



'WESTMINSTER CHAOS UNDERLINES NEED TO BUILD SOMETHING BETTER'

Responding to the recent announcement that Keir Starmer MP will resign as British Prime Minister, First Minister Michelle O'Neill MLA reflected:

"Keir Starmer's departure underscores the chaos of Westminster and how our future is better served by breaking our links with Britain.

"Successive British governments have cut our public services and weakened our economy, leaving ordinary people struggling to make ends meet while a small elite grows ever wealthier.

"I stand ready to work constructively with the incoming British Prime Minister, but I will be clear that a hugely different approach is needed.

"People here are not second-class citizens.

"They deserve proper and fair investment in our public services, real support through the cost of living crisis, and respect for our democratic right to decide our own future."

In conjunction, Uachtarán Shinn Féin Mary Lou McDonald TD remarked:

"The announcement that Keir Starmer will step down as British Prime Minister presents

the opportunity to advance relationships between Britain and Ireland in a positive direction.

"The recent electoral victories of Plaid Cymru and the Scottish National Party press home the reality that pro-independence parties, including Sinn Féin, now play a hugely significant role in Ireland, Scotland and Wales, and present a direct challenge to the Union.

"Whoever becomes the next British Prime Minister must recognise these new political realities.

"As we approach the 30th anniversary of the Good Friday Agreement in two years' time, we should recognise how far we have come.

"Peace is secure, and the next chapter in our national journey centres on constitutional change, the democratic pathway to Irish reunification, and a managed transition that demands strong British-Irish relations.

"We will continue to press for the planning and preparation needed for constitutional change.

"The constitutional status quo is no longer sustainable.

"Partition has failed.

"Both the British Prime Minister and the Taoiseach have a responsibility to engage with these realities in a responsible, practical and direct way that shapes the future."



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SINN FÉIN LAUNCHES BILL TO LEGISLATE PLANNING FOR IRISH UNITY

Sinn Féin have introduced a Bill in the Oireachtas that would begin structured and responsible planning for Irish Unity and constitutional change.

The legislation introduced by Uachtarán Shinn Féin Mary Lou McDonald TD would compel an Taoiseach to start planning and preparation for constitutional change and Irish Unity.

The Dublin Central TD said:

"This important Bill will legislate for the planning and preparation for constitutional change and Irish reunification.

"It crucially provides for an Taoiseach to publish a Green Paper as a means of consultation with the people of the entire island.

"This will mean the Government setting out its ideas, vision and proposals looking at health, education, public services, economy, and ultimately governance of a new unified state within the European Union.

"The Bill also provides for the establishment of a 'Citizens' Assembly', bringing together people and sectors from across the island – including unionists and protestants – to



Mary Lou McDonald TD

inform and shape the debate.

"The lesson of Brexit is clear, refusing to prepare for major constitutional change does not prevent instability, it guarantees it.

"I now look forward to the Bill being scheduled for full second stage debate in the coming weeks."

Sinn Féin institutional reform proposals tabled

Sinn Féin is bringing forward important reforms to ensure both the Assembly and Executive can function during political or economic crises.

The proposals include the recommendation that no single party should have the power to block or collapse the Assembly.

Leas-Uachtarán Shinn Féin, Michelle O'Neill MLA said:

"The Good Friday Agreement created a necessarily unusual, some would say abnormal, political architecture that helped to end decades of conflict.

"The Agreement remains the cornerstone of the political landscape in the North.

"However, experience over the past twenty-eight years has demonstrated that certain aspects of the institutional architecture can make the institutions vulnerable in the context of political crises.

"On several occasions the institutions have collapsed or have been prevented from operating.



Michelle O'Neill MLA

"Institutional reform should therefore focus on strengthening the operation of the institutions so they are more resilient and can continue to function, while fully protecting the key safeguards contained within the Good Friday Agreement.

"Reform can deliver institutions that work better but reform will not overcome the reality that some parties are unwilling, uncooperative and, at times, deliberately obstructive participants in our power sharing institutions.

"So, while we can improve the efficiency of the political institutions in the north, the reality is that the most effective reform will come through constitutional change and a united Ireland, where all decisions are made

by the democratic representatives of the Irish people in the interests of the Irish people."

