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BELOW IS MY SUGGESTION FOR OTHER MEANS OF
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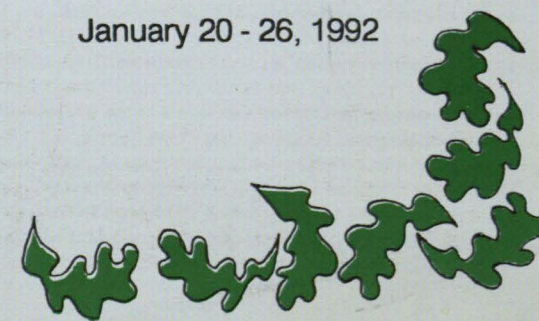


BLOODY SUNDAY INITIATIVE

"ONE WORLD...ONE STRUGGLE"

Derry City,

January 20 - 26, 1992



WHAT IS THE BLOODY SUNDAY INITIATIVE?

The Bloody Sunday Initiative is an independent group in Derry whose purpose is to encourage creative and imaginative political action around the future of Ireland. We aim to commemorate the lives of those who died on Bloody Sunday (January 30, 1972), as well as the lives of all those other civilians killed in our city because of their opposition to British rule in Ireland. Yet we are not a backward-looking group. Our focus is the future: helping to work for British withdrawal and to build an independent, pluralistic, democratic and non-sectarian Ireland. The Initiative will especially seek to promote respect of human rights, dignity and justice within Ireland and internationally.

The Bloody Sunday Initiative has no links with any political party and is committed to working nonviolently. We totally reject bigotry and sectarianism. Our membership is open to anyone who wishes to work for the political goals which the Initiative seeks to achieve.

Our group was established in the summer of 1990 and includes relatives of those killed on Bloody Sunday, as well as a wide range of other interested people, such as students, trade unionists, radical Christians, artists and community activists.

Our choice of the name "Bloody Sunday Initiative" is in recognition of the lasting significance of what happened on Sunday, 30 January 1972, when 13 people were shot dead (and many more injured, one of whom subsequently died of his injuries) by British paratroopers as they demonstrated peacefully for civil rights and an end to internment without trial.

WHAT DOES THE BLOODY SUNDAY INITIATIVE DO?

The Initiative has set itself an ambitious agenda for the next few years. Our immediate priority is to build towards a major international series of events and demonstrations to coincide with the week of the twentieth anniversary of Bloody Sunday (20 - 26 January 1992).

In the city of Derry itself, we are already committed to hosting a series of events (workshops, exhibitions, festivals, etc.) throughout the week, which will bring together many activists from around the world to share experiences and to learn from one another. In order to best put our ideas into action, we are in the process of establishing a permanent Resource Centre in the city which will provide the organisational focus for the "One World . . . One Struggle" festival. Initially staffed by two full-time workers, the Centre will eventually become a major addition to the political and community resources in a city which continues to be one of the most impoverished and marginalised in Europe and which remains the target of so much state repression and social control.

ONE WORLD...ONE STRUGGLE

We want this week to be an opportunity for those actively working for democracy and freedom, for human rights and dignity, to demonstrate their commitment and solidarity with each other, whether in Southern Africa, China, Eastern Europe, the Basque country, Latin America or Ireland, etc. This is because our own experience constantly reminds us that our aspirations and hopes are shared by those who also struggle against repression and discrimination, against racism and colonialism, against poverty, sexism and injustice wherever they may live in the world.

THE FUTURE . . .

The ongoing work of the Initiative will be the struggle in Ireland to build a society in which all of us, whether Catholic or Protestant, can start to fashion for ourselves the political, social and economic institutions which meet our most fundamental needs and aspirations, free from the blight of outside interference and control. One of our other priorities, therefore, is to establish a long-term human rights project which will seek to monitor, highlight and build campaigns around the systematic and daily abuse of human rights in our city by the British government and by the state security forces. Another is to encourage the process of dialogue and reconciliation among all the many different groupings and people whose destiny is inevitably bound up in the future of Ireland.

WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP

It is estimated that in order to put our proposals into action, the Bloody Sunday Initiative must raise an immediate £50,000. In addition to establishing and operating the Resource Centre, there will be substantial printing costs, publicity expenses (not only in Ireland, but in England, Europe, America, etc.), travel expenses to bring guest speakers from various parts of the world to Derry and the cost involved in the planned cultural presentations.

One important way you can help is to send a donation, however large or small. All donations will be gratefully acknowledged. We are also looking for helpers and friends who will organise fundraising events. Again, any help will be enormously appreciated.

In addition, you could arrange for a member of the Initiative to speak to any local organisation or groups you may belong to. We are looking for sponsorship and support from trade union branches, church groups, women's groups, political parties, developmental or third-world groups.

Or why not organise events in your area under the theme "One World . . . One Struggle" specifically to raise funds for the Bloody Sunday Initiative. We will gladly provide any help we can on issues to do with Ireland. Please contact us and let us know how you think you may be able to help us.

JANUARY EVENTS

Thursday 23rd - 8pm.
NORTH - SOUTH DEBATE

(with prominent speakers)
"BETTER OFF WITH THE BORDER?"

Friday 24th
Day long seminar/workshops
(with prominent international speakers)
"ONE WORLD...ONE STRUGGLE"
Ireland in today's world
But which one, the first or the third?

Friday 24th - 8pm.
JANUARY 30, 1972
What happened and why?
With Fulvio Grimaldi
(Italian Journalist and eyewitness of Bloody Sunday)
and others

Saturday 25th
Human Rights in Ireland
Intensive day long workshops

Saturday 25th - 8pm.
Concert in The Rialto

Sunday 26th
BLOODY SUNDAY - 20 YEARS ON
March and Rally