

A black and white portrait of Tom Johnson, a man with short dark hair, wearing a dark suit, white shirt, and a patterned tie. He is looking slightly to the right of the camera.

TOM JOHNSON OF SUMMER SCHOOL 2020

Unite and Fight! ONLINE

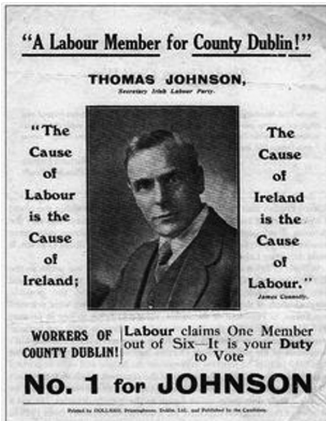
Friday 24th – Saturday 25th July 2020

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INTRODUCTION



The Tom Johnson Summer School is a major event in the Labour Party calendar providing party members and supporters with an opportunity to discuss policy and issues facing Ireland and the world with a wide-range of experts from inside and outside of the Labour Party.

This year, for the first time, the Summer School is being held online, in line with public health guidelines due to the coronavirus pandemic. The panels and speeches will be livestreamed on the Labour Youth Facebook page across the weekend.

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THE 2020 TOM JOHNSON SUMMER SCHOOL

ONLINE SCHEDULE

Friday 24th July:

6.45pm – 7.45pm:

Keynote Address – Claire Hanna MP

8pm – 9pm

PANEL 1 – After Coronavirus: Building a More Radical Future

Duncan Smith TD

Conor McGinn MP

Kaitlyn White, Vice-President of Young Labour New Zealand

Laura Harmon, National Women's Council of Ireland

9.30pm

NETFLIX PARTY

FILM: Knock Down The House



Saturday 13th July:

2pm – 3pm

Workshop – The Revolution will be Digitised: Organising Online

This workshop is a closed event, open to Labour Youth members only

Chloe Green, Head of Creative at Forward Action and former Social Media and Web Content Manager for the British Labour Party

Ciaran Ahern, Labour Party General Election candidate, Dublin South West

▶ **3.15pm – 4.15pm**

**PANEL 2 – Workers of the World Unite:
Building Democracy in the Workplace**

Senator Marie Sherlock

Cllr. Kevin Donoghue Fórsa

Patricia King, General Secretary of ICTU

Seán Grant, Labour Youth

▶ **4.30pm – 5.30pm**

**PANEL 3 – No Justice, No Peace:
Tearing Down Systemic Racism**

Anne Waithira Burke

Dr. Ebun Joseph, Race Relations Consultant

Bernard Joyce, Director of the Irish Traveller Movement

Amanda Nyoni, MASI

Senator Annie Hoey

▶ **7pm EVENING SESSION:**

Speech by Party Leader, **Alan Kelly TD** and address by

Jack Merriman, Director of the Tom Johnson Summer School.

The Jim Kemmy Thirst for Justice Award will be presented to the family of **Cormac Ó Braonáin**, who died tragically in December 2019, while serving as Chair of Labour Youth.



▶ **8.30pm Zoom Quiz Night**

With quizmaster **Senator Rebecca Moynihan**

Funds raised will go towards the Labour Youth Young Candidates Fund

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Claire Hanna MP

Born in Connemara, Galway, Claire has lived in South Belfast since the age of three and attended St. Bride's Primary School followed by Rathmore. She has an Honours Degree in International Relations and a Masters in Law.



Prior to elected politics, Claire worked in international development, in a range of policy and education roles, taking her to parts of the world such as Haiti, Zambia and Bangladesh. Her passion for international development and humanitarian affairs has endured and is a major inspiration to her political interests and activities.

Claire was first elected as a Councillor for Belfast City Council in 2011 for the Balmoral ward, having been subsequently re-elected in 2014. In 2015, she was co-opted into the Northern Ireland Assembly as an MLA, and re-elected in 2016 and 2018.

In Council, she brought the motion that led to Belfast becoming the first Living Wage council in Northern Ireland – paying a fair wage to all employees – and restricted use of Zero Hour Contracts. She also successfully introduced measures to combat the rise of predatory payday lending. She fought to amend Belfast City Council procurement policies to allow exclusion of companies engaged in tax evasion.

At the Assembly, Claire was the first MLA to successfully propose and secure a majority for a motion on Equal Marriage. Continuing her passion for international development issues, she set up and chairs the first All Party Group on International Development. In addition, Claire introduced legislative proposals to increase the provision of free childcare to twenty hours and sought to introduce a law to protect mothers breastfeeding in public.