SINN FÉIN'S ARD FHEIS 2026: BUILDING IRELAND'S FUTURE - AG TÓGÁIL TODHCHAÍ NA HÉIREANN

The 2026 Sinn Féin Ard Fheis convened at a critical juncture in Irish politics and global affairs.

More than 1,400 Sinn Féin members travelled to Belfast to debate major issues impacting citizens from across the island.

Over 60 international guests representing a range of international and continental movements attended alongside over 40 diplomatic corps representatives.

As a consequence of global political and economic instability, Ireland as a whole faces a major cost-of-living crisis, with spiralling heating

and fuel prices leading to mass protests North and South.

Sinn Féin members unanimously backed motions to support Irish Unity, standing in solidarity with Palestine and Cuba, supporting minority communities, and advancing the Irish language.

The Ard Fheis featured several internationally focused events, including a fringe event 'Another World is Possible: The Role of National Liberation Politics' that was addressed by international speakers.

Arab Barghouti – son of Palestinian leader Marwan



Mary Lou McDonald TD & Michelle O'Neill MLA pictured embracing at the end of the 2026 Ard Fheis.

Barghouti, Palestinian Ambassador Dr. Jilan Wahba Abdalmajid and H.E. Ms. Ismara M. Vargas Walter addressed the Ard Fheis on Cuba and Palestine against a backdrop of violations against national sovereignty and international law.

To close the Ard Fheis, Sinn

Féin President Mary Lou McDonald TD affirmed:

"We stand at the crossroads of history.

"A partitioned Ireland – of failed politics, self-serving governments, deep-rooted unfairness.

"Or a better, stronger united Ireland."

Political and economic status quo no longer working

Pearse Doherty TD has said that growing public anger over the cost of living and failing public services shows that the political and economic status quo is no longer working – and that an alternative is urgently needed:

"Across this island, people are struggling to make ends meet.

"Families are under pressure, workers are falling behind, and small businesses are being squeezed.

"In the South, Sinn Féin is standing with people in their daily struggles and offering a credible alternative – an alternative government that will put working people and families first.

"In the North, public services are under severe strain after years of austerity imposed by Westminster.

"At the same time, progress is being frustrated by those who seek to destabilise the institutions.

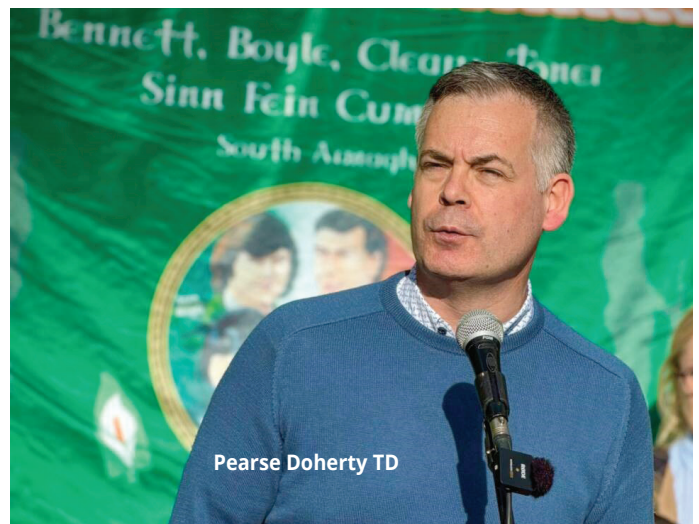
"Despite these obstacles, Sinn Féin is working every day to improve people's lives.

"But the reality is that partition and British Government policy continue to limit what can be achieved."

"The Good Friday Agreement was a peace settlement, but not a final political settlement.

"Increasingly, people recognise that lasting change requires Irish unity – and that conversation is now firmly in the mainstream.

"At a time of global instability, Ireland must stand for peace,



Pearse Doherty TD

diplomacy and international law.

"Nowhere is that more urgent than in Gaza.

"We stand in solidarity with the Palestinian people.

"Sinn Féin is focused on building a new Ireland – united, fair and prosperous – where wealth is shared, public services are strong, and every citizen has a stake in the future of our country."

