

Éire Nua, d'Aois Nua



SINN FÉIN Poblachtach's proposal for a just settlement in Ireland is the ÉIRE NUA document meaning; (New Ireland) – A four province federal Ireland, with a self-governing parliament in each of the four provinces: Ulster, Connacht, Munster and Leinster.

Each of these parliaments would deal with the governance of their respective province as part of the creation of an Ireland of self-governing communities in which people will control their own affairs.

In order to achieve this system of participatory democracy the provincial parliaments will be broken down as follows in accordance with the principle of subsidiarity of function:

VOLUNTARY COMMUNITY COUNCILS: with the right of audience at all District Council meetings.

DISTRICT COUNCILS: This basic unit of government would serve the needs of communities and would have charge of public services to individuals and families in the sphere of social welfare, education, labour guidance, trading and employment practices, housing, planning permission, agriculture and fishing, small industry development etc.

REGIONAL COUNCILS: These would concern themselves with (a) public services, eg. hospitals, major roads, telecommunications and third level education; (b) collection of local revenue and (c) economic, physical and educational planning.

PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLIES: The provincial legislature would allocate funds to the Regional Councils and co-ordinate regional plans.

NATIONAL PARLIAMENT: Which Republican Sinn Féin proposes placing in Athlone — the geographic centre of Ireland. The National Parliament would deal with Foreign Affairs and Defence.

The motive behind the Federal proposal is to be fair to all sections of the country. The Republican struggle is against the domination of Ireland by the British State and the European Union. The people who are currently described as Unionist are a part of the Irish nation. Their concerns about domination by Dublin in a unitary State of all Ireland should be listened to, and are in fact shared by the so-called 'peripheral' regions in the 26-County area, such as the Gaeltacht regions in the West.

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A New Beginning

Ireland in its national experience is unique in western Europe. The country's history as a colony of England has left its mark on Irish political, social, economic and cultural life.

Though the Ireland we have inherited has all kinds of resources and great potential for national achievement, it is far from realising that potential. Ireland is marked by underdevelopment, unemployment, emigration, poverty on a large scale, and a huge national debt. These problems, serious enough in themselves, are magnified by the continuing conflict in the Six Counties, which also has its origins in Ireland's colonial history.

A realistic assessment of Ireland's condition so far in the 21st Century shows that we have enormous problems, two failed states, and a political system that perpetuates our plight. One great obstacle to changing all that is our lack of hope. Another major obstacle is the slave mentality engendered in many of our people by centuries of conquest.

Yet the ideal of an independent Irish republic — the ideal proclaimed by the leaders of the 1916 Rising — still inspires those who continue the struggle for national unity and freedom. From the wellsprings of that ideal we can draw hope, inspiration and determination to forge a New Ireland — making a new beginning, based on sound principles and a realistic plan, through the Éire Nua programme.

This programme can be our instrument to build a sound future for our nation. The programme embraces all the people of Ireland; it provides for a system in which all creeds and traditions can be represented and all citizens can exercise real power, without any group infringing on the rights of others.

You can read the Éire Nua proposals on www.rsf.ie or get your own copy of the Éire Nua policy document from the R.S.F Head Office.

TOGETHER WE CAN BUILD A NEW IRELAND!

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