

THE IRISH PROCLAMATION OF PEACE

In line With and In Support of

The Manifesto of the European Peace Project

GPO Dublin

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PEOPLE OF IRELAND

IN THE NAME of humanity and in the name of decency;

For the sake of those who come after us; **for the sake** of our Planet Earth;

and for the sake of our fellow creatures;

And in fellowship with our gallant allies in the European Peace Project and other peace initiatives in Europe and around the world;

WE DECLARE the right of the people of Ireland, the people of Europe and the people of the World to live in peace, free from the threat and the scourge of war.

WE LAMENT our government's failure to uphold our constitutional commitments, as outlined in Article 29 of our constitution, Bunreacht na hÉireann: **In Article 29 of our Constitution:**

- 1 Ireland affirms its devotion to the ideal of peace and friendly co-operation amongst nations founded on international justice and morality.**
- 2 Ireland affirms its adherence to the principle of the pacific settlement of international disputes by international arbitration or judicial determination.**
- 3 Ireland accepts the generally recognised principles of international law as its rule of conduct in its relations with other States.**

WE LAMENT our government's failure to act in any meaningful way to prevent war and genocide and to promote peace.

WE UPHOLD and insist upon Ireland's Neutrality in all international conflicts, despite any threats, interference or pressure from abroad. We insist upon strict adherence to Article 29 of Bunreacht na hÉireann – as so beautifully exemplified in the Good Friday Agreement. We insist on continued non-military alignment, as agreed between the Government of Ireland and the People of Ireland in the Seville Declarations and Triple Lock (2002), and as enshrined in Article 29 at section 4.9 – again, despite any threats, interference or pressure from abroad.

ACCORDING TO SECTION 4.9 OF BUNREACT NA h'ÉIREANN:

The State shall not adopt a decision taken by the European Council to establish a common defence pursuant to Article 42 of the Treaty on European Union where that common defence would include the State.

Today, at this very time, **OUR FRIENDS** in the European Peace Project, all over Europe, are proclaiming their Manifesto for Peace in Europe. We join with them in reading our Proclamation of Peace, in line with theirs:

Today, on the 9th of May 2025 – 80 years after the official end of the Second World War in Europe, a war that cost the lives of at least 60 million people, including at least 27 million Soviet citizens:

WE, THE PEOPLE OF EUROPE, raise our voices! The failure of our governments and the European Union to learn the lessons of the 20th Century has saddened and shamed us. We accuse the governments of Europe and the European Union of reckless war-provoking behaviour and posturing. We refuse to be pulled down rabbit holes of diverse interpretations of blame, defence, and retaliation, to be misled by poor and inaccurate journalism, and to be seduced by the dehumanization and demonization of ‘the other’. We demand that our leaders begin immediately to work together for peace in line with the Charter of the United Nations.

The European Union, established as a peace project, has been perverted and has thus betrayed the essence of Europe! That is why today, the 9th of May, we, the people of Europe, are taking our fate and our history into our own hands.

WE DECLARE that the militarization of Europe is contrary to the EU’s original plan to be a Peace Project. We demand that the European governments and the European Union heed the voices of their people and engage in diplomacy rather than war. We reject the planned war against Russia! We recognize the co-responsibility of ‘the West’, the European governments, the European Union, and NATO in this conflict.

We the people of Europe, with the European Peace Project, oppose the shameless hypocrisy and lies that will be spread today – Europe Day – at official ceremonies and by public broadcasters; **AND WE REJECT** the repression and disregard of voices for peace.

WE EXTEND OUR HAND to the people of Ukraine and Russia. You are part of the European family, and we are convinced that, together, we can organize peaceful coexistence on our continent.

We have the images of the military cemeteries in front of our eyes – from Volgograd to Riga to Lorraine. We also know that the cemeteries of Europe are filled with the innocent and mostly forgotten victims of war. And now, we see the fresh graves left behind by the senseless war in Ukraine and Russia.

Most European governments, and those responsible for war, continue to agitate and to suppress and ignore the true costs of war for their people. But we have learned the lessons of the last century: Europe means "**War, Never Again, For Anybody!**"

We remember the achievements of the construction of Europe in the last century and the promises made in 1989 after the peaceful revolution. We here in Ireland support the demand for a European-Russian Youth Office based on the model of the German-French Youth Office of 1963, which ended the 'hereditary enmity' between Germany and France. We demand an end to the sanctions against Russia, the immediate commencement of peace talks, and the reconstruction of the Nord Stream II pipeline.

We refuse to waste our taxpayers' money on armaments and militarization. Great developments and improvements could be made in our health care and education systems, in the general wellbeing of our people, and in the protection of our planet with the vast resources that are now being wasted on militarization and war.

Within the framework of a peace conference organized by the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE), we call for the creation of a European security architecture *with*, and not *against*, Russia, as laid down in the Charter of Paris, 1990. We demand a neutral Europe that plays a mediating role in a multipolar world; a Europe that is *emancipated* from the United States of America. Our vision for Europe is a post-colonial and post-imperial one.

We, the people of Europe, hereby declare this war over! We are not taking part in the war games. We refuse to sacrifice our sons and daughters on the battlefield; we refuse to waste valuable resources on war; we refuse to lay waste our land with the poisons and toxins of war; and we refuse to pass on war as a means of resolving conflict to future generations.

We, here in Ireland, applaud and support the offer of the European Peace Project to send, immediately, a delegation of European people to begin a dialogue for peace at a place acceptable to both Kyiv and Moscow. We reject the call for the European Union to be on a War Footing and insist that the European Union take a leading role in initiating and maintaining peace, in keeping with its initial aims as a peace project.

We will no longer stand by and watch our future and the future of our children being sacrificed on the altar of power politics. We fully reject the notion of security through the stockpiling of arms and insist on a recommitment and adherence to the Treaty for the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT) and the Ottawa Convention.

On this day, Europe Day, and in this place, The General Post Office, Dublin, the home of the 1916 Proclamation, we call on the people of Ireland and on the Irish Government to prove ourselves worthy of the august destiny to which we are called in Article 29 of our constitution:

A peaceful, friendly nation, devoted to the ideal of international justice and morality; committed to the principle of the pacific settlement of international disputes by international arbitration or judicial determination, and recognizing the principles of international law as our rule of conduct in our relations with other states.

Let peace and justice prevail throughout Ireland, throughout Europe and throughout the World.