



# Introduction to **THE WORKERS PARTY**

*...the modern representation of radical traditions*

The Workers Party is socialist, secular and anti-sectarian.

Its structures are open and democratic. It is funded by its members and has branches throughout the island of Ireland.

## **Modern**

The Workers Party is the modern representation of the radical traditions of European republicanism and socialism.

## **Radical**

The Party is a progressive and radical force at home with a strong and developed sense of internationalism and allies itself with progressive and democratic forces throughout the world.

## **Revolutionary**

The Party is unequivocal in its belief that we need a revolutionary transformation of society to ensure a world which prioritises and cherishes the maximisation of human potential, dignity and development, rather than a social cultural and economic system driven by the relentless pursuit of profit for the benefit of an elite.

## **Political lead**

The Workers Party accepts its responsibility as the political lead in the struggle to replace the current capitalist system with a socialist model in which the working class people of this country assume primacy and in which resources, energy and wealth are directed to that end.



Party members at the May Day Parade



Log onto the Northern Ireland pages of the Party web site for more information about the Party and its policies.

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## Cuts to public services

There is no need for cuts in public spending. They are a political choice not an economic necessity. If we cannot afford universal health care, university education and public services, we cannot afford to wage war in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The Party continues to support the trade union led campaign of opposition to Westminster and Stormont cuts.

## The Environment

The global environmental crises. Has been caused by the relentless pursuit of endless profit by the capitalist system .

We believe that the way forward is through a regulated approach to planning, transport and the natural environment. The Stormont Coalition parties have by and large treated the environment as an afterthought.

This has to change.

In Northern Ireland the Party's policy on the following issues gives a practical example of our political programme.

## The Northern Ireland Assembly

The Workers Party believes that the present political set up has failed to deliver the new type of integrated society envisaged by the Good Friday Agreement.



There is no opposition at Stormont and the parties in the Executive are not held to account by anyone.

We favour an end the system of designation in the Assembly and the use of the D'Hondt method of forming the Executive .

The Workers Party argues that we need to promote a new political agenda based on social and economic need, not tribal interest and supports the establishment of a left and socialist opposition

## HEALTH & EDUCATION

**Health and social care** must be publicly funded, person centred, effective and free at the point of delivery.

Over half of all adult deaths in Northern Ireland are caused by three main diseases: cancer, heart disease and stroke. There must be a strategic and co-ordinated approach to reducing the incidence of preventable cancers, improving access to screening and achieving earlier diagnosis.

**Education** The Workers Party has consistently campaigned for the ending of academic selection in schools and for the end of segregation of children on the grounds of their religion.

Northern Ireland has the lowest proportion of people with graduate qualifications but University places here are capped. Northern Ireland also has the highest proportion of people leaving school with no qualifications at all. 25% of the working population are functionally illiterate. Education is a right - not a privilege. Every school should be enabled to become a good school at the heart of our community.

Northern Ireland  
Society

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it hasn't gone away

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The Workers Party does not subscribe to the two communities theory. Nor does it support the position of 'different but equal'.

These positions only institutionalise sectarianism and formalise and foment divisions in society.

The Party supports and actively promotes integrated education, supports integrated housing developments and endorses steps to raise awareness to tackle other manifestations of sectarianism such as racism and homophobia.

## The Economy:

The Workers Party wants an Assembly commitment to full employment.

We campaign for measures to tackle youth and graduate unemployment as a priority.

The Party is opposed to a reduction in Corporation Tax. It will not guarantee new jobs, will cost the Northern Ireland economy and provides a further and unnecessary tax break for business.