



Campaign News

The People's Movement Campaign Against Lisbon II

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Editorial Notice

Welcome to the first edition of the People's Movement Campaign News which replaces on a temporary basis 'People's News', the Newsletter of the People's Movement as preparations get under way to the start of the Peoples Movement's campaign against the forthcoming Lisbon II Referendum. It is hard to believe but there are only 7 weeks left before the day of the Referendum Poll on the 2nd October and the campaign is only getting started. It is hoped to get editions of the Campaign Sheet regularly out over the next few weeks with update analysis of how the campaign is going, the issues being debate and news of how you can get involved.

The feedback that we are hearing on the ground is that this Referendum can be defeated once again, but only if we all make a coherent effort. The People's Movement is leading the charge in the fight to save Irish democracy and all that is required of you, the reader, is to commitment a few hours and get active in the Campaign.

Meetings

Public Meetings are now being arranged around the country. Look out for People's Movement posters in your area. Meetings confirmed so far are;

Mullingar Greville Arms Hotel at 8:00– Thursday August 20th

Lucan Penny Hill Pub, Ballydowd Shopping Centre at 8:00 Tuesday August 25th

Dún Laoghaire Kingston Hotel - Tuesday September 1st at 8:00

Newbridge The Liffey Studio, 1 Main Street Newbridge (Above Johnsons Bar) 8-00pm Wednesday 2nd September.

Kimmage KCR Pub Kimmage Rd. at 8:00 Tuesday September 8th

Smithfield The Cobblestone, Thursday September 10th at 8:00

East Wall East Wall Community Centre Tuesday September 15th at 7:30

At the moment, meetings are also planned for; Cabra, Athlone, Tullamore, Sligo, Galway, Killybegs, Letterkenny, Cork, Ballinasloe, Boyle, Leixlip, Balbriggan, Carlow, Gorey, Kilkenny, Ballyshannon, New Ross, Wexford and Waterford. These will be notified when details are confirmed.

Leafletting begins in Wexford on Tuesday August 11th.

Leafletting at Tullow Show, Co Carlow on August 16th.

STOP PRESS

The People's Movement meeting in Ballyshannon has been set for Dorrian's at 8:00 on August 28th.

We will also be debating at the John Doherty Society with a trade unionist from the YES side. The time and venue has yet to be decided.

More information in the next edition.

News from Branches

Dublin Branch

The stall outside the GPO in Dublin's O'Connell Street on a Saturday afternoon (12 - 3.00 p.m.) continues to collect a large number of signatures while also providing an opportunity for members of the public to ask questions that they have about the Lisbon Treaty and the forthcoming referendum on it. A large number of signatures have been collected to date. If you have an hour or two to spare and would like to do something positive, please email: post@people.ie.

The Dublin Branch has organised a number of public meetings which will be taking place over the next few weeks.

Kildare Branch

Leaflet distribution begins at Maynooth train station from 5 P.M. on Wednesday, 12 Aug. Leixlip and Celbridge stations will be covered on a weekly basis.

A public meeting in Leixlip will take place in the last week of August, most likely Monday 31 August. Venue and speakers to be confirmed.

Meeting at NUI, Maynooth. on 21 Sept.

South East Branch

Four meetings for fishermen are planned, two on the east coast and two on the west coast. Meetings are planned for Wexford, Kilkenny, Carlow and other centres.

Leafleting door – to door begins on Tuesday August 11th in Wexford.

Lisbon Treaty information at South – East branch website; www.selisboninfo.com

Midlands Branch

The Midlands Branch held its first meeting to begin the campaign against the Lisbon Treaty Referendum Mark II on Monday 22nd June 2009 in Mullingar, County Westmeath. It was well attended and productive.

Other activities include: Leaflet drops in Edenderry and Kilbeggan. Leafleting also took place at the Self-Sufficiency Show at Belvedere House, Mullingar, on Sunday 28th June.

A series of information stands/stalls have started since Saturday 4th July in the main shopping area of Mullingar from 1.00 pm to 3.00 pm and will continue right up to the Referendum poll.

Public meeting to be held in the Greville Arms Hotel, Mullingar, Co. Westmeath, on Thursday 20th August 2009 beginning at 8:00.

Fundraising campaign is underway with a recent car boot stall being successful in generating some necessary funds.

Campaign leafleting will also take place at Kilbeggan Races on Sat August 8th and at Tullamore Show on Sunday August 9th.

If you would like to help in the Midlands area, contact June at 0861963134, Mags at 0876711130 or Joe at 0860626036 and they will put you in touch with other supporters in your area.

