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Amendments

to

Party Programme and Constitution

Ard Fheis 1991
1. This Ard Fheis resolves that all matters concerning organisation, rules and regulations be dealt with at our next Annual Ard Fheis in 1992, thereby allowing sufficient time to take on board changes necessitated by the adoption of the Party Programme and Constitution, and to have any proposed changes fully discussed throughout the Party.

ARD COMHAIRLE (CEC)

2. That this Ard Fheis endorses the convening of a special delegate conference on organisational reform as soon as is possible in 1991.

DUN LAOGHAIRE

3. 'Social ownership' This term to read 'democratic social ownership'

Finglas West (DUB NTH WEST)

INTRODUCTION

Insert as penultimate paragraph in Introduction

"The Party, while recognising the importance of cultural and ideological struggle, asserts the central importance of the class struggle, the working class and the role of a revolutionary democratic socialist party in the movement for political, economic and social change and the transformation of capitalist society".

BELFAST REGION

General
This section totally ignores the position of women in Northern Ireland who suffer the greatest inequality. Women are more likely to suffer discrimination in employment, pay and educational opportunities. An over concentration on the issue of Catholic/Protestant unemployment masks this, and plays up the sectarian agenda, i.e. that nationalists are downtrodden. The issues of sectarianism and inequality can only be addressed by using a class analysis.

Sectarianism and inequality are embedded in the class structure of Northern Ireland society. They are reinforced by a state apparatus, by sectarian political parties and the Churches. All of these work against the interest of the working class and defend the core principles of capitalism.

When in the sectarian agenda the Catholic/Protestant unemployment is the only yardstick that we use, the development of the community at large is held back. It ceases to be a class issue but a religious discrimination issue and workers are forgotten and analysis is clouded.

DOWNPATRICK
1.2 Delete second sentence from 'Yet none' to 'Irish life', and insert:-
'It should be self evident that none of the other political parties ever challenge
the privileged elite which sustain them in power and are responsible for the
inequalities in Irish society'.

Also delete in last line after represent the word 'those'.

BELFAST REGION

Comment
1.2 It is vital for the Party's progress and accountability to its membership, that a
formal mechanism of accountability of parliamentry representative be
devised. While we have the utmost trust and confidence in our TDs, the
Party is rapidly growing and it is important that it does not become a
Parliamentary Party, but a Party of all its members.

DOWNPATRICK

1.3 Insert in last line after the word transformation, 'from capitalism to socialism'.

BELFAST REGION

1.4 Delete from second sentence third line the word 'social' and insert in its place
the word 'class'.

BELFAST REGION

1.6 Delete all after "mechanism" in the first sentence, down to "case".
Substitute "so that it serves the interests of all society rather than individual
greed."

DERRY

1.6 Delete second sentence.

Tallaght East/Greenhills (Dub 5th West)

1.6 Delete 'racial, religious or sex'.

Liberties (Dub 5th Central)

1.6 Delete "social" from last line.

Dub Nth Central

1.6 Delete first sentence "We will have to socialise the market mechanism, using
it to serve a wider social interest than has hitherto been the case" and delete
last sentence "We are international in outlook but equally proud of our own
social progress here in Ireland.

BELFAST REGION

1.7 Add to paragraph, "The Party must be a party of the people standing with the
poor and the oppressed, with the youth, women and the aged, with trade
unionists fighting for an active, dynamic and democratic movement, to the
forefront of the struggle for a better quality of life, social welfare facilities and
against exploitation, poverty and discrimination".

BELFAST REGION
1.8 Delete the word "in" on last line and insert the word 'of'.

1.9 Delete from the third sentence the words "the greatest possible number of" and insert in its place the word 'all'.

Also delete the last sentence "Very often, it is single issue campaigns which lead them to a more global understanding of society as a whole.”

