

REJECT FAR-RIGHT RHETORIC

Mandate Youth Committee Stands in Solidarity with Refugees and Calls for Inclusive Communities and Unions

As the cost of living crisis affects young people across Ireland, some forces in society have targeted refugees in emergency accommodation as a source of anger and frustration. Using false information about their legal status, behaviour, and beliefs, these groups have spread animosity towards refugees, particularly in working-class areas.

However, certain parties are trying to redirect this anger towards migrants and refugees. They have far-right ideologies and use language like "Ireland for the Irish" and "House the Irish First," but have not been present in any of the struggles faced by the Irish people such as workplace disputes, evictions, anti-austerity campaign, and they continue to spread an anti-union/anti-worker message.

The far right distract from the real problems faced by the country, including anti-union employers and housing policies. As young trade union members, we must focus on these issues and direct our anger towards the source of social injustices.

The Mandate Youth Committee urges young people in Ireland to reject far-right rhetoric and promote inclusivity in their workplace and communities. We demand stronger action from government against these parties to prevent the spread of hateful message throughout our society. We stand with ICTU in their message to build solidarity between working people of all backgrounds and to work towards ensuring that the messages of the far right never gain traction in our unions, communities, and workplaces.

*On Behalf Of The Members of the Mandate Trade Union
Youth Committee*