed at €100,000 for all jobs in this country.

Furthermore the CYM believes people must reclaim our democracy and demand new 'peoples institutions' for the much needed debate to be held at local level where the real experts live.

Empowering people, not bailing out the rich!

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