1.10 Add on to last sentence after the word oppression, "While always adopting a principled socialist position”.

1.11 Delete from first line the words "Our vision of society" and insert "Our Party programme".

1.12 Delete from first sentence the word "representatives" and insert the word 'membership'

Also add on to last line after the word 'party' "As part of the democratic process the Party must always maintain the right to recall and deselect representatives of the Party.”

1.13 Add on to last sentence after the word party. "However we recognise that all change is not progressive and some change can only be judged as progressive or regressive in an historical context.”

1.14 Last sentence: insert"with groups committed to democratic values" between 'alliances' and 'on'.

1.15 Last sentence: delete the following phrase "the voice of the Party and".

1.15 Delete from last sentence the words "voice of the party" and insert in its place 'an important and integral part of the party'.

1.16 The fourth sentence be amended to read "Social Ownership and control of natural and financial resources is fundamental to economic equality.”
1.16 Insert "socially responsive" between "efficient" and "modern".

Bray West (Wicklow)

1.16 Delete last sentence of paragraph and insert "Poverty and inequality are inherent in the present structure of Irish society. The economic and political structures of capitalist societies are primarily determined by the relationship between the class which owns and controls the wealth of the country and the working class and arises out of the capitalist mode of production. While recognising the need to develop our economic potential in the prevailing competitive international conditions we recognise that it is capitalist property relations which are the cause of this inequality which can only be removed by building a socialist economic system."

BELFAST REGION

1.18 Insert after the words 'European Community' on line three. "We are committed to the development of a Common European Home, from the Atlantic to the Urals.

BELFAST REGION"
FUNDAMENTAL VALUES

2.2 Insert after the word "citizenship", "the equitable distribution of wealth"

DERRY

2.2 Insert on line one after the word 'philosophy'. "We draw upon the radical Democratic, Secular, Republican tradition as expressed by the United Irishmen and the French Revolution".

Also insert "economic and social rights" between the words "freedom" and "equality of citizenship" on line five.

BELFAST REGION

2.3 Delete "as many as possible of"

DERRY

2.3 Delete from last sentence "as many as possible" and insert in its place "all".

BELFAST REGION

2.4 Insert in second line after the word "class", 'Age, disability, sexual orientation, creed, sex, ethnic or racial origins'.

BELFAST REGION

2.4 Add 'age' after "sex" and to change 'sex' to "gender".

DUN LAOGHAIRE

2.4 The terms 'gender', 'sexual orientation' and 'mental or physical disability' should be included so that the first sentence of this clause reads as follows:

We are committed to developing a society in which all citizens are full and equal partners, free from discrimination on the basis of class, creed, racial origins, gender, sexual orientation, or mental or physical disability.

Cabra (DUB CENTRAL)

2.4 "We are are committed to developing a society in which all citizens are full and equal partners, free from discrimination"

delete"on the basis of class, creed, sex or racial origins"

Insert "on any basis such as: birth, age, disability; economic or other status; national or social origin; language, religion, political or other opinion; gender, marital status or sexual orientation; race or ethnic origin.

We wish to give equality of citizenship a new and expanded meaning in a truly democratic society."

Liberties (DUB STH CENTRAL)
2.6 Delete from the first line the words "Social solidarity for us is", and insert the words 'For us class solidarity is'.

BELFAST REGION

2.6 Insert after "human being", "and the worth to society of individuals who use their skills and talents in an enterprising and effective manner".

Tallaght East/Greenhills (DUB STH WEST)

2.8 Delete from first line the words "We particularly value the democratic political achievements of" and insert in place "We acknowledge the limited democratic political achievement in". Delete the word "immeasurably" from second sentence, third line.

BELFAST REGION

2.8 Delete existing clause and replace with the following;

"We particularly value these democratic political achievements won in our own country by many generations of struggle. These achievements have helped to create the conditions upon which we can build our future social progress."

Nth City Centre (DUB CENTRAL)

2.11 Delete from the second sentence on line five from the word "if" to "economy" and insert "in a socialist economic system".