If you would like to organise a meeting in your own area or help at any of the above events, just drop a line to post@people.ie . We will provide posters and leaflets advertising the meeting and we provide as much assistance as possible. We will discuss the details when you contact us.

Briefing Material

The People's Movement has published a pamphlet on the ruling of the EU Court of Justice in **the Luxembourg Case**. The ruling has serious implications for Irish workers rights and for those of workers throughout the EU. The pamphlet can be read or downloaded in PDF format at; <http://www.people.ie/trade/lux.pdf>

You will also find a new briefing document on the recent **German Constitutional Court case** that cast serious doubts on the democratic legitimacy of the Lisbon Treaty and requires changes to German Basic Law prior to German ratification of the Treaty.

A briefing document has just been uploaded to www.people.ie on the **'Guarantees' or assurances** obtained in advance of the re-run of the Lisbon Treaty. This analysis clearly supports the view of Judge Frank Clarke, Chairman of the Referendum Commission that; 'Since the referendum on the treaty in June of last year, the treaty itself has not changed' or that of Lucinda Creighton, TD, Fine Gael Spokesperson on European Affairs, who said in a recent Dail debate on Lisbon that; "It needs to be said that nothing has changed in the Lisbon treaty and it would be dishonest to suggest otherwise".

A new leaflet on the **EU Draft Directive on Seasonal** work points out that the Directive would lead to wage and social dumping to the detriment of Irish workers and their families. <http://www.people.ie/leaflet/seasonal.pdf>

Why not check out our pamphlet **'A review of the provisions of the Treaty of Lisbon'** at; <http://www.people.ie/contreaty/lisbon1.pdf> (It may take a few seconds to load)

News Update

Campaign Office

Our National Campaign Office will open on Monday August 10th. It is at 107 Amiens St. – the yellow door - near the city centre in Dublin and is convenient to Connolly Station – which has Luas connections from Heuston Station - and to Busáras. For the moment, the office will be open from 1:00 to 6:00, Monday to Saturday or as necessary. You can contact us at 087-2308330.

People's Movement's solidarity

People's Movements in the Nordic countries (Finland, Denmark, Sweden and Norway) have issued a joint statement expressing solidarity with the Irish people in the run up to the second referendum on the Lisbon Treaty.

Online Petition Against Lisbon

Check out the People's Movement website and sign the Petition against Lisbon online (www.petitiononline.com/eoraip08/petition.html) . Encourage all your family and friends to do so as well.

Stop Press

A People's Movement speaker will also participate in the NEAR FM public debate on the Lisbon Treaty, 10th of Sept. 8.00pm Civic Centre, Coolock

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If you have a comment on Lisbon, why not post it on our new facebook page and get a chat going. We have fans all over Europe, so please contribute. Access is through our homepage; www.people.ie

This year's Greaves School features a number of interesting debates on the EU including *The Race to the Bottom in an EU Context* with David Begg, ICTU, Eamon Devoy, TEEU and Jack O' Connor SIPTU. <http://www.greavesschool.com/>

A poet who challenges the Lisbon Treaty through poetry

George Noel Finn is a modern day Irish poet based in South County Dublin, who writes about everyday events of the 21st century and who expresses his concern about the way Ireland and the EU is going at present. You can e-mail George at george@georgenoelfinn.ie or visit his website at www.georgenoelfinn.ie. Poems and books of George's poetry can be purchased on-line and at very reasonable cost.

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Fund Raiser

AN EVENING WITH TONY BENN

to raise funds for the Lisbon referendum campaign.

Wednesday 9 September 2009, 8 p.m.

**Alexander Hotel
Merrion Square, Dublin
(near Davenport Hotel)
Dinner and wine included**

**Tickets available from 087 2308330;
info@people.ie or our office at 107 Amiens
St Dublin 1.**



Our new booklet on the Luxembourg Judgement may be read on-line or is available from our office or post@people.ie.

We have published a short leaflet on the government's 'Guarantees' to accompany a longer article on our website. The leaflet may be downloaded and printed from the site – as can our other leaflets.

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The People's Movement campaigns against any measures that further develop the EU into a federal state and to defend and enhance popular sovereignty, democracy and social justice in Ireland.

The guarantees

EU leaders agreed to attach the summit declarations as a protocol to the Lisbon Treaty **after the Irish referendum and once it is already in**

Don't forget to let us know if you would like to help us with meetings, leafletting or postering in your area. You can contact us at 107 Amiens St., Dublin 1 or [post @people.ie](mailto:post@people.ie)