"Another start must be made in the Middle East."

Standing for progress & against forces of the reactionary far right.

Anti-Racist, Anti-Sectarian, Anti-Fascist.

Declan Kearney MLA
Sinn Féin National Chairperson

Two weeks ago, racist pogroms were mounted against ethnic minority and migrant people in greater Belfast, forcing families from their homes.

This vicious onslaught was preceded by a murderous knife attack in North Belfast which caused inevitable shock and outrage.

However, that attempted murder was exploited by sinister far-right and unionist paramilitary elements to cause terror and disruption.

The racist pogroms unleashed were reminiscent of the sectarian pogroms which drove Catholic people from their homes in Belfast in 1969.

Research has confirmed that very well-funded far-right sources are systematically targeting Irish society through social media platforms.

There is a direct correlation between this sophisticated online campaign with the global growth of extreme right politics in Britain, Europe, and resurgent imperialism and colonialism across the Middle East, Africa and Latin America.

It is no accident that this is happening – the rise of Reform and extreme nationalism in Britain; the spread of xenophobia in South Africa; the isolation and blockade of Cuba; and, the tolerance for and complicity with Israeli state and settler terrorism in Palestine, Lebanon and elsewhere.

In an era during which Ireland has secured marriage equality; constitutional recognition of women's health rights; elected a left, progressive President of Ireland; and at a time of political change in which the politics of international solidarity and decolonisation have never been stronger, especially among young people, extremist forces are mobilising against further change.

In the north, the DUP and political unionism are lurching to the extreme right in advance of the 2027 Assembly and local council elections.

During the recent upsurge of racist violence, unionist politicians dog whistled while others mobilised in the streets.

The Brexit debacle continues to impact



Anti-racism Protest, Belfast City Hall (13.06.26)

upon the daily lives of workers and families, compounded by the effects of the ongoing cost of living crisis.

At the same time, support for Irish unity is unprecedented.

However, Irish national self-determination is opposed by powerful forces both in Ireland and internationally.

The intention is to derail the politics of hope and change.

In Ireland, this is a time to fearlessly confront the reactionary politics of racism, sectarianism and bigotry which are being mobilised to prevent progressive national and social transformation.

Sinn Féin is a party of the Irish working class.

It frightens those within the far-right and extreme conservatism.

We are for a positive future: For a progressive Ireland: And, a sovereign Republic which guarantees equality, respect and national freedom for all our people.



Declan Kearney MLA
Sinn Féin National Chairperson



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'Deliver the Good Jobs Bill' Protest, Stormont (18.05.26)



Good Jobs Bill: **DECISION TIME FOR THE DUP**

The 'Good Jobs Bill' being brought forward by Sinn Féin's northern Economy Minister Caoimhe Archibald contains key provisions that will address fair pay, precarious work, paid neonatal care leave, flexible working arrangements, protection from redundancy, strengthening unions and improved collective bargaining arrangements.

However, the DUP, led by Emma Little-Pengelly in the Executive, is blocking the Good Jobs Bill from progressing to the Assembly for democratic consideration.

Sinn Féin National Chairperson, Declan Kearney MLA has said that it is time for the DUP to stop blocking the Good Jobs Bill:

"The Good Jobs Bill is the most progressive piece of legislation this Assembly will deliver.

"Trade unions have been clear in their support for these reforms, and recent polling shows strong cross-community backing for the measures contained within the bill.

"It commands widespread public support throughout the community in the north and will benefit all workers regardless of background.

"By blocking the Good Jobs Bill, the DUP is failing in its political responsibility and turning its back on legislation that has the potential to improve the lives of workers and families, including many of its own constituents.

"The DUP should end its indefensible blockage of this legislation.

"Workers' rights which are delayed and blocked are rights denied."

Racist violence in Belfast

On Saturday 13th June, thousands of anti-racism protestors gathered outside Belfast City Hall to condemn the racist violence that had unfolded following a vicious knife attack in North Belfast earlier that week.

Addressing the anti-racism demonstration, Ard Mhéara Béal Feirste, Cllr. Róis-Máire Donnelly expressed her thoughts with the victim of the horrific knife attack and the wider community affected by the violence:

"The Belfast I know is resilient, compassionate and welcoming.

