

## CLAIMING OUR FUTURE

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#### [*COUNTY/CITY*] IS CLAIMING ITS FUTURE

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- *What is being organized*
- *Who is organizing it*
- *When it is being organized*]

“We are organizing this [*event*] to highlight our anger at Government policies that are increasing poverty, damaging our public services and continuing to degrade our natural environment. The [*event*] will promote alternative policies to bring us out of economic crisis and to create a more equal, inclusive and sustainable Ireland. We will bring the ideas we identify to the national ‘Claiming our Future’ event in late October so we can join forces and work with like minded groups across the country” said [*local convenor*].

‘Claiming our Future’ is an initiative to build an alliance of civil society groups such as community groups, trade unions and environmental organisations for equality, inclusion, sustainability and human dignity.

‘Claiming our Future’ was developed by Is Feidir Linn, the Irish Congress of Trade Unions, the Environmental Pillar of Social Partnership, the Community Platform, Social Justice Ireland and TASC. It now involves a wide range of groups including community groups, migrant worker organisations, women’s groups, environmental organisations, trade unions, disability groups, youth groups, older people’s organisations, cultural groups, social media, student groups and global justice groups.

On the 30<sup>th</sup> October 2010 ‘Claiming our Future’ is organizing a national event to bring all these sectors together to deliberate on the policies and the strategies needed to create a more equal, inclusive and sustainable Ireland. The event will be in the RDS in Dublin.

Further information from:

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