

## Campaign for an Independent Left

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Dear comrade,

Please find enclosed some copies of the winter issue of our bulletin, *Independent left*. The Campaign for an Independent left was established to argue the case for a new party of working people, as an independent class struggle, and democratic party to provide for working people a real alternative to Fianna Fail, Fine Gael and the PDs.

As we approach the general election next summer, the need for such an alternative has never been greater. However, from labour to Sinn Fein and the Greens, and indeed a majority of independents, the chief concern is to be in a position to be part of the next government, whether its led by Fianna Fail or Fine Gael.

CIL does not have any illusion that we can call such a new movement of the working class into being, but we are prepared to work with others to take whatever steps are possible at this time to advance in the direction of a new party.

We have been working with others on the left to try and get agreement on a national list of anti coalition left candidates to stand on an agreed policy programme for the general election. We are hopeful that a significant left list will be agreed early in the new year.

We regard our bulletin as an important part of our campaign, not just for the longer term aim of a new party, but also for our efforts to engage in a friendly and non sectarian manner with others on the left. There is a need for a forum for activists to discuss issues in a serious but fraternal manner. That is why *Independent Left* is an open bulletin, aiming to have a wide range of correspondents and views from a left perspective.

A quarterly bulletin comes nowhere near providing that forum, but it is an honest start. We hope you will circulate the bulletin to others you are working with, in your union, campaign, community group or political organisation. We would really appreciate it if you could let us know what you think of it, what issues you think should be covered, or better still, send us an article.

As an other aspect of our attempt to introduce a better tradition of fraternal discussion in our movement, we organise monthly meetings in the Teachers Club in Dublin which are open to anyone to attend. Our next meeting takes place next Wednesday 13th December at 8 pm, with Tommy McKearney introducing a discussion on the current situation in Northern Ireland.

Finally, I hope you have an enjoyable holiday and a good new year,

On behalf of CIL,

Yours, Cllr Joan Collins.

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