

Share the Wealth

National March on the Dáil

Wednesday 20th October

**Assemble 11am
Custom House Quay
Dublin**

What is 'Share the Wealth'?

In September 1998, the national anti-poverty networks (see below) started a campaign to highlight the continuing inequality that exists in Irish society, despite years of strong economic growth and substantial wealth generation.

The key message of the Share the Wealth campaign is that the wealth and prosperity of the so-called Celtic Tiger needs to be distributed more equally, rather than being concentrated in the hands of a small number of people.

The seven networks involved in the campaign are:

- Irish National Organisation of the Unemployed (INOUE);
- Community Workers' Co-operative (CWC);
- European Anti-Poverty Network (EAPN);
- Forum of People with Disabilities (Forum);
- Irish Rural Link (IRL);
- Irish Traveller Movement (ITM);
- One-Parent Exchange and Network (OPEN).

1999 is a particularly important year, as it should see the negotiation of a new national agreement to succeed Partnership 2000. All the networks were involved in the negotiation of the last agreement, and all believe that any new agreement must be 'a partnership for social inclusion'.

The **'Share the Wealth'** campaign is supported by the following organisations:

- SIPTU
- CORI Justice Commission
- Society of St. Vincent de Paul
- National Women's Council of Ireland (NWCII)
- PLANET
- Irish Commission for Prisoners Overseas
- Irish Wheelchair Association
- National Traveller Women's Forum
- Gay & Lesbian Equality Network (GLEN)
- Threshold

Make your voice heard

It is unlikely that this country will have a chance like this again - Ireland's buoyant economy provides a unique opportunity to take on the fight against poverty and social exclusion, and win.

This is what the 1999 'Share the Wealth' campaign is about. But the networks need public support in order to make an impact on this year's budget, and demonstrate the need for the next national agreement (if one is agreed) to have the fight against poverty and social exclusion at the centre of its agenda.

Come out and join the march on the 20th October
– make your voice heard, loud and clear!

Solutions for Social Inclusion

Joint Strategy Objectives of the National Anti-Poverty Networks

1. Strategic Investment Package

There must be a massive one-off Strategic Investment Package to compensate communities who have been excluded from the Celtic Tiger boom

2. Current Spending

Current expenditure in the budget must demonstrate a real commitment to eradicating poverty and social exclusion

3. National Anti- Poverty Strategy (NAPS)

Public institutions must be strengthened and adequately resourced so as to ensure that the National Anti-Poverty Strategy is properly implemented.

4. Taxation

The budget must direct tax cuts towards the lower paid and ensure that the tax take is sufficient to guarantee decent public services

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