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Hello,

I hope everyone is well and healthy. Can you believe we're already in April?! Easter was a busy time all over Ireland and the US, and I have loved seeing all the pictures and updates highlighting the ways in which Irish America honors Ireland's patriot dead. It's a shot in the arm and a great reminder of the amazing revolutionaries and activists who sacrificed so much to get us to this place in history.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone who can make our next call. We have a lot to do, and the more hands on deck, the more we can accomplish!

Our first Virtual People's Assembly was a success! Not only did we welcome dozens of new people into the work, we got insightful updates and time with Ciarán and Dáire. It was another shot in the arm

We also welcomed dozens of new activists to the work, and after some great small group discussions, I'm looking forward to more people joining our calls from all over the country.

Our next call will be on Monday, April 13 at 7:00pm. Zoom link and information below.

Outreach and engagement:

We'll review the Virtual People's Assembly, make plans for next steps, and discuss best practices for onboarding new activists.

Education:

Ben Collins reviewed the Study Guide and was "impressed"! He also offered to join one of our Study Group calls once we get a schedule and plan set up.

Outstanding work!

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playbook as a tool that we can use in other cities in the coming months.

Remember - it's better when you're there, and we have a lot of work to continue to do!

Sincerely,

Greg O'Loughlin
Executive Director
Friends of Sinn Féin

Next Call: Monday, April 13 at 7:00pm ET

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Watch: Webinar with Rev Karen Sethuraman

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Norms

Participate to the fullest of your ability, respect others when they are talking, and be present.

This can look like:

- Keeping your mic on mute when you are not speaking
- Refraining from chatting about unrelated topics
- Cameras on during calls and meetings

Speak from your own experience instead of generalizing

Speak from "I" instead of "they," "we," and "you".

Our goal is not to agree on everything -- it is to advance the cause of a new and united Ireland.

We all share the same goal, but we don't all have to agree on every detail of politics, current events, or analysis. Disagreement is ok - healthy even - but we are working together to advance the cause of a new and united Ireland, and anything else that detracts attention, resources, or energy away from that has no place on our calls. Disagreements can come out of committees and into a smaller discussion.

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their minds over time, and some projects are best served by a lack of attention. All of that is better served by a sense of confidentiality. There are no secrets, but there is an expectation that everyone will have had a chance to review any and everything that is shared publicly.

Some practices that help support the work:

Parking Lot: If you have an idea, question, or some feedback that is important for the group, but not pertinent to the goals or conversation during the limited time we have, add it to [The Parking Lot](#). Ideas and questions can be addressed and answered asynchronously and raised at future meetings as needed.

Three Before Me - In virtual group work, it can be challenging to get a word in or to monitor how much air-time you're taking up. A good rule of thumb can be: once you've spoken up in the group, let at least three people speak before you chime in again.

It's better when you're here - We're all volunteers and we're all trying our best. We don't take attendance, but we do rely on one another to get the job done. Let your committee chair know if you said you'd do a task or get something done but now can't for whatever reason. If you're in a season in your life where you can take on a little more work, let your committee chair know. If you need to take a break from the meetings and the work, let your committee and chair know. We're making extraordinary progress as a team, and we should do our best to treat one another as teammates.



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