



RED FLAG DAY ONE

VENUE: SIPTU Office in Navan Address (SIPTU Dan Shaw Centre, Dan Shaw Road, Commons Rd, Navan, Co. Meath Post Code C15TR28)

Friday 3rd May

There will be a Meet & Greet at the SIPTU Office in Navan Address (SIPTU Dan Shaw Centre, Dan Shaw Road, Commons Rd, Navan, Co. Meath)

19:00 Opening Addresses from John Regan (SIPTU) Chairperson of Meath Council of Trade Union, and Eddie Fennessy Navan Mayor

19:30 Red flag documentary will be shown.

Garfield Hylton GMB member at Amazon Coventry (in a personal capacity) will share his experience of the organising issues encountered at Amazon.

20:00 Christy McQuillan Irish Co-ordinator Red Flag Festival will round up the weekend agenda and close the session.

21:00 Retire to the Balreask Arms, Trim Road, Navan, C15 TOCR (Courtesy Bus and local transport available)

RED FLAG DAY TWO

Saturday 4th May

VENUE: Balreask Arms function room

Transport from Newgrange to Balreask from 9:30

SESSION 1. Dedicated to Sam Nolan, who until recently held the position of Secretary of the Dublin Council of Trade Unions. Sam was a trade unionist and activist in every sense of the word, who sadly passed away on April 14, 2024.

10:30 to 12:30

1. Author Adrian Kane book "TRADE UNION RENEWAL". Adrian Kane first became active in Trade Unions in his early twenties and has worked for SIPTU as a full-time union official since 1995. Adrian has recently been appointed as Divisional Organiser with responsibility for the Transport, Energy, Aviation and Construction Division. Prior to this appointment he headed up the Union's Public Administration and Community Division where he led SIPTU's campaign for pay justice for community sector workers. Adrian is a graduate of the National College of Industrial Relations. He also attended University College Dublin and Keele University where he studied Employment Law and European Industrial relations.

2. Author Helena Sheehan book "NAVIGATING THE ZEITGEIST" Helena Sheehan is Emeritus Professor at Dublin City University where she taught history of ideas and media studies. She has

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presented many conference papers and public lectures in universities and other bodies in USA, USSR, GDR, Mexico, Canada, Ireland, UK, France, Germany, Czechoslovakia, Yugoslavia, Greece and South Africa. Her publications include Marxism and the Philosophy of Science, Has the **Red Flag** Fallen? European Socialism: A Blind Alley or a Long and Winding Road? The Syriza Wave and Navigating the Zeitgeist.

Available Labour and Political Book Stands and Palestinian Stand

12:30 Lunch

Please be aware that the next session is via Zoom and our guest author is joining us at a precise time with no wriggle room. Please be seated for 14:00.

SESSION 2

14:00

3 Author Hamilton Nolan, "The Hammer: Power, Inequality, and the Struggle For the Soul of Labor," via Zoom from New York. Hamilton Nolan is a longtime labour journalist who writes for In These Times, The Guardian, and elsewhere. His book about the American labour movement, was published in February of 2024. He is a proud member of the Writers Guild of America, East.

QUESTION TIME. Dedicated to our founding member, Tommy Grimes with particular focus on Workers' Rights, Irish Unity, Palestine, Immigration.

14:30

Moderator: Gerry McCormack European Officer, Irish Congress Trade Unions and Former SIPTU Deputy General Secretary for Private Sector

Mick Halpenny. Former SIPTU National Industrial Official. Barrister of Law and Retired Head of SIPTU Legal Unit. Labour Historian. Member of National Committee of Trade Unionists for New United Ireland (TUNUI).

Matthieu Bolle-Reddat General Confederation of Labour (CGT) General Secretary of the CGT railway workers of Versailles also the GS of the Trade Union Internationale (TUI) Transport of the World Federation of Trade Union (WFTU)

Maram Salah Palestinian Student from Gaza undertaking Master's Programme at SETU Co. Carlow.

Ronan Dolan Irish Second-Level Students' Union (ISSU)

Peter Rigney Industrial Officer, Connect Union. Author of How Railwaymen and Dockers defied an Empire. The Irish Munitions Embargo of 1920. Former Chairman of CEDEFOP (European Centre for Vocational Training)

16:30 Break for the evening and look forward to seeing everyone at the evening's entertainment.

20:00 EVENING ENTERTAINMENT UNTIL LATE AT THE BALREASK

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Davey Harrison performing real Irish Music. Buffet is provided and Bar food is available if required.

