

Mission Statement

We, the Irish-American Connolly Council, seek to help Irish-Americans to rediscover their Irish roots. We can be proud of the blood in our veins. If we are to seek economic justice here in America as well as in our homeland, then our hearts must beat as one.

The Irish have a common history with the oppressed nationalities of the world. As our Irish cousins helped fight in the American Civil War against slavery and in the American Revolution against English occupation, we will continue to stand in solidarity with the Irish against their own English occupation. We strive to realize a reunification of the 32 counties of Ireland for the sake of our brothers and sisters in the old country, and we also seek to find a reunification of Irish-Americans with their revolutionary working class heritage across the Irish diaspora.

Irish-Americans were a major force in the American labor union movement, especially in New York City, Boston and Philadelphia. We know that the cause of Ireland is the cause of labor, so we will work to establish strong ties of international solidarity for the sake of all working people in our respective countries and around the world.



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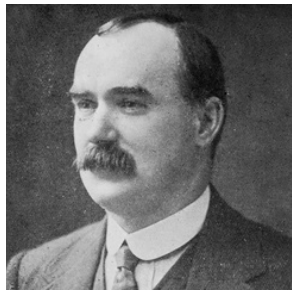
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*"How can a person, or a class, be free when its means of life are in the grasp of another?"
- James Connolly*

Who was James Connolly?



James Connolly was the strongest leader of Irish Republicanism and champion of working class

Irish-Americans in history. As a founding member of the Irish Socialist Federation here in America in 1908 and a martyr of the Easter Rising in Ireland in 1916, he is the namesake of our organization and we strive to live up to his legacy.

Irish Republican Movement

Following in the footsteps of the American and French republics as well as their own heritage of resistance, the united Irish have rallied to the call for freedom from the British Crown for over 800 years. This cause has risked life, limb, famine and exile to realize a united 32-county Irish Republic. Despite the Anglo-Irish treaty of 1922, the Troubles lasting over 30 years until 1998 and the Good Friday Accords further sealing the fate of a divided Ireland, the struggle continues to bring justice and sovereignty to the Emerald Isle. Only with the will of the Irish in their homeland and across the global diaspora can this dream be finally realized.

What is the IACC?

Who we are

The IACC is the only organization in America that seeks to bring the revolutionary heritage of the American and Irish people to the forefront. We are patriotic, we are working class and we won't stop until the mission of James Connolly is fully realized!

What we're doing

We are reaching out to proud Irish-American clubs, organizations and individuals in the USA to remind them of their truly progressive history and help them reconnect with their Irish brethren and the international working class movement.

Why you should join us

If you believe in Ireland's right to self-determination and are interested in your political rights as an Irish-American then the IACC is here to help.

Allied Organizations



Saint Patrick's Battalion

During the Mexican-American War of 1846-1848, many Irish had immigrated to the United States to flee the British imposed famine on their homeland. In order to survive, many joined the military and found themselves face to face with another Catholic working-class people put under the thumb of imperialism.

Led by one John Riley, also known as Sean O Raghailigh, hundreds defected and fought on the Mexican side against America's slavery, imperialism and unjust war. Fighting many battles across Mexico, their last stand was at Churubusco. From September 10th-13th 1848, over fifty of the San Patricios were hanged by American forces.

In 1997, Mexico commemorated September 12th as a national holiday to honor these heroes.

