

A FITTING TRIBUTE TO MIRIAM DALY



The IRSP recently unveiled a mural in remembrance of founding party member and comrade, Dr Miriam Daly, who was executed by a British Death squad, during Thatcher's murderous purge against H-Block activists' in June 1980. The mural in Oakman Street West Belfast had been the venue of some controversy when a previous painting commissioned by local artists (including Miriam's son) and which was inspired by her academic world-view, was without consultation replaced by a pop-art mural intended to facilitate a video for the anti-Republican, multi-millionaire rock band U2. Following no small amount of anger in the local community, the IRSP in consultation with both the Daly family and local residents, concluded that the best means to rectify the situation was to commission a new mural in memory of Miriam Daly herself.

Miriam Daly was a devoted mother, an esteemed Queens University lecturer, political activist, prison rights advocate and volunteer with the Irish National Liberation Army. A skilled academic, her opposition to historical revisionism was recalled by her husband Jim, who during the unveiling ceremony recalled *'Miriam declared that the job of historians was not to understand the other persons point of view, but to find out what happened, and who did what to who'*. While Michael Kelly (Lower Falls IRSP) read the main oration on behalf of the party, Donal Daly (Miriam's son) unveiled the mural itself. The Irish Republican Socialist Party were delighted to put right the situation in Oakman Street in honour of Comrade Daly, and we again thank all of our activists, local residents and the Daly family themselves in assisting with a great day

FIGHTING FOR THE LOWER FALLS

Michael Kelly, Lower Falls IRSP spokesperson, has said that his area's party team along with local citizens are making strides in improving the quality of life for ordinary people in the district. Some months back, activists intervened at the request of local people to shut down a notorious 'party house' in the Lower Springfield, from which a range of further anti-social behaviour was emanating, as a result of that action several local offenders agreed to desist from harmful activities to the benefit of the locality. Further complaints ranging from issues around unsatisfactory street cleansing and the recent flooding in Divis, caused by unattended road works at Albert Street have been lobbied around successfully; with statutory bodies responding to IRSP requests on behalf of the people. **CLONARD**

HOUSE ATTACKS Most recently, activists responded to expressions of disgust after a home for elderly citizens was attacked by youths on several occasions causing worry and anxiety for residents and workers alike. Michael Kelly spoke with both residents and staff and assured them of IRSP assistance. The same night 300 leaflets were distributed by dozens of party activists informing parents of what was occurring and promising further IRSP intervention on the issue. Speaking on the attacks Michael said *"A community that doesn't stand by its older citizens is no community at all, it goes without saying that the IRSP will intervene"*.



Michael Kelly assured residents of Clonard House of IRSP assistance following a range of despicable attacks.