

# Claiming our Future

A civil society event to stake our claim to a future based on equality, inclusion, sustainability and human dignity

Saturday, 30<sup>th</sup> October 2010

**Where:** Industries Hall of the RDS in Dublin City

**When:** Saturday, 30<sup>th</sup> October (ALL-DAY)

'Claiming our Future' is an event to stimulate the emergence of a cross sectoral community of interest and action for a more equal, inclusive and sustainable Ireland. We are organising this event because we are deeply dissatisfied with the direction of Government policy in response to the economic recession. We do not accept that there is no alternative to these policies. There are choices to be made and civil society has a vital contribution to make in identifying and progressing new policy choices.

Earlier this year Is Feidir Linn, the Irish Congress of Trade Unions, the Environmental Pillar of Social Partnership, the Community Platform, Social Justice Ireland and TASC began a series of meeting to explore how best to cooperate and coordinate endeavours for a more equal, inclusive and sustainable Ireland.

From these initial discussions a wider range of civil society organisations have begun to meet to organize this event. These organisations include trade unions, environmental groups, community groups, migrant worker organisations, youth groups, older people's organisations, cultural groups, student groups, developing world groups, rural networks, women's organisations, disability groups, social media and social justice organisations.

We aim to have a thousand people at the event drawn from all parts of civil society and from all corners of Ireland. The event is planned to provide an opportunity to discuss and deliberate on:

- » The values that we share and espouse.
- » The implications of these values for new policy choices.
- » New ways of cooperating and coordinating across civil society to advance these values and policy choices.

Local meetings and activities are being planned throughout the country in the lead up to this event. If you are interested in getting involved in the event and in the local initiatives please get in touch:

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