



A Statement of Intent

Fronta Nua



CATASTROPHE!

Starting in the 90s, both in Ireland and around the world, the dominant narrative being put forward was that we are at the beginning of a new peaceful and prosperous era. The cold war had seemingly ended, the economy was seemingly booming, and many liberal democracies assumed that it was the "end of history".

Today it is quite clear that this narrative was a myth, a lie. For a long time we have been descending into an era of catastrophe. This catastrophe can be observed in multiple ways: the growing economic inequalities, the climate crisis, the migrant crisis (itself a product of colonialism and imperialism) and so on. Simply put, the catastrophe is capitalism itself. The capitalist machine is based on production, on growth, with the maximisation of profit as its final goal. We are now starting to see the catastrophic consequences of capitalist domination around the world.

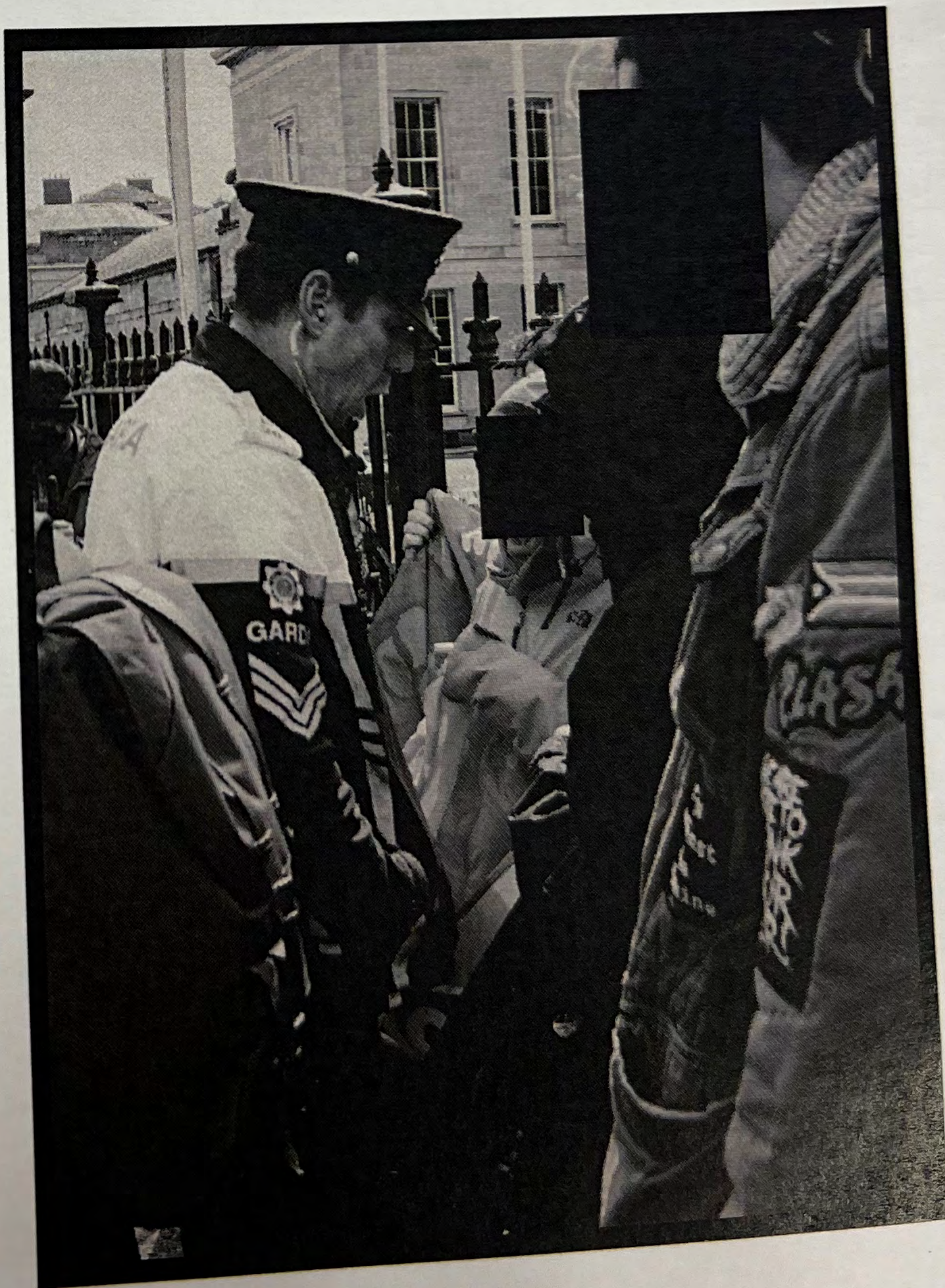
The ruling class, very aware of the catastrophe and its effects, prepares itself for a massive social crisis. Police violence multiplies and systematic repression is brought down on activists. Far right ideology is deliberately promoted to smear minorities as being responsible for the dystopia. Politicians demand for us to put our faith in their systems, all the while profiting from inaction and negligence.



REPRESSION / DEPRESSION

In Ireland, we have analysed a two faced process made by our government to block the rise of a strong social movement. On one hand, if you're acting in the democratic sphere, peacefully, (although in fact ineffectually) then you won't face any strong repression. Since dissent is tolerated, the state gives the impression that systemic change is possible, that through self expression you can bring about systemic change. On the other hand, if you really want to change the system, then you'll face violent repression in the name of "protecting democracy".