In December 2019 Claire won the MP seat in south Belfast with 57.2% of the vote, this seat saw the largest SDLP vote share and the largest increase in vote share for the party at the 2019 general election.

Claire is mother to Eimear, Aideen and Niamh, and married to husband Donal. She is an avid reader, a regular Park Run participant and volunteer, and a regular punter in Northern Ireland's thriving arts scene.

SPEAKERS

Alan Kelly TD

Alan Kelly TD is the Leader of the Labour Party, a former Chair of Labour Youth and a founding member of the Tom Johnson Summer School.



Alan is from the small village of Portroe, by Lough Derg in County Tipperary. The son of Tom and Nan Kelly, his father worked in the Ferenka factory in Limerick when it closed in the 1970s before becoming a road worker for the county council. His mother Nan is active in almost every community organisation in the parish.

Married to Regina O'Connor from Waterville, Co. Kerry. they have two children, Aoibhe aged 9 and Senan aged 8.

He attended Nenagh CBS, before going on at 16 years of age to study English and History in UCC, including a masters in politics. He spent the summers working in a local meat factory to see his way through college. He gained an MBS in eCommerce in UCD and went on to become eBusiness manager in Fáilte Ireland.

Alan was elected on the first count to the Agriculture Panel to Seanad Éireann in July 2007, the following September he was appointed Party Spokesperson on Tourism and Seanad Spokesperson on Finance and Local Government. A year later in July 2008 he was selected to contest the European Elections for Munster/Ireland South and he was elected to the European Parliament in 2009.

Two years later in February 2011 he was elected to the 31st Dail representing North Tipperary and was subsequently appointed Minister of State for Public & Commuter Transport - at the Department of Transport, Tourism & Sport. In 2014 he was elected Deputy Leader of the Labour Party and shortly afterwards was appointed Minister for the Environment, Community & Local Government.

On February 26, 2016 Alan was elected to the 32nd Dail representing Tipperary. He is currently spokesperson on Health, spokesperson on Jobs, Enterprise & Innovation and Vice Chair of Public Accounts Committee.

On February 7 2020 Alan was elected to the 33rd Dail and then April 3, 2020 following a leadership contest Alan was elected Leader of the Labour Party.



Ciarán Ahern

Ciarán was the Labour Party general election candidate in Dublin South West in 2020. His campaign featured some very memorable campaign videos – featuring Seán Flanagan of comedy trio Foil, Arms and Hog.



He is a labour law solicitor with one of Ireland's largest law firms and serves on Board of Management of Ballyroan Boys National School. Ciarán also works with Dublin Cycling Campaign and advises numerous charities and NGOs on a pro bono basis and regularly provide free employment law advice at Free Legal Advice Centre.

Ciarán is a founding director of the Rathfarnham-based charity Calcutta Connect, which supports education in underprivileged communities in India and he organises the Law Society's annual "Calcutta Run" fundraiser for Peter McVerry Trust and Hope Foundation, raising €300,000 in 2019 alone.

Kevin Donoghue

Kevin is a lead organiser with Fórsa trade union and has been working for the union since 2017. Kevin has been involved in a number of campaigns in the union including efforts to expand union density in the airline industry as well as housing and education campaigns.



He is a former President of the Union of Students in Ireland and is Chair of the Education Futures coalition, a campaign for full publicly funded higher education in Ireland. Kevin is Councillor for Dublin City Council, having been elected in 2019. He serves on the housing SPC for the city and is actively involved in the campaign to municipalise waste services in Dublin.

Laura Harmon

Laura Harmon is the Women in Leadership Coordinator with the National Women's Council of Ireland. In 2018, she led the national mobilisation team for the Together for Yes campaign to repeal the Eighth Amendment. This work included organising a national conversations tour which travelled across Ireland, coordinating the Get out The Vote phase of the campaign, organising regional launches and working on the register to vote campaign.



Laura is a former Women's and Equality Officer with the Labour Party. In 2016 and 2020, Laura contested the Seanad NUI elections, placing 5th on both occasions but with a 40% increase in her first preference votes in 2020. She was the president of the Union of Students in Ireland in 2014/2015. During her time as president of USI, she led the Students for Marriage Equality campaign and under her leadership USI directly registered 30,000 students to vote. Laura was Equality and Citizenship Officer with the USI from 2012-2014.

She has extensive experience as a board member and is currently on the board of SpunOut.ie, Ireland's youth information website. You can find her online @Harmonica26

Senator Annie Hoey

Annie (she/her) is a Labour Party Senator, having formerly been a County Councillor on Meath County Council. She is the Labour Party spokesperson on Further & Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science.