"What we have witnessed across Belfast in recent days has been deeply disturbing.

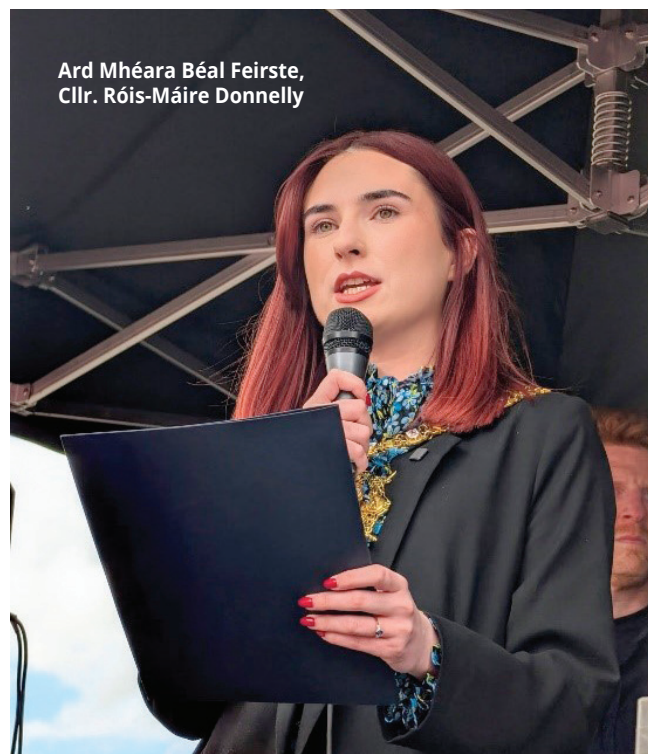
"My thoughts remain with the victim of the violent assault in North Belfast, with the wider community affected, and with those who have been attacked, forced from their homes or made to feel unsafe.

"People from many backgrounds, cultures and traditions contribute every day to our communities, our public services and our economy.

"When Tommy Robinson and Elon Musk are sending abuse to you – I must be doing a good job.

"I will never ever apologise for celebrating diversity and for standing up for all communities.

"Let us stand together, support those affected, challenge hatred wherever it appears, and show the very best of Belfast."

Ard Mhéara Béal Feirste,
Cllr. Róis-Máire Donnelly

IRELAND'S EU PRESIDENCY MUST BE USED TO ADVANCE UNITY AND PEACE

MEPs Kathleen Funchion and Lynn Boylan have called upon the Irish Government to use Ireland's upcoming Presidency of the European Union to "advance unity, peace and social justice".

Publishing Sinn Féin's priorities for the Presidency in April, the MEPs called for a Presidency that is "political, purposeful and focused on the real priorities of workers, families and communities".

Kathleen Funchion MEP said: "At a time of rising costs, global instability, and growing debate about Ireland's future, this Presidency needs to be ambitious, assertive and purposeful."



MEPs Kathleen Funchion & Lynn Boylan

"We're publishing this document outlining exactly what we think the government should prioritise."

"Firstly, government should use the Presidency to begin structured EU-level discussions on the reunification of Ireland."

"This should include preparations for constitutional change, mapping out how a United Ireland would increase Ireland's role in the EU decision-making process – and ensuring representation for the North within the EU in the meantime."

"This Presidency should deliver real, measurable progress for people across Ireland and Europe."

"This opportunity must not be wasted."

Palestinian FA expose FAI's unforgivable cynical act of deception

Joanna Byrne TD has welcomed recent clarification from the Palestinian Football Association (FA) that it does not endorse Ireland's UEFA Nations League fixtures against Israel going ahead.

The Louth TD said:

"The recent Football Association of Ireland (FAI) statement confirming they intended to move the home match vs Israel to a neutral venue is 'hollow' and 'self-serving'."

"It was, in fact, a cynical act of deception, designed to take the wind out of the sails of the 'Stop The Game' campaign as it was building momentum and critical mass support."