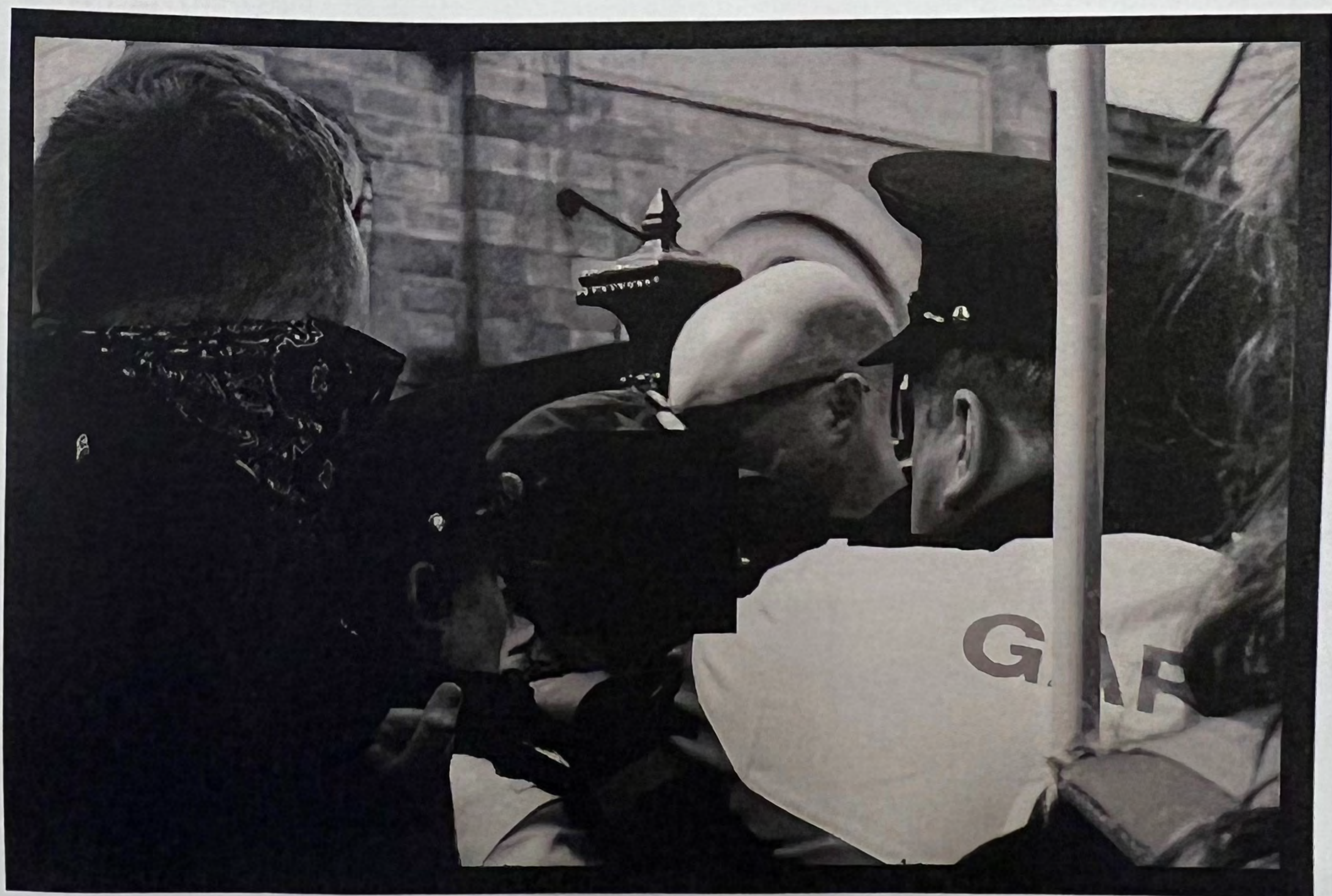
We are no longer living in a society in which purely violent methods of control are used; we are entering a socially controlled era. The tools are more vicious; media, mass culture, utopian belief in the democratic process, and so on.



The situation isn't so much different from a century ago, but because society has evolved we are no longer controlled in the same ways. A method of resistance to this control must be found, however our camp is unable to offer a strong opposition. Why?

As we've previously identified, the confidence in the democratic process' capacity to change is for certain one factor in this inaction. Reformist strategies have consistently failed to impose profound, real and long lasting change.

While some arrangements are possible under the capitalist system, the initial domination of profit over people won't change at the end of the election cycle. If a reformist strategy was relevant 20 or 30 years ago, it can be no longer relevant today due to the growing catastrophe.



INTENTIONS and CRITIQUES

The radical movement here in Ireland is weak, especially compared to its counterparts in Italy, Germany or France. We identify several factors responsible for this situation, each of which we intend to act upon.

- Political Dogmatism

If we agree that theory is important, we do not believe pigeonholing is productive. We have to believe in a popular front across a radical political line, a place where different opinions and strategies can interact and create a radical front against fascism.

- Underground Strategy

Although we are aware of state repression, and take the threat seriously, we do not think that exclusively clandestine organising is a solution. There is importance in organising publicly accessible events and actions. It is harder for the state to target a thousand rather than a hundred, so we need the construction of a culture of mass movement here in Ireland.

- Lack of Collaboration

Lack of collaboration or coordination between groups makes any movement fragile, by the single fact that it shrinks our numbers and weakens our ranks. Open, non-sectarian interactions with other groups are the way forward - no broader movement can be built on the backs of a few fringe organisations. As the saying goes - it takes a village.

is urgent to create a new group that will
implement theory and action while considering
how our world is evolving, all from a
revolutionary perspective. The catastrophe is here,
today, and we are committed to building a united
front to counter it.

see you in the streets.



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