BELFAST REGION

2.14 Delete all of second sentence, form "Social ownership" to "centralised control".

DERRY

2.14 Delete from last line the words 'state ownership or'.

BELFAST REGION

2.15 Delete all of second sentence, from "We aspire" to "denomination"

DERRY

2.16 Delete from the first line the words 'In our view'.

BELFAST REGION

2.17 Delete "also" from first line.

DUB NTH CENTRAL

2.19 Insert a new section, 2.19, to read

"We are committed to the creation of a secular society and a secular state, where every individual has freedom to hold any religious or spiritual belief or none, but where no acknowledgement or position is given to any such belief by the state or any of its institutions, and where public decision-making is not dictated by the precepts of any denomination."

DERRY
2.19 Insert four new sections to read:

2.19 From a socialist perspective, the formulation of a cultural policy has to start by questioning the narrow and elitist definition which is generally accepted - the belief that culture is primarily the domain of the arts. Against this must be proposed an understanding of the arts as arising out of culture, as an expression of the way of life of the people.

2.20 UNESCO's working definition of culture as 'the sum of all the practices, and attitudes, which affect man's capacity to express himself, determine his position in the world, create his environment and communicate with all civilisations' is a good one. If we think of all cultural policy in this flexible way, we escape the dangers of seeing cultural policy as prescriptive.

2.21 A cultural policy is not primarily an artistic matter, but a political one; the purpose of cultural policy is not to determine the content of cultural life, nor to provide guidelines for creative and artistic work, but to produce conditions conducive to genuine self-expression and open participation in cultural life by the people. It is about democratic access to the riches of a shared culture. It is not about laying down the law for artists.

2.22 A cultural policy is a political policy in another sense. In Ireland today the economic conditions for political change already exist. There is an urban working-class as the majority component of society and there is the failure of the economic and political institutions to meet the basic needs of that class. Crucially, what does not yet exist is the culture of change, a set of values and attitudes on the part of the working-class as a whole which is conducive to change. The cultural question, therefore, could be a central one.

Crumlin (DUB STH CENTRAL)
DEMOCRACY, CITIZENSHIP
AND THE STATE

3.5 Amend first sentence to read "The state is not a neutral instrument nor a simple tool of whichever political party happens to be in government but it remains an instrument in the hands of the ruling class."

Delete the words "sensitive and responsive" in second sentence and insert the word 'susceptible'.

BELFAST REGION

3.6 Add to last sentence: "Socialists must use the state in a democratic, accountable and less centralised manner".

BELFAST REGION

3.7 Delete the first sentence from "The" to "divisions" and insert "The rapid growth of the Irish State in the last thirty years has perpetuated elitism and privilege which has reinforced class divisions and impeded the social mobility which has been a feature of European social democratic states."

BELFAST REGION

3.10 Delete the word "electoral" on the forth line and insert the word 'Political'. Delete the words "local issues" and insert the word 'Clientelism' on same line.

BELFAST REGION

3.12 While we would not disagree with any of the specific statements or propositions in this clause, the Cabra Branch feels that, given the complexity of the Northern Irish issue, a one day conference should be devoted to the subject after the Ard Fheis.

Cabra (DUB CENTRAL)

3.12 That the words "secular and" be deleted from the second sentence.

OMAGH

3.12 Delete all of last sentence, from "Democratic accountability" to "Grand Committee".

And, insert at end of previous sentence, after "Westminster", "and demand the establishment of a democratically accountable procedure."