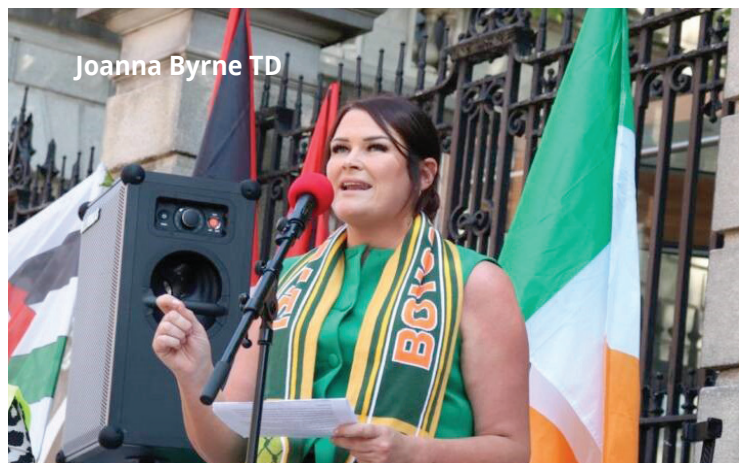
"The Palestinian FA has confirmed that they have 'not issued any statement endorsing, approving, or supporting the decision to proceed with the match'."

"The PFA would not, and will not, be party to any effort that normalises these realities or contributes to the sportwashing of crimes committed against the Palestinian people'."

"The FAI's attempts to pull the wool over the eyes of the public has backfired completely, and will only result in campaigners redoubling their efforts to Stop the Game."

"The only way forward for the FAI now is to hear those calls, to listen to them, and act."

"Do the right thing, Stop the Game."



Taoiseach ruling out inclusion of services in Occupied Territories Bill unacceptable and counterproductive

Mary Lou McDonald has described comments made by Taoiseach Micheál Martin in which he ruled-out the inclusion of 'services' in the Occupied Territories Bill as "unacceptable and counterproductive."

The Sinn Féin leader said that excluding services only sabotages the legislation's purpose, as nearly 70% of trade between Ireland and the Occupied Territories is in services; commenting:

"An Taoiseach ruling out the inclusion of service in the Occupied Territories Bill is unacceptable and counterproductive.

"The whole purpose of the bill is to deliver a sanction against Israel that has real teeth.

"Nearly 70% of trade between Ireland and the Occupied Territories is in services.

"International law is clear; the ruling of the International Courts of Justice makes no distinction between goods and services.

"An Taoiseach knows the point of the Occupied Territories Bill is to give effect to that ruling.

"The Oireachtas Foreign Affairs and Trade Committee recommended the inclusion of services in their pre-legislative report.

"Nobody should be trading with and profiting from illegal settlements and the occupation.

"The decision of whether or not to include services in the Occupied Territories legislation is a political decision.

"We have already had eight years of Fianna Fáil/ Fine Gael delaying and attempting to dilute the legislation.

"I have urged an Taoiseach to work with the Opposition to get the Occupied Territories Bill passed without further delay."



Mary Lou McDonald TD



Lynn Boylan MEP

Backbenchers pushback shows lack of support for scrapping Triple Lock!

A pushback by Fianna Fáil backbenchers against Irish Government plans to scrap the Triple Lock framework shows the lack of support for scrapping it.

Lynn Boylan MEP – the only Irish MEP on the EU's security and Defence Committee – has said that the European Union's obsession with militarisation makes any plans to scrap the Triple Lock Framework protection more dangerous than ever before:

"The drive for militarisation in the European Union is intoxicating.

"Exhibition spaces dedicated to showing new military technology, along with Kaja Kallas' recent remarks about our neutrality show the pressure that the EU is heaping on us to abandon our neutrality.

"Decades of neglect mean that we need to absolutely invest in giving our defence forces the equipment, and conditions that they need to do their job safely, but the Irish Government cannot be allowed to use this as a smokescreen to undermine neutrality.

"A majority of the public support keeping the triple lock, and clearly not all government TDs support moves to scrap it.

"If the Government are so confident in their plans to scrap the Triple Lock Protection, then they should put this plan to the people.

"Otherwise they need to do the sensible thing and back down from this dangerous course."