She was the National Canvassing Coordinator for Together For Yes, and the Education and Training Officer for the Coalition to Repeal the Eighth Amendment. Annie worked as the Volunteer Director for the Campaign to Re-elect Michael D Higgins. In the midst of the chaos that was the past 18 months, she has also been studying part-time in the University of Limerick.

Annie cut her activist teeth in the student movement. She was the former President of the Union of Students in Ireland (USI), having previously served two years as VP for Equality and Citizenship. She is an experienced activist, having led campaigns on a national level to fight for access to abortion information and services, mental health, housing and publicly funded education.



Chloe Green

Chloe Green is a political communications consultant, social media manager, and copywriter. She's been working in the not-for-profit and political sectors for almost 10 years, including the UK Labour Party where she was the Social Media Manager from 2016 to 2019.



Chloe is now Head of Creative at Forward Action, a small agency specialising in digital mobilisation and fundraising for progressive causes. She also works closely with many European Labour Parties, training staff and politicians on how to run a great general election digital campaign.

Dr. Ebun Joseph

Ebun Joseph first trained as a microbiologist at the University of Benin. She went on to work as the Administrative Secretary for the Nigerian Britain Association before emigrating to Ireland in 2002. She received an MA in Education, Adult Guidance and Counselling from Maynooth University. She was awarded a PhD in Equality Studies from the UCD School of Social Justice, and has lectured in Trinity College Dublin and University College Dublin (UCD).



Joseph is a lecturer on social policy, equality, migration and race at UCD. She is the coordinator of the first Black Studies module in Ireland at UCD, which she established with Prof Kathleen Lynch in 2019. She is also a career-development specialist. Joseph is a career development consultant with the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland and a race relations consultant.

Joseph is the chairperson and founder of the African Scholars Association Ireland (AfSAI). She also founded The Unforgettable Women's Network (TUWN) and is a founding member of the African Women Writers Ireland. She is a columnist for the African Voice newspaper. Joseph has spoken about her experiences of racism in Ireland as well as highlighting the prejudices that other minorities, such as the Travelling community, can face. She is an advocate for the ending of Direct Provision, and has spoken about the relevance of Black Lives Matter in Ireland.

Duncan Smith TD

Duncan Smith is the Climate Action, Communication Networks & Transport Spokesperson for the Labour Party and TD for the Constituency of Dublin Fingal. Duncan joined the Labour Party in 2008.



Duncan served as a county councillor for Labour on Fingal County Council. He was first elected in the Swords LEA in 2014 and re-elected in 2019 doubling his vote. Duncan went on to contest the 2019 Fingal By Election polling over 15% of first preference votes but was not elected. Duncan then contested the 2020 General Election in Fingal and was elected, keeping Labour's seat in Fingal previously held by Brendan Ryan.

Duncan served as Director of Elections for former TD Brendan Ryan in 2011 & 2016 General Elections and served as Dublin Fingal Director of Elections for Presidential Election 2011 and European Elections in 2014 and 2019. Duncan was a member of Fingal Yes Equality & Fingal Together for Yes for recent referendums on Marriage Equality and Repeal the 8th.

Before entering electoral politics, Duncan worked as an adviser to the Disarmament Section of the Department of Foreign Affairs from 2009 to 2010. This role culminated in work as an adviser to the Ireland Delegation at the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty Review Conference in the United Nations, New York in May 2010.

Duncan is a keen angler and soccer fan. A strong supporter of Irish soccer, Duncan is a Shamrock Rovers season ticket holder and a fan of Liverpool FC. Duncan, originally from Finglas, has lived in Swords since 2008 with his wife and son.

Bernard Joyce

Bernard Joyce is the Director of the Irish Traveller Movement. Bernard is grounded by his own experience of inequality, social exclusion and institutionalised racism with little or no formal education. He is a graduate of university and has both the academic qualification and practical experience.



Bernard has been to the forefront of national strategic policy over 25 years and has lead and supported local and national campaigns over many years aimed at building a more inclusive, fair and justice society.



Patricia King

Patricia is the General Secretary of ICTU. She is a former vice-President of SIPTU and also served as one of two vice-Presidents of Congress. A full time official with SIPTU for over 25 years, she was the first woman to serve as a national officer of the union when she was appointed vice-President, in May 2010.



She has represented workers in all areas of the economy, in both the public and private sectors. Patricia was a lead negotiator in both the Croke Park and Haddington Road agreements. She played a leading role in the Irish Ferries dispute (2005/6) and in subsequent negotiations that saw an overhaul of employment rights law and the establishment of the National Employment Rights Authority (NERA). Patricia currently serves on the boards of the Dublin Airport Authority (DAA) the Apprenticeship Council, Court Services Board and the Low Pay Commission.

