

The radical working class Protestant tradition in Northern Ireland

A one-day Spring School in Dublin

Saturday, 6th May 11 am-5.30 pm
UNITE, 55-56 Middle Abbey Street, Dublin 1

Programme

- 10.30 Registration and coffee
- 11.00 A historical introduction, Philip Orr, historian and playwright
A politician's view, Naomi Long MLA, Alliance Party leader
- 11.40 *Radicalism in trade unionism*
Peter Bunting, former Assistant General Secretary, Irish Congress of Trades Unions
Jackie Pollock, Northern Ireland Deputy Regional Secretary, UNITE
- 12.10 *The religious underpinnings of Protestant radicalism*
Brian Ervine, former Progressive Unionist Party leader and lay preacher
- 12.30 *Radicalism in community groups*
Billy Drummond, Manager, Northern Ireland Alternatives
- 12.50 Questions and discussion on the morning's themes
- 1.20 Launch of booklet *An Oral History of the Protestant Working Class*, by Patricia McCarthy and Mick Rafferty, published by UNITE
- 1.40 Lunch
- 2.45 A socialist view, Eamonn McCann, People Before Profit activist and writer
- 3.15 Refreshment break
- 3.40 Workshop discussion sessions on the theme: Where do we go from here? The future contribution of working class Protestant radicalism in Northern Ireland
- 4.40 Closing panel discussion: chaired by Andy Pollak, journalist and cross-border cooperator, with all speakers
- 5.15 Close

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