US-IRAN WAR:**‘Any potential deal must ensure lasting peace in the region’**

Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire TD has said that the announcement of a ceasefire between the United States and Iran is welcomed, and stated that any potential peace deal must be sustainable and comprehensive:

“A ceasefire is of course welcome; however, the crucial next step shall be a sustainable peace deal.

“This war, instigated by the US and Israel, has so far resulted in the deaths of thousands of people, the spread of conflict to other countries, regional chaos and global energy price inflation.

“The people of the region, the civilian population of Iran, Lebanon and neighbouring countries have suffered immensely during this illegal, unjustified and reckless war.

“A peace deal that provides for an immediate and permanent ceasefire, the reopening of the Strait of Hormuz and a framework for further negotiations is long overdue.



**Donnchadh Ó
Laoghaire TD**

“However, at this fragile moment it is imperative that all sides exercise maximum restraint and work to implement the agreement.

“I hope now that space can be created for genuine dialogue, in the interests of ending this war.

“Israel needs to withdraw from Lebanon and we need to see an immediate ceasefire.

“This peace deal must work towards an outcome that de-escalates tensions in the region and that steps back from further conflict.

“If this peace deal is to hold, then it must lead to further meaningful talks – dialogue and de-escalation is key.”

Free Marwan Barghout

On Tuesday 28th April, Mary Lou McDonald TD hosted Marwan Barghout's son, Arab Barghouti, at an event in Dublin to raise awareness to the campaign to free Marwan Barghouti from Israeli detention.

For over two decades Marwan Barghouti has been unjustly imprisoned by Israel, becoming an enduring symbol of unity and hope from behind bars.

The event was addressed by Arab Barghouti, Kneecap Manager Daniel Lambert and Uachtarán Shinn Féin Mary Lou McDonald TD who reflected after the event:

“A powerful evening of solidarity, songs and spoken word in Dublin for imprisoned Palestinian leader Marwan Barghouti.

“We heard words of humanity, determination and liberty from Marwan's son, Arab, who gave a powerful testimony about his father's torture by Israel and determination to fight for justice and freedom.

“Free Marwan Barghouti – Free Palestine!”



(Above) Left to right: Arab Barghouti, Mary Lou McDonald & Daniel Lambert



Government must respond to illegal interceptions of the Global Sumud Flotilla

Senator Chris Andrews has condemned Israel's illegal interceptions of the Global Sumud Flotilla, urging the Irish Government to take action to protect Irish citizens involved.

Senator Andrews was on board 'The Spectre' in October 2025 when he was abducted by Israeli forces as part of the Global Sumud Flotilla:

"On 29th April, several of the boats taking part in the ongoing Global Sumud Flotilla were illegally intercepted by Israeli forces off the coast of Greece.

"Dr Margaret Connolly, a Sligo-based GP and the sister of President of Ireland Catherine Connolly, was also abducted with other Irish citizens.

"These boats on a humanitarian mission were forcibly boarded over a thousand kilometres from the coast of Palestine, within international waters and Europe's Exclusive Economic Zone, and yet the EU and the Irish Government have been completely silent.

"Israel has effectively been given license to commit piracy on the high seas, attacking unarmed and peaceful vessels far from its borders.

"We need decisive action to hold Israel to account for its disregard of human rights.

"Ireland needs to stop acting as if Israel is above the law."



Senator Chris Andrews



Martin Kenny TD

Implementation of Mercosur will be a disaster for Irish agriculture and Irish consumers

On 1st May, Martin Kenny TD described the implementation of the EU-Mercosur Trade Agreement as disastrous, and a failure of Fianna Fáil and Fine Gael to stand up for Irish agriculture and Irish consumers.

The Sligo TD said:

"We have debated the Mercosur deal for years now and it is widely recognised that this trade agreement is a disaster for Irish agriculture and Irish consumers.

"Its implementation is a failure of Fianna Fáil and Fine Gael to stand up for Ireland's interests – their lip service, followed by inaction, should never be forgotten.

"Mercosur is impacting on the Irish beef sector, and the Irish Government must take heed of this.

"Over 1000 tonnes of Brazilian food products, mainly meat, entered Ireland through Dublin port so far this year.

"There are serious concerns for public health when it comes to Brazilian beef particularly but also chicken and other products.