DERRY

3.12 All deleted and replaced by:

"The Workers Party is committed to the devolution of substantial powers to a new central democratic institution within Northern Ireland. We believe that the gains of the Civil Rights struggle need to be consolidated in the form of a Bill of Rights to provide a basis for such new institutions of government as many be agreed between the parties and people of Northern Ireland. A Bill of
Rights would provide both the political and psychological conditions for permanent progress. Such a demand, endorsed as it is by all democratic political parties in Northern Ireland, can no longer be denied by Westminster on spurious constitutional grounds. There is no greater need in NI than the need to secure the political conditions necessary for a lasting peace. New political institutions which afford the people of Northern Ireland significant control over their own affairs and hold their politicians to account for their words and actions are essential components of the peace process. The imposition of undemocratic government by Direct Rule and the influence of absentee ministers has not helped this process in any way and we demand the immediate ending to the system of order in council.

BELFAST REGION

3.13 That this be amended to read "The Party will therefore continue to campaign for all forms of democratic progress, political, economic and social and for a secular and integrated system of education and against terrorism, sectarianism, discrimination and exploitation.

OMAGH

3.14 New paragraph to be inserted:-

"The Party is deeply concerned to protect and expand basic human rights and fundamental freedoms and will campaign for the demilitarisation of life in Northern Ireland, the abolition of all repressive political and social legislation and full political, civil, social, economic and cultural rights, including the demand for comprehensive campaign of social and economic reconstruction in Northern Ireland

BELFAST REGION

3.15 A new paragraph should be added to "describe the all pervasive influence of the Churches in Irish society".

Navan (MEATH)
PRINCIPLES OF A SOCIALIST ECONOMIC POLICY

Rewrite whole section from here as follows:

4.2 Last sentence be deleted.
4.3 Deleted.
4.9 Deleted.
4.12 Deleted
4.4 To become 4.3
4.8 To become 4.4

Following paragraphs to be inserted:

new The development of economic policy should be constructed on a three-tier architecture of the economic environment which clearly addresses the opportunities and constraints of the market mechanism.
new The primary tier shall encompass those areas of human endeavour where the social obligations of the State prohibits the operation of a market and strives to guarantee an equitable distribution of services in education, health, housing, justice and transport.
new The secondary tier of the economic model shall encompass the key wealth generating and infrastructural industrial sectors on which the economic progress of the country depends. This tier will be subject to State planning, control and investment and may operate under State ownership, control of partnership with private capital as appropriate. The State will be responsible for the expansion and performance of these key industries which operate necessarily in a competitive international market environment.
new The tertiary tier of the model shall contain the remainder of economic activity in the State which shall be subject to market forces to mediate the quality and price of goods and services and will inevitable be largely owned by private interests. A comprehensive legislative framework will be constructed to protect workers and consumers and to enable the introduction of progressive company taxation regime.

All remaining paragraphs to be renumbered accordingly.

Clondalkin (DUB STH WEST)

4.2 Insert after 'present' and before 'economic' in the first line the word 'capitalist'.

BELFAST REGION
4.3 Delete last sentence and add:- “The socialist objective is to secure for working people the common ownership of the means of production, distribution, and exchange with popular administration and control of each service and industry exercised in the interests of all. All economies are to some extent managed, controlled and planned. There is a vital role for the state and the public sector. Common ownership can encompass state ownership and other forms of social ownership and control and is not synonymous with bureaucratic, centralised control.”

4.3 Delete last sentence from "and is not" to "control".

4.4 Delete all of this section.

4.5 Last sentence:- we would like the Commission to explain what this statement means.

4.5 Delete last sentence from "Our" to "enterprise".

4.5 Delete from "We also hold" to "but is does not always do so."

4.6 Delete "That" as the first word in the 2nd sentence and insert:-

"Economic relations can only be fully democratised with the transformation from capitalism to socialism, a fundamental reconstruction of society and the common ownership and control of societies resources. To desire for the democratisation of economic relations also"

4.8 Last sentence:- we seek clarification as to what the phrase "outside the waged economy" means.

4.9 Delete from "State ownership" to "them at all" and insert 'The party believes in taking into public ownership key areas of the economy such as banking natural resources and other important industries but also recognises that there are other forms of social ownership and control which can be also exercised.

