

Irish Congress of Trade Unions

# May Day

2016



Annual March and Rally

# Saturday 30 April 2016

Assemble College Of Art Gardens, Belfast  
at 11.30 for speeches and march off at 12 noon.

**Guest speakers including:**

**Chairperson** NIC ICTU

**Mick Cash**, General Secretary RMT

**Megan Dobney**, Regional Secretary,  
Southern & Eastern Region TUC

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# Welcome to the May Festival 2016



## Annual Belfast May Day Rally and March Saturday 30 April 2016

Join thousands of trade unionists and workers for the annual May Day rally and march through Belfast City Centre.

Assemble College of Art Gardens Belfast at 11.30 am  
Speeches at 11.45 am  
March off 12 noon.

All welcome – bring friends and family!

Derry Trade's Council

## Annual May Day March and Rally Saturday 30 April 2016

Assemble Guildhall Square at 1.30 pm for march  
through city centre  
Finish at Guildhall Square for speeches.

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**Monday 25 April 2016,  
5.45 pm**

**Metropolitan Arts Centre (MAC),  
St Anne's Square, Belfast**

UNITE the union presents

## **1916: A Workers' Year**



In this event, guest speakers including UNITE General Secretary Len McCluskey will reflect on how events such as the Easter Rising and the Battle of the Somme impacted on the lives of workers and ordinary people.

Tea and coffee will be available at 5.45 and refreshments after the event at 8.30. For more information and to register visit [www.unitetheunionireland.org](http://www.unitetheunionireland.org)

To register contact  
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**Sunday 1 May 2016, 3 pm**  
**(doors open 2.45 pm,  
unreserved seating)**

**Black Box Green Room.**  
**Tickets £3 available from**  
**[www.cqaf.com](http://www.cqaf.com)**

Cathedral Quarter Arts Festival and  
Belfast Trade's Council present



## **A screening of The Divide.**

*The Divide* tells the story of 7 individuals striving for a better life in modern day US and UK - where the top 0.1% owns as much wealth as the bottom 90%. By plotting these tales together, we uncover how every aspect of our lives is controlled by one factor: the size of the gap between rich and poor. This isn't based on real life. This is real life.

Wall Street psychologist Alden wants to make it to the top 1%; KFC worker Leah from Richmond, Virginia just wants to make it through the day; Jen in Sacramento, California doesn't even talk to the neighbours in her upscale gated community - they've made it clear to her she isn't "their kind".

By weaving these stories with news archive from 1979 to the present day, *The Divide* creates a lyrical, psychological and tragi-comic picture of how economic division creates social division. It serves as both a call to arms, and a powerful warning. The film is inspired by the critically-acclaimed, best-selling book *The Spirit Level* by Richard Wilkinson and Kate Pickett.





George McBride and Winnie Carney



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**Thursday 5 May, 7 pm**

**Belfast Unemployed Resource Centre, 45 Donegall St, Belfast**

Belfast and District Council of Trade Unions Annual May Day Lecture

## **‘Belfast Trade Unionism and the Dublin Rising’**

Guest speaker: Seán Byers

The 1916 Easter Rising presented the Belfast labour movement with considerable challenges, not least because Belfast Trades Council was represented in the Rising by James Connolly, a former delegate. This talk will look at the Trades Council’s response to 1916, or lack thereof, and its engagement with 1916 related commemorations in subsequent decades.

Free event, all welcome!

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**Saturday 7 May 2016,  
12 noon**

**Clandeboyne Cemetery, Old Belfast Road, Bangor followed by a reception in the Somme Heritage Centre, Bangor Road, Newtownards.**

Belfast Trade’s Council invites you to:

## **Unveiling of headstone to George McBride**

Main Speaker: Jackie Pollock, Chair, Northern Ireland Committee

This event, organised by the Belfast and District Trades Union Council, pays tribute to George McBride, an active trade unionist and socialist who died in 1988. George began his working life as an apprentice in Mackies Engineering Factory and at the age of 15 years he joined the UVF. When the First World War broke out he enlisted, fought at the Somme and was taken prisoner. On his return home he finished his apprenticeship in Mackies and served as Branch Chair and a member of the District Committee of the AEU; was a member of the Court Ward of the Northern Ireland Labour Party; and an economics tutor for the National Council of Labour Colleges. George was also active in the United Movement of the Unemployed Workers in the Outdoor Relief Strike of 1932. He was married to Winifred Carney, who had fought in the GPO in 1916 and who by then had also become a member of the NILP. Winnie died in 1943 and George outlived her by 45 years dying in 1988 and was buried in an unmarked grave.

To register for attendance and for further information contact [kevin.doherty@ictuni.org](mailto:kevin.doherty@ictuni.org)