

***Political Change and People Power***  
***'New Political Possibilities in  
Ireland for all Left-Wing Parties  
in Partnership with Civil  
Society'***

***Saturday, 5th February 2011***

***Gresham Hotel, Dublin***

***People Power and Left Unity: Towards a New  
Ireland for All People.***

This conference will allow left wing parties across the spectrum to compare policies and discuss the prospects for left wing unity. Representatives of communities, equality, rights and women's groups will also outline their vision for a new Ireland and the prospects for closer co-operation with like minded political parties. The conference will also include a discussion of economic, political and social policies for a new Ireland from a range of left wing thinkers and writers in academia, unions and elsewhere. Union leaders will also present their vision for a new Ireland

If you wish to attend please download the registration form, available [here](#) and send it by post to Tom O'Connor, 9 Carmen Lawn, Upper Belmont, Rochestown, Cork.

You will receive email confirmation on receipt.

Conference Fee is €5 payable at door

(Conference fee is to cover overheads only, it does not include lunch unfortunately.)

**Registration**                      **9am—10am**

**Session 1**            10am-1pm

Tea/Coffee            11.15 am (15 mins)

**The future of the Irish Left: Policies, Political Strategies and Future Possibilities**

**Speakers:**

Cllr. Dermot Looney- Labour Party  
Cllr. Cian O'Callaghan-Labour Party  
Aengus O'Snodaigh TD- Sinn Féin  
Eoin O'Broin- Sinn Fein (election candidate)  
Joe Higgins MEP- United Left Alliance  
Cllr. Richard Boyd Barrett- United Left Alliance  
Mick Finnegan- Workers Party President  
Dr. Ben Nutty- Fis Nua (election candidate).

**Lunch**                    1pm—2pm

**Session 2**            2pm to 4.15pm

**Building Alliances in our Common Interest: Unions and Communities Working Together**

**Speakers:**

Ursula Barry– Head of Women's Studies– UCD  
Anne Costello- Community Platform  
Dr Mary Murphy–Sociologist, NUI Maynooth  
Jack O'Connor-SIPTU Leader  
Jimmy Kelly-UNITE Leader  
Ailbhe Smyth– Feminist Open Forum

**Session 3**            4.15pm-6.30pm

**New Left Policies for Economic, Social and Political Regeneration**

**Speakers:**

Michael Taft- UNITE  
Kathleen Lynch-Prof of Equality Studies, UCD  
Michael Burke- Economist and TASC Economist's Network  
Tom O'Connor- CIT Economist and TASC

Niall Crowley– Reclaiming Our Future  
Dr. Kieran Allen - Economic Sociologist, UCD

It is time for radical change in Ireland. After over thirty years of neoliberal government, the left in Ireland is now on the ascendancy. Neoliberalism has destroyed Ireland's public services and driven up unemployment to 440,000. It has created rampant poverty, one hundred thousand people in mortgage arrears and hundreds on hospital trollies daily. The IMF/EU deal is set to make matters dramatically worse. People must now take power back for themselves. New alliances between progressive politicians, economic and social thinkers, communities, unions and social rights groups must now move centre stage. Charting a blueprint for the future of a new Ireland just weeks from a General Election is the purpose of this conference.

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