"We know there are issues in relation to animal welfare standards, and that there is widespread use of hormones and antibiotics in Brazil that are banned in the EU.

"From a food safety point of view the Irish Government needs to ensure that food safety checks are ramped up on imports from Brazil and Mercosur countries."

Election results send a huge message of hope, opportunity and change

Leas-Uachtarán Shinn Féin Michelle O'Neill MLA has hailed the recent enormous mandates of the SNP and Plaid Cymru as a seismic shift in the political landscape of these islands.

"For the first time in history there could be three nationalist, pro-independence and pro-self-determination First Ministers," said Ms O'Neill:

"I want to send my congratulations to the SNP and Plaid Cymru for their historic success.

"It is clear people want better; they want a brighter future, filled with hope.



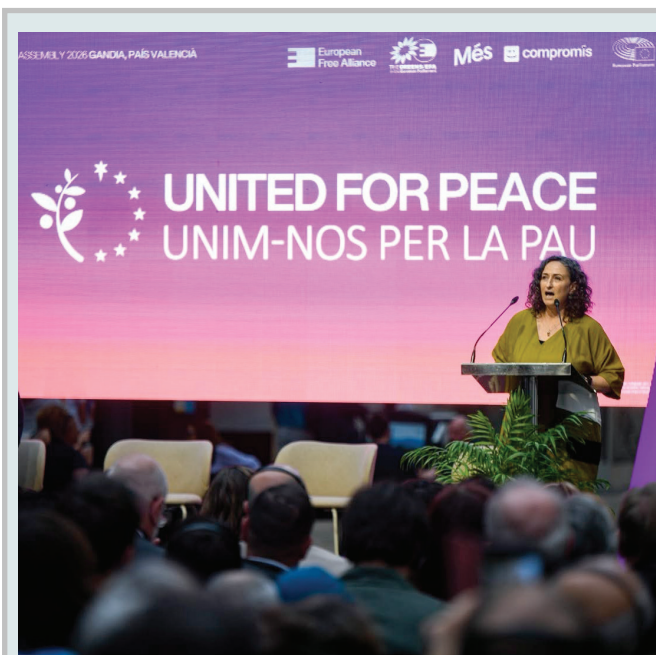
Michelle O'Neill MLA

"More and more people are looking beyond the constraints of Westminster where decisions are made without regard for people and communities in Scotland, Wales and the north of Ireland.

"That future is beyond Westminster.

"The desire for independence cannot be ignored.

"I look forward to working closely with John Swinney and Rhun ap Iorwerth to build on the existing relationships, strengthen the ties that bind us and continue the momentum towards constitutional change."



United for Peace Conference

MEP Lynn Boylan travelled to Valencia at the beginning of June to address a 'United for Peace' rally. The Dublin MEP said that "we have the opportunity to build a better future for everyone. A future based on peace, justice and self-determination. We must ensure that we leave behind a better tomorrow for the next generation."

Young European Left Alliance Congress

Ógra Shinn Féin representative, Emmet Donnelly travelled to Paris, France to attend the inaugural Congress of the Young European Left Alliance. The Congress discussed ranging issue including the rise of the far-right, climate change and socio-economic challenges affecting young people across Europe equally.



PEACE IN COLOMBIA

On Thursday 29th January, as Convenor of the Ireland Colombia Parliamentary Friendship Group, Senator Conor Murphy hosted the campaign group 'Justice for Colombia' in the Oireachtas to discuss the upcoming general elections and peace in Colombia.

Michelle O'Neill visits San Francisco



At the start of June, Leas-Uachtarán Shinn Féin Michelle O'Neill MLA travelled to San Francisco, USA to meet with political and business leaders, trade unions, and the Irish diaspora.



MARY LOU TRAVELS TO WASHINGTON D.C.

At the end of June, Uachtarán Shinn Féin Mary Lou McDonald TD travelled to Washington D.C. to meet the Congressional Friends of Ireland, members of Congress, trade union leaders and the Ad Hoc Committee on the Good Friday Agreement on the importance of Sinn Féin Irish Unity Bill, the opportunity it presents for Ireland's future, and the vital role of the Irish diaspora in helping to achieve Irish Unity."