

## CONNOLLY YOUTH MOVEMENT CONDEMNS GARDA INTIMIDATION

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2007

The Connolly Youth Movement has condemned the intimidation shown by members of the Gardai on Saturday December 1st. Members of the CYM along with other anti-Shell protesters had their details taken by Special Branch, which the CYM see as being blatant intimidation of its members. A number of our members were engaged in a completely peaceful protest outside a Shell garage in Glasnevin between 1 and 2 pm. The CYM were exercising our democratic right to protest.

The protest was a success despite the heavy police presence, with many cars turning away from the garage, many leaflets distributed and excellent support from the general public. The CYM sees the Gardai's actions as a way to harass and intimidate people from opposing Government policy and the actions of Shell. It also is outraged that its membership is being targeted while drug and gang crime is out of control in the country. Surely the Gardai have more to be doing than harrassing young people involved in peaceful protest

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