

Celtic League AGM 2008 Resolutions Passed, Éire

Alba

This AGM:

- 1.1. Supports the SNP's call to lower fuel duty, as this comprises the majority of the cost of petrol in the UK, and is especially crippling in rural/island areas.
- 1.2. Emphasises that oil money should be invested in Scotland's post oil future as occurs in other oil rich states.

- 2.1 Opposes the Norwegian Government's attempts to close their consulate in Edinburgh
- 2.2 Notes that this is extremely bad timing with Scotland progressing towards independence, and that it is opposed by most of the consular staff.
- 2.3 Emphasises that Norway is held up as a positive example in Scotland as a successful nation, and that many Norwegians, especially students and oil workers live here.

Éire

1. Diúltaíonn an Chruinniu Chinn Bhliana seo do dhearcadh mídhaonlathach roinnt ceannairí stáit san Eoraip, ar nós Sarkozy, i leith vóta NÍL na hÉireann san reifreann ar Chonradh Liospóin. Eilíonn muid go seasfar le toradh pobalbreith na hÉireann.

This AGM rejects the anti democratic attitudes shown by some European state leaders, like Sarkozy, with regard to the Irish NO vote on the Lisbon referendum. We call for the Irish referendum vote to be respected.

2. Tacaíonn an Chruinniu Chinn Bhliana seo leis na hiarrachtaí le hAcht Gaeilge a bhaint amach sa Tuaisceart.

This AGM supports the efforts to achieve an Irish Language Act in the North of Ireland.

3. Cáineann an Chruinniu Chinn Bhliana seo Rialtas na hÉireann as ucht tógáil motar bealach an M3, atá ag déanamh ollscrios ar iarsmaí ársa náisiúnta na hÉireann, i ngleann Teamhair/Srín.

This AGM condemns the Irish Government for building the M3 motorway, which is destroying ancient Irish monumental features, in the Tara/ Skrine valley

Kernow

1. This AGM supports the campaign to secure a .KER internet domain name for Kernow and encourages closer cooperation between the .SCO, .BZH, .CYM and .KER campaigns to secure internet domain names for Alba, Breizh, Cymru and Kernow respectively.

Mannin

1. This AGM:

Views with concern the decision of the Isle of Man Department of Trade and Industry to consider licensing sea-bed aggregate exploratory works in the North Irish sea.

2. This AGM:

a) Calls upon the Isle of Man government to accept that 'The Chief Ministers Drug and Alcohol Strategy' has been an abject failure.

b) Urges the government to convene, as a matter of urgency, a meeting of all relevant interest groups in civil society on the Isle of Man to determine a workable alternative.

General Secretary

1. In view of the fact that the Hill of Tara was named one of the world's top one hundred most endangered heritage sites by the World Monument Fund (WMF) and in recognition of its cultural and archaeological significance in Eire and the rest of the Celtic world, this AGM calls for the Hill to be dedicated as an UNESCO World Heritage site.

Convenor (Cathal O Luain) and Editor (Patricia Bridson):

1. This AGM of the Celtic League confirms that it will continue with the publication of CARN magazine (3 issues each year) until at least 2011 (the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Celtic League)
2. This AGM welcomes the Irish NO vote on the Lisbon Referendum, and commends the Irish Branch for its part in opposing the Lisbon Treaty and supporting a NO vote. We call on the EU leaders to respect the Irish decision, realise that the Lisbon Treaty is dead and review the whole process and direction of the European Community to ensure that a truly democratic Europe which respects the rights of its citizens and workers is proposed.

Director of Information (DoI)

This AGM:

- a) Calls upon the United Nations Division for Ocean Affairs to institute research work to identify and mitigate the damage caused to Marine Mammals by noise and sonar pollution associated with military exercises at sea.
- b) Calls upon the governments of the United Kingdom, France, Spain, Portugal and Ireland to acknowledge their obligations under Article 65 - Marine Mammals - United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea and restrict both commercial and military activity which may be contrary to the spirit of the Convention.

This AGM:

Mindful that in the past two decades a significant number of child care scandals have occurred in various Celtic countries calls upon the National governments within the Celtic countries to carry out a retrospective child care audit to ensure that those whose lives were damaged in state institutions achieve redress."