

Red Action

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RED ACTION DELEGATION TO BELFAST AUGUST 1994

This August will see the 25th anniversary of British troops being sent into the north of Ireland and, this year, as in the past, Red Action will be sending a delegation to Belfast.

WHEN?

The West Belfast Festival runs from the 7th - 14th August. It has now been built into a major event with visitors from around the world (Basques, Italians, Palestinians, Americans, Germans etc.) During the week there are numerous events including lectures, tours, exhibitions, debates, plays and rebel-rousing socials culminating in the annual Internment Commemoration march. The highlight of last year's visit were the participants in the IRA's Great Escape from Long Kesh in 1983 recounting their memories of the event. Those on the delegation will also get the opportunity to visit Republican Prisoners in Long Kesh.

WHY?

Quite simply, the delegations are the best political crash courses anybody involved with Red Action can get. The reading of numerous books on the subject can never prepare you for the stark reality of witnessing, at first hand, British state repression. In contrast, there is nothing quite as inspiring as seeing the way the nationalist people have stood fast in the face of this brutality over more than two and a half decades.

WHO?

The trip is open to anybody connected to Red Action but we place a special emphasis on new members, supporters, contacts and other "first timers" who probably stand to benefit most.

HOW?

The full delegation will consist of members from Scotland, England, Wales and Ireland and will be hosted by Sinn Fein's POW Department. Red Action (Scotland) intend to take a mini-bus over to Belfast. The cost is likely to be between £30 and £40 and we hope to book the mini-bus and the ferry well in advance. Deposits of £10 (make cheques payable to 'Refuse and Resist') should be sent to the Glasgow PO Box a.s.a.p. We would also appeal to those who are willing to drive and anyone who knows of cheap but reliable mini-bus hire to let us know as soon as possible. The best dates to travel would be between Thursday, 11th August and Monday, 15th August. Times to be arranged...

BE THERE!

Please send your deposit no later than July, 1994.