



The afternoon of Saturday 23 February saw activists gather at the Shell station on the Finglas Road for a picket called by the Connolly Youth Movement. Comrades from many progressive political movements joined us in support of the people of Rossport and our opposition to the dangerous pipeline being built in Co. Mayo without the consent of the local community.



More than twenty people attended the picket, which lasted from 1 until 2:30 p.m. There was a great atmosphere at the event, thanks to the fine tunes being played featuring the traditional airs of one of the Rossport five, Vincent McGrath. Also, sporadic dancing from some comrades added to the general positive vibe at this picket.

CYM members and other picketers were joined by several members of the Special Branch and several gardaí, but state harassment was minimal compared with previous pickets. (For more information on the state's campaign see our press release on police harassment.)

These monthly pickets will continue on the Finglas Road as we maintain our pressure on Shell to go offshore and respect the rights of the local community and as we build our campaign and build public education for the nationalisation and national use of Ireland's resources.

The Connolly Youth would like to thank all those who attend and support the movement and also to thank the Shell to Sea campaign for keeping this issue alive, providing much-needed support, materials, and information.