

An appeal from the Anti Bin Tax Campaigns

Defend the right to protest

No justice anymore

Fifteen people are in jail today. Joyriders, drug dealers, tax cheats, and drinkdriving TDs go free while working class people are put into Mountjoy and Clover Hill. They are trying to take away our right to protest. They will not get away with it.

The right to protest is a vital right for all workers. You could find yourselves outside the gate one day, taking a stand against redundancies, privatisation, management bullying, or whatever. If they get away with it against us, they are more likely to get away with it against you.

So - stand together.

Thanks for your solidarity

We want to thank all the bin workers who refused to pass our blockades yesterday and we ask you to do the same again today: refuse to pass our picket lines on the way out of the depot and refuse to drive out if the gardai are used to push pickets aside. You all saw the video on the news last night - there are now clear health and safety issues involved in leaving the depots.

On TV last night, the councils threatened more court actions and arrests - if any or all of our people are arrested today, we are asking you to make sure no trucks leave the depot.

This standoff doesn't have to go on and on. A motion is going to the Irish Congress of Trade Unions Executive today calling for an end to the councils policy of non-collection. Please phone your union today and make sure they support this position. Unions involved in the Dublin Council of Trade Unions are talking about planning a work stoppage in protest at the jailings and non-collection. Organise for your union to support this position and bring matters to a head.

No Privatisation

We totally oppose any council attacks or threats against bin workers, eg threats to use private contractors, to make payroll deductions, or to introduce temporary dismissals. We will support you in any way we can on these issues.

The real threat of privatisation comes from the supporters of the Bin Tax. Councils dominated by the big parties will seriously consider flogging the bin service to their pals in the private sector once the bin service becomes lucrative and profitable.

The fight against the Bin Tax is the fight against privatisation and job losses.

We call on the leaders of IMPACT and SIPTU to give 100% backing to bin workers if any worker faces disciplinary action from council management over these peaceful protests. Now is the time for working class people to stand together and not to be caught out by the old game of divide and rule. The bottom line is that we share a common struggle against double taxation and in favour of properly funded public services with decent pay and conditions.

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