

Dublin Mayday 2004

No Borders Weekend Fri April 30th to Mon May 3rd



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The Irish government is currently holding the rotating presidency of the EU. We have a pretty good idea of what it means for us. The ministerial meetings that have taken place so far have both been characterised by extraordinary and expensive police operations, paid for by the public and aimed at keeping the public as far away as possible from the decision makers. In Dublin, Indymedia reported that an independent cameraman was forcibly removed from the vicinity of Dublin castle and had his camera damaged by police. Obviously the EU leaders aren't too keen to allow critical public scrutiny of their deliberations.

While the leaders of these countries might be welcome in the EU (along with their farms and sweatshops), most of the current EU countries will remain closed to the people of the accession states for the next 6 years. Worse still, at the same time as the EU leaders talk about international co-operation and openness, they are actually implementing a 'fortress Europe,' a closed EU from which the inhabitants of the third world, the majority of the world's population, will be ruthlessly excluded. It is instructive that the first 'achievement' of the Irish presidency was the establishment of a 'repatriation fund,' to allow the wealthy countries to share the costs of deporting people to poor countries.

In opposition to the current EU of the rich and powerful, we propose a grassroots Europe. A Europe united through empowered communities taking decision making power back into their own hands. A Europe without borders, internal or external. A Europe where wealth is equally shared and everybody has the same opportunities. A Europe where our resources are spent on education, health and sustainable development rather than war and capitalist profiteering. This Europe cannot be formed from above, but needs people to stand up for themselves and say 'no' to our corrupt and greedy leaders. The time to start is always now.



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Critical Mass*

*Starters: Saturday May 1st (Daytime)
Border Controls Street Theatre
Blood On Your Hands
Welcome The Boat People
Homes Not Jails
Public Beatings Street Theatre
The Polluter Pays
Reclaim The City!*

*Main Course: Saturday May 1st (Evening)
Bring The Noise!*

*Dessert: Sunday May 2nd
No Borders Camp*

*Tea/Coffee/Liqueur: Monday May 3rd
No Borders Reclaim The Streets*

For more information on the Menu, please visit our website,
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or email: **grassrootsdublin@yahoo.com**

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