Kaitlyn White

Kaitlyn White is the Youth Vice-President of the New Zealand Labour Party, sitting as the youngest member on the governing body of the party. She has served in this role since late 2018. As well as dealing with governance matters within the party, this role most recently involved being on selection panels for electorate candidates and being part of the moderating committee that sets the Labour Party list (that determines who gets into Parliament as List MPs under the MMP electoral system).



Kaitlyn has been actively involved in Labour since 2013, primarily through Young Labour but also across campaigns in local and national elections in Christchurch. This campaign experience has involved a range of issues-based campaigning. Kaitlyn works as a criminal defence lawyer, working with clients who receive government funded or subsidised legal aid. She has previously interned in the U.S. House of Representatives for Democrat Congressman Adam Schiff.

Seán Grant

Seán has been a member of the Labour Party since 2017 and is now the Chair of the UCD branch and Membership Development Officer for the Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown LY branch. He has recently been involved in unionising the workers in his own workplace.



Senator Rebecca Moynihan

Rebecca Moynihan has been a Senator for the Administrative Panel since April 2020. She is the party's Spokesperson on Housing, Local Government, and Heritage. She previously served on Dublin City Council from 2009 to 2020, representing Crumlin-Kimmage and the South West Inner City.



Rebecca became politically aware at a young age through the activism of her parents in the anti-apartheid and women's movement. Her experience of these campaigns taught her the positive power of civil activism for change and instilled in her a sense of social justice.

Rebecca joined the Labour Party while still at school and went on to serve as National Chairperson of Labour Youth and on the National Executive Committee of the Labour Party before running for the local elections in 2009. Rebecca has a BA in Media and Marketing and a Masters degree in International Relations.

Jack Merriman

Jack is the Policy and Education Officer of Labour Youth for 2019/20 and the Director of the Tom Johnson Summer School. He lives in North Dublin and is a student of Sociology and Social Policy in Trinity College Dublin and Umeå University in Sweden. Having joined Labour in 2017, he has worked locally in Dublin Bay North, establishing a Labour Youth branch in the area which he chaired for a year. He also serves on the Labour Party's International Affairs Unit, which he was elected to by party members in 2018, as well as having concluded a term as the Treasurer of Trinity Labour.



Conor McGinn MP

Conor McGinn has been the Member of Parliament for St Helens North in the north west of England since 2015. He is the Shadow Security Minister in Labour's frontbench Home Office team and has previously served as an Opposition Whip and on the Defence and Foreign Affairs Committees.



Conor is from county Armagh and last year brought forward the successful amendment in the House of Commons which changed the law to extend equal marriage to Northern Ireland.



Amanda Nyoni

Amanda Nyoni is a resilient woman of excellence who is driven by the desire to see justice and impartiality in every society. She is a force to be reckoned with and a voice to the voiceless. Growing up in a country full of corruption and injustice, she vowed to dedicating her life to fighting such social and economic ills.



Her leadership skills were portrayed from a young age. She was elected to hold a post in the Student Representative Council. She held her position with confidence and enthusiasm. She was also part of the African Union Summit which focused on Agenda 2063 towards women empowerment and development. She is constantly advocating for better education, social justice and equality across the board.

When she moved to Ireland, she quickly found herself advocating for human rights and inclusion of all races in the community. This saw her getting recognition as an active representative of Movement for Asylum Seekers (MASI), in Tullamore. She successfully organised a 'Black Lives Matter' demonstration which saw both the minority groups and the Irish community united for a common cause. Her ambition is to be in the United Nations board, advocating for Human Rights and Social Justice.

Senator Marie Sherlock

Marie is Labour Party spokesperson on Employment Affairs, Media, Arts, Culture and the Gaeltacht.

Marie has a BA in economics and political science from TCD and an MPhil in Regional, Urban and Environmental Economics (Land Economy) from Cambridge University. Marie has worked for the Economic and Monetary Affairs Committee in the European Parliament, DKM Economic Consultants and in 2007 joined the Research Department in SIPTU, Ireland's largest trade union.



Marie has served as a member of the Government's Labour Market Council and the Advisory Group on Tax and Social Welfare for the Minister of Social Protection. She was a member of the CSO's High Level Consultative Group on the reporting of the National Accounts in 2016. Prior to being elected a senator, Marie was SIPTU's Head of Equality and Policy. Her work mainly covered macroeconomic and fiscal policy, labour market and economic regulatory issues.

Marie was elected to represent the Cabra-Glasnevin ward on Dublin City Council in May 2019 and to the Seanad in April 2020. She lives in Phibsborough with her husband Ciarán and their children.

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