

Campaign News

The People's Movement Campaign Against Lisbon II

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Welcome

Welcome to the third edition of the People's Movement Campaign News - keeping you in touch with the Peoples Movement's campaign against the forthcoming Lisbon II Referendum as it develops on the ground. There are now only four weeks before the day of the Referendum Poll on the 2nd October and the indications are that there is all to play for. The YES side has fallen in the polls and the No side has made a very small gain but overall is better positioned than at the same time prior to Lisbon 1.

This Treaty can be defeated once again, but we need to reassure people that there is nothing to fear by voting NO and that it is, in fact, in their interest to do so. The People's Movement is mounting a much bigger campaign than that for Lisbon 1 and all that is required of you, the reader, is to commit to get active in the Campaign. You can contact our office at 107 Amiens St., Dublin, at 087-6759219 or 087-2308330, volunteer at any of our meetings or mail post@people.ie giving details of your availability. Please do your best to participate – there's sure to be a job that suits you!

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

Coolock Near Fm debate in the Civic Centre
7:00 on September 10th.

Rosslare Harbour. Harbour View Hotel.
Monday 14th at 8:00

Waterford Tuesday 15th Grenville Hotel at
8:00

Monaghan 16th at 8:00 Westrenra Arms Hotel

Sligo September 16th Glasshouse Hotel at
8:00

Leixlip St Mary's GAA Club Wednesday
September 15th at 8:00

Carlow. September 16th Teach Dolmen at
8:00

Balbriggan Milestone Inn Thursday 17th
September at 8:00

Letterkenny Monday 21st September.
Gleneany House Hotel. Press Conference at
11:00; Meeting at 8:00.

Dungarvan Tuesday September 22nd

Athlone Prince of Wales Hotel at 8:00
Wednesday September 23rd

Ballyshannon Dorrian's Imperial Hotel at 8:00
on September 28th

Thurles Friday September 25th.

Donnycarney September 25th.

Look out for others in your area.

STOP PRESS

MEETING WED 30TH NUI MAYNOOTH AT
4:00


KILKENNY MONDAY 21ST CLUBHOUSE HOTEL
AT 8:00

WEDNESDAY 28TH KILLYBEGS

LISBON TREATY

1 EU President
1 EU Foreign Minister
1 EU Foreign Policy
1 EU voice at the UN
= 1 EU Government?

VOTE NO

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RMT TUC FRINGE MEETING

RESPECT THE IRISH 'NO' VOTE REJECT THE LISBON TREATY



Speakers: RMT general secretary Bob Crow :: Unite regional organiser Jimmy Kelly
People's Movement secretary Frank Keoghan :: Irish Socialist Party MEP Joe Higgins

Venue: The Liverpool bar, 14 James Street, Liverpool, Next to James Street Station

Time: Monday, September 14, 12.30pm

Refreshments available
All welcome



Why not check out our pamphlet "Charter of Fundamental Rights"

<http://www.people.ie/liberties/charter.pdf> (It may take a few seconds to load).

News Update

Campaign Office

Our National Campaign Office is open 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 next week, the office will be open from 1:00 to 7:30, Monday to Saturday or as necessary. You can contact us at 087-6759219 or 087-2308330 if you require it to be open outside of those times.



A federal EU state?

Belgian daily *De Standaard* reports that diplomats from Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxembourg are working on a paper on the implementation of the Lisbon Treaty, which aims to enforce "the supranational method in the EU" according to Belgian Foreign Minister Yves Leterme. The document, due to be published in October if there is a Yes vote in Ireland's referendum on the Treaty, highlights how the permanent EU Presidency would work, how the EU Foreign Minister would function and the development of the diplomatic service. Belgium will hold the EU Presidency in 2010, playing an important role in the implementation of the institutional changes that the Lisbon Treaty will bring.

Some meetings already held.

Mullingar **Greville Arms Hotel**; Dún Laoghaire **Kingston Hotel**; Newbridge **The Liffey Studio**; 25 attended the meeting in Cabra, **Finbarr's GAA Club**. Kimmage **KCR Pub** Kimmage Rd. Smithfield **The Cobblestone**, Smithfield. Bunclody.

Some Yes Campaign Lies

Unable to discuss what they know to be a bad treaty, the Yes campaign has resorted to meaningless slogans and attempts to slur the No campaign. Most specifically they are attempting to discount all the No campaign's arguments as lies. Much as those who criticised the economic policies of the Celtic tiger were called begrudgers and told to commit suicide, those with reasoned arguments have to be made out to be liars. In this new feature of the magazine we will turn the tables and show how the Yes side has no shame in using lies to try and scare the electorate into the wrong decision:

We could be thrown out of the EU if we voted no.

Impossible! Existing EU laws provide no means of expelling a member state. The only possible way to do so would be for the other 26 countries to leave the existing EU and form a new EU. Given it is apparently impossible to change even one word of the Lisbon Treaty after the Irish people rejected it, it is hardly likely they could negotiate such a new union.

The rest of the EU could proceed without us.

Also Impossible! Existing EU laws require unanimity meaning that the 27 member states must all ratify the treaty for it to come into effect. If they wished to implement a change to allow them to go ahead without us, the vote would still have to be unanimous i.e. the Irish Government would have to vote in favour of it.

This is not, for all intents and purposes, the EU constitution that France and Holland already rejected.

After the rejection of the constitution the EU cynically removed small parts of it especially those pertaining to statehood and rebranded it as the Lisbon Treaty. So, even the first running of the referendum was democratically challenged.

The people of Europe are so angry at you holding up this treaty they so want.

The people of Europe have never had the chance to express their opinion on this treaty and, as Charlie McCreevy has admitted, would most likely reject it too if given the chance. This statement is of course true if you understand the people of Europe to mean a few people in Brussels!

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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

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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



News Update

The first run of 100,000 of our new leaflet on the Lisbon Treaty has now been distributed around the country – as far north as Malin town and south as far as Baltimore and we are well into our second 100,000. A copy of the leaflet is available [here](#) and may be printed off. Copies are also available from our campaign office in quantities from 200 to 2,400.