

Repeal the 8th &... ABORTION RIGHTS NOW!

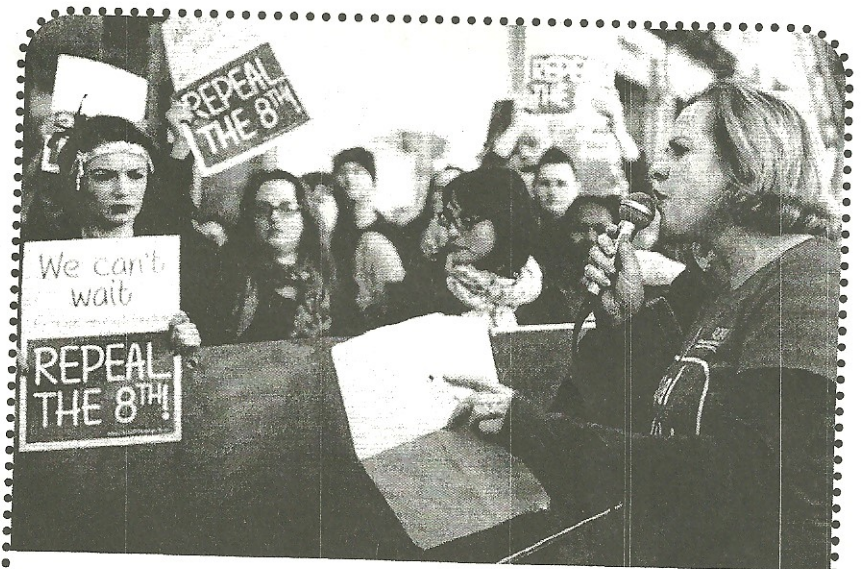
12 weeks on request and nothing less

A recent poll conducted by Amnesty International found that 60% of the population support not only repeal of the 8th amendment, but abortion to be made available for up to 12 weeks on request. With a record turnout students in UCD voted by 69% to remove their anti-choice Student Union President Katie Ascough for blocking abortion information being made available in a magazine produced by UCDSU.

Both these examples clearly illustrate the growing support for bodily autonomy amongst young people, women and working class people generally. However, all of the establishment parties along with Sinn Fein oppose granting women and pregnant people the right to choose.

Next year we are likely to have a referendum to repeal the 8th amendment. We need to get rid of this medieval abortion ban in the constitution but this needs to be linked with pro-choice legislation. We need to get organised now to ensure this happens.

Socialist Party



URGENT - Lobby the Oireachtas Committee:

Ruth Coppinger, Solidarity TD and member of the Socialist Party was a member of the Oireachtas committee up until recently and she is insisting that the committee must faithfully implement the proposals of the Assembly and will resist any attempt to water them down.

"I have said that neither the committee nor the Dáil has the right to bury the

recommendations of the Citizens' Assembly or to cherry pick only a few to be including in legislation.

"If we just leave it to the established political parties, we will never get pro-choice legislation we need. Lobbying over the next months by people throughout the country must leave the members of the committee in no doubt - they must propose the repeal of the 8th and legislation for all the pro-choice proposals of the Citizens' Assembly."

Socialist challenge needed

The backwoodsmen of the political establishment have been dragging their heels on repeal, but also will try to block and limit pro-choice legislation.

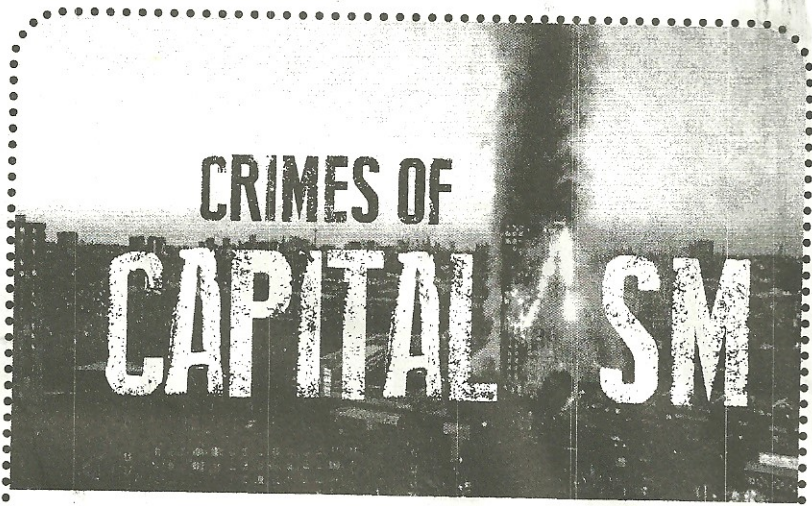
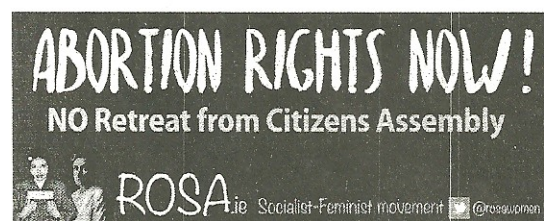
James Connolly called socialism, 'the great anti-theft movement'. We stand for a challenge to injustice and wealth inequality and homelessness. We stand for free quality education and healthcare and putting people's needs and that of the planet before profit.

Now is our time. Young people have been the backbone of the movements that propelled Corbyn and Sanders forward in Britain and the US – we need such a mass movement here that breaks with capitalism and institutes real democratic socialist change, including the full separation of Church and State.

The Socialist Party and our TDs Mick Barry, Paul Murphy and Ruth Coppinger are a vital part of Solidarity and at the forefront of all the struggles of workers, women and young people.

Socialist Party members are active in ROSA, the socialist feminist movement. ROSA has launched a major campaign of lobbying and pressure on the Oireachtas committee.

To find out more about ROSA, check out Rosa.ie or [facebook.com/ROSAwomen2014/](https://www.facebook.com/ROSAwomen2014/)



Housing for profit:

The market encourages profiteering by landlords and developers and that has meant rents and house prices are unaffordable and 8,000 people are officially homeless.

Global Wealth Inequality:

Five richest men have the same wealth as the bottom 50% of the world's population. In Ireland between 2010-2016- the richest 300 doubled their wealth from €50 billion to €100 billion.

Discrimination and inequality:

The political establishment opposes giving women the right to choose and separating church and state. The ruling elites in all countries are helping to foster homophobia, transphobia, racism and sexism.

Climate Change:

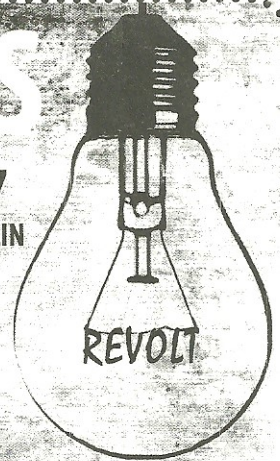
Climate change - neo-liberal and pro-capitalist governments are incapable of providing an answer. They are beholden to multinationals and fossil fuel companies that are criminally destroying the planet for profit.

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