RED FLAG DAY THREE

Sunday 5th May

Transport will be arranged from Navan to arrive in plenty of time at Crossakiel for the start. This will be announced on Saturday before the close of the sessions. Post Code A82X201

15:00 March and Monument

Supporting bands; Navan Samba Band and the ICU Band

Joint Co-ordinators Christy McQuillan & Paul McDonnell

Wreath Laying for all deceased comrades

Speakers

1. **Johnny Guirke** TD, Dáil Éireann, Meath West Constituency
2. **Gerry McCormack** European Officer, Irish Congress Trade Unions
3. **Claire Hanna.** Claire is the Social Democratic & Labour Party MP for Belfast South, and has been an MP continually since 12 December 2019

Niamh Parsons, Singer of Bread & Roses

4. **Matthieu Bolle-Reddat** General Secretary of the CGT railway workers of Versailles
5. **Daren Ireland** RMT Regional Organiser

Annie Galligan Singer of the Red Flag

The People's Flag is deepest red, It shrouded oft our martyred dead, And ere their limbs grew stiff and cold, Their hearts' blood dyed its every fold.

Chorus: Then raise the scarlet standard high. Beneath its shade we'll live and die, Though cowards flinch and traitors sneer, We'll keep the red flag flying here.

Look round, the Frenchman loves its blaze, The sturdy German chants its praise, In Moscow's vaults its hymns were sung Chicago swells the surging throng.

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(chorus)

It waved above our infant might, When all ahead seemed dark as night; It witnessed many a deed and vow, We must not change its colour now.

(chorus)

It well recalls the triumphs past, It gives the hope of peace at last; The banner bright, the symbol plain, Of human right and human gain.

(chorus)

It suits today the weak and base, Whose minds are fixed on self and place To cringe before the rich man's frown, And haul the sacred emblem down.

(chorus)

With head uncovered swear we all To bear it onward till we fall; Come dungeons dark or gallows grim, This song shall be our parting hymn.

(chorus)

END

McCabes Bar



There will be food laid on. Transport will leave for Navan by 19:00. There is entertainment for the evening in the Balreask.

Monday 6th May

- Airport Transport: Arranged for those who provided arrival and departure times
- Bus Information: Timetable available
- Organising Team: Available for additional questions.

Please feel free to reach out to a member of the organising team for further assistance.

Christy McQuillan, Brian Collins, Jim O'Brian, Alan Grimes, Seamus MacBride, Paul McDonnell.

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Note: This itinerary is subject to change. Please refer to the most recent updates provided during the festival.

Transport Arrangements for International Visitors

From Dublin Airport to Navan:

International visitors arriving at Dublin Airport are kindly requested to make their way to Coach Park Zone 16 upon their arrival. Prior to your travel, you will receive notification regarding the designated time for pick-up from Coach Park Zone 16, where transport will be arranged to take you to your accommodation in Navan.

Our aim is to ensure a seamless and comfortable transition from the airport to your destination in Navan. Rest assured that our transport services will be timely and efficient, allowing you to relax and enjoy your journey.

From Navan to Dublin Airport:

For departure, similar arrangements will be made to transport you from your accommodation in Navan to Dublin Airport. You will be notified of the departure time in advance, ensuring that you arrive at the airport with ample time to complete security procedures and board your flight.

Contingency Plan:

In the event that you miss the arranged transport for any reason, we have made provisions to assist you. Information regarding bus timetables and taxi numbers will be available on our website, enabling you to make alternative arrangements conveniently.

Conclusion:

We are committed to providing you with a hassle-free and enjoyable transport experience during your visit to Navan. Should you have any questions or require further assistance regarding transportation arrangements, please do not hesitate to contact us. We look forward to welcoming you and ensuring your stay is as comfortable and convenient as possible.

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BREAD & ROSES

**As we go marching, marching
In the beauty of the day
A million darkened kitchens
A thousand mill lofts gray**

**Are touched with all the radiance
That a sudden sun discloses
For the people hear us singing
Bread and roses, bread and roses**

**As we go marching, marching
We battle too for men
For they are women's children
And we mother them again**

**Our lives shall not be sweetened
From birth until life closes
Hearts starve as well as bodies
Give us bread, but give us roses**

**As we go marching, marching
Unnumbered women dead
Go crying through our singing
Their ancient call for bread**

**Small art and love and beauty
Their drudging spirits knew
Yes, it is bread we fight for
But we fight for roses too**

**As we go marching, marching
We bring the greater days
For the rising of the women
Means the rising of the race**

**No more the drudge and idler
Tender toil where one reposes
But the sharing of lives glories
Bread and roses, bread and roses
(Bread and roses, bread and roses)**

**Our lives shall not be sweated
From birth until life closes
Hearts starve as well as bodies
Bread and roses, bread and roses**

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