

Spirit of 1916

Justice & Freedom
for
the Irish People



1916

1918

1922

1968

1971

1972

1974

1981

1991

MARCH

With Us

ASSEMBLE

12 Noon

Whittington Pk
off Holloway Road

Nearest Tube Archway

RALLY

2.30pm - 5.00pm

**Camden
Irish
Centre**

52 Camden Sq.
London NW1

Bookstalls

Speakers including Spirit of 1916 Committee

Performance of **THE ROSE TREE** - a celebration of 1916



WHY WE ARE MARCHING

In 1974, 18 innocent people were taken from our community

and put in prison, accused of being part of an IRA bombing campaign. We took their imprisonment as a grim warning to us to stay out of politics. That same year the **Prevention of Terrorism Act (PTA)** was passed. This Act had nothing to do with 'preventing terrorism' but had everything to do with terrorising and gathering information on our community. Since its introduction, over **6,700** people have been detained for up to seven days without charge and an average of **55,000** are stopped and questioned each year. Over 300 people have been deported. A mere 3% of those detained have ever been charged with any offence under the Act.

In 1988 a march was organised within the Irish community in London around St. Patrick's Day (17th March) to highlight the injustices to our community, call for the release of the Framed Prisoners and for the abolition of the PTA. In 1989 we marched again, this time to rally jointly with the Broadwater Farm (Tottenham Three) Campaign. That year saw the release of the Guildford Four after fifteen years of wrongful imprisonment. In 1990, the year the Winchester Three were released, we marched yet again.

While the march this year will welcome the release of the Birmingham Six, we will be calling for the release of **Judith Ward**, imprisoned in 1974, **Patrick McLoughlin** and **Danny McNamee**, jailed separately in 1986, **Dessie Ellis** and the **Kilburn Defendants**.

This year's march will also be in part a commemoration of the Easter Rising in Dublin. In 1914 Britain went to war, ostensibly to protect the '*rights of small nations*'. In the middle of that war, Britain ferociously suppressed the **1916 Easter Rising** by a small nation on its doorstep - Ireland. The leaders who surrendered after their defeat were shot by firing squad. Shortly afterwards, a fierce guerilla war was waged which led to partial independence. Britain then created the border against the wishes of the vast majority of the Irish people.

For the sake of freedom and justice for the Irish community, please support our march. Sponsor it, send in donations, march with us, mobilise, bring your union/party/association and your banners.

Organised by the Irish in Britain Representation Group

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Name _____ Tel: (if available) _____

Address _____

I/We agree to sponsor the march £5/£1 individuals £10 local groups/orgs £20 national orgs

I/We will be on the march I/We will be taking a banner I/We will mobilise for the march

Signature _____ Date _____