

The **Irish Anti-War Movement**, supported by PANA and the NGO Alliance, is organising a major International conference against war and occupation on **Saturday October 13th** in the **Royal Dublin Hotel**, while parallel events would be held in **Galway and Derry on Sunday Oct. 14th.** Our objective is to bring together key figures from countries at the heart of the storm with anti-war activists here in Ireland and elsewhere in Europe. The conference will challenge the myths and propaganda peddled by the mainstream media and discuss practically how we can build the movement of resistance to war and occupation over the coming months, including the threat of attack on Iran. **Unity of the anti war movement** across organisational and territorial boundaries and **solidarity with those who fight the illegal occupation of their country** is what we seek. We must mobilise our support and push the Government not only through motions in the Dail but also on the streets through a **major national anti war demonstration planned for Nov. 10th.**



Contact Information

Website: <http://www.irishantiwar.org>

Tickets for the Conference (€10) can be purchased at the door or online [treasurer@irishantiwar.org] or by calling Kieran O'Sullivan 087 6187680.

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Irish Anti War Movement



**Troops
Out of
Shannon**

International Anti War Conference Dublin - Saturday October 13 - Royal Dublin Hotel

Guest speakers :

- Dr Qusay Abdulawahab Al-Suhail (Iraqi MP—Al Sadr Group)
- Michel Samaha (Lebanese MP and former minister) & Ibrahim Mussawi (Al-Manar TV—Beirut)
- Azmi Bishara (Palestinian member of the Israeli Knesset)
- Mira Dabit ('Right to Education Campaign' - Palestine)
- Roudabeh Shafie (Iranian Anti War campaigner)
- Rose Gentle (Military Families Against the War—UK)
- Andrew Murray (StopThe War Coalition - -UK)
- David Crouch (Media Workers Against the War—UK)
- Dan Boyle (Green Party Senator) , Michael D Higgins (Labour Party), Angus O'Snodaigh (Sinn Fein) and Brid Smith (People before Profit)
- Ed Horgan and Patricia McKenna (Green Party & PANA)
- Harry Browne (journalist, lecturer and AWI)
- Richard Boyd Barrett (IAWM)

Conference Programme

George Bush's illegal war in Iraq has been a disaster. Over 650,000 Iraqis are dead, with 1,800 men, women and children killed during August alone. Over 4 million people have been forced to flee their homes. Violence, poverty and disease are rife.

The US claim that they must remain in Iraq to prevent a sectarian bloodbath. In reality, it is the US and British military presence that is fuelling the violence and the US is deliberately encouraging sectarianism to undermine the growing resistance. 90% of attacks in Basra, for example, have been against the British forces and not against civilians as we are led to believe.

In Afghanistan also, thousands have been killed as a result of the US led invasion and the number of innocent people killed by international troops is fast overtaking the numbers killed by the Taliban. The so called US "war on terror" is also fanning the flames of conflict in Palestine and Lebanon and destabilising the wider Middle East region.

The US say they want to bring democracy to the Middle East yet the vast majority of Iraqis, whether Sunni and Shia, want the US to withdraw its troops but they refuse. The majority of people in both the US and UK also want their troops brought home but Bush and Brown still say no. Worse, the US is cranking up the threats of a further war against Iran.

Tragically, here in Ireland the FF led government continues to collaborate with US war-mongering by allowing thousands of US troops pour through Shannon every month (over 1 million since 2003)! Now in government, the Green party have failed to overhaul this shameful betrayal of our neutrality.

If we are to finally halt the agenda of the warmongers and stop further innocent bloodshed, it is vital that we re-galvanise the anti-war movement. We must act urgently in solidarity with those resisting war and occupation in Iraq, Afghanistan, across the Middle East and in the US and the UK.

Saturday October 13th

9.30 Registration

10.00—11.15 **Media , Islamophobia and the 'War on Terror'**

[Simon Assaf, Harry Browne, David Crouch, Mira Dabit, Roudabeh Shafie]

Chair: Glenda Cimino

11.30—13.00 **Stop Bush's War - Troops Out of Shannon**

[Rose Gentle, Dr Qusay Abdulawahab Al-Suhail, Marnie Holborow, Azmi Bishara, Roudabeh Shafie]

Chair: Richard Boyd Barrett

Lunch Break

14.00-15.00 **Militarisation of Europe and Irish neutrality**

[Patricia Mc Kenna and Ed Horgan]

Chair: Mark Price

15.15-16.30 **Democracy and Resistance in the Middle East**

[Michel Samaha, Dr Qusay Al-Suhail, Sabah Jawad , Ibrahim Mussawi]

Chair: Michael Youlton

16.30-18.00 **The Way Forward for the Anti War Movement**

[Andy Murray, Michel Samaha, Richard Boyd Barrett, Azmi Bishara]

Chair: Sara O' Rourke

The political debate and our Cultural Event with music and poetry to follow will be held at the Teachers Club

19.00—20.30 **Political debate** with Dan Boyle (Green Party Senator), Michael D Higgins (Labour Party), Angus O'Snodaigh (Sinn Fein) and Brid Smith (People Before Profit)
Chair: Goretti Horgan (Raytheon 9/10)



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