4.9 Delete the last section of the first sentence from "- where particular tasks" to "perform them at all."

Insert as the first sentence in section the following:-

"The state should have full control over the Banks and Financial Institutions and should exercise that control in the interests of society as a whole."
4.11 Delete all after "pension funds". Insert "and" before "workers managed".

4.12 Addendum

In recognition of market imperfections and the undemocratic nature of its functioning that where any individual or group of individuals are entrusted with any proprietal rights over any of the resources of the Irish State and people that they be held accountable in law for their actions in relation to the use and disposal of these resources.

Sth East Br (CORK STH CENTRAL)

4.12 Delete all and insert:

"While not endorsing market socialism the party recognises the market as an important but imperfect mechanism for asserting consumer demands, preferences and allocating resources. Unrestricted markets diminish the freedom of the poor. Free markets cannot secure the satisfaction of fundamental needs which are themselves prerequisites for freedom of action. The community must have command of the resources to satisfy basic needs such as food, health, education, housing and adequate income - which must be regarded as basic rights. Market mechanisms should only be countenanced when consistent with socialist value".

BELFAST REGION

4.13 Delete completely

BELFAST REGION

4.13 Add

"(vi) the subjection of Banks and Financial Institutions to democratic control."

DERRY

4.15 The word 'Oireachtas' should be substituted for 'Parliament'.

Cabra (DUB CENTRAL)
5.2 Delete the term 'the self-employed'.

This section should include the unemployed; those outside the traditional workforce e.g. Carers etc.  

Finglas West (Dub Nth West)

5.2 Delete whole paragraph and insert:- 'The Workers' Party understands the working class as those who earn their living by hand or brain and includes those who are denied the right to earn their living through unemployment and those engaged in unpaid labour.'

BELFAST REGION

5.4 Delete from this paragraph the last two lines beginning "but whose ability to accumulate . . . . . property owners over salaried employees.

Marino/Drumcondra (DUB CENTRAL)

5.6 Insert on line four after the word "subordination". 'The inequality of the sexes is mirrored by the inequality of means most obviously reflected in pay differentials and promotional opportunities'.

BELFAST REGION

5.13 Delete on line five the word "mainly" and insert the word "partly".

BELFAST REGION

5.13 Delete "upward social mobility" in 3rd line and replace by "human development".

DUB NTH CENTRAL

5.14 Add on after last sentence. "The system of higher education is underfinanced and undemocratic in terms of access, content and control."

BELFAST REGION

5.16 Delete the word "and" on last line and add, "and low self esteem'.

BELFAST REGION

5.20 After word 'educational' on line 4 insert words "participation and"

Tallaght East/Greenhills (DUB STH WEST)
CLASS, SECTARIANISM AND INEQUALITY IN NORTHERN IRELAND

We feel that there should be a more positive statement on what needs to be done in Northern Ireland.

KILDARE C.C.

6.5 Add as new paragraph and renumber all subsequent paragraphs

"There is an obligation on all those who have done well out of the dominant economic ethic of our times to put back into society via the political process. For the last decade or more the opting out of political life by the middle-classes has been a most depressing and significant factor in the continued dominance of sterile sectarian politics.

BELFAST REGION

6.5 Delete the words "Catholics are more than 2.5 times more likely to be unemployed than Protestants" and replace with "the rate of male unemployment is 2.5 times higher among Catholics than among Protestants".

Liberties (DUB STH CENTRAL)

6.9. That this be amended to read "Sectarianism is a complex issue and has clearly more than an economic dimension. The Churches with their commitment to a largely segregated education system at the primary and secondary level, in youth organisations and teacher training, cannot escape their responsibility for reproducing the crucial ideologies of the difference. At the same time the Workers' Party, in its commitment to a unified and secular education system and to the integration of youth organisations and teacher training, is not suggesting that such reforms would solve the problem but would positively contribute towards its solution.

OMAGH

6.11 Add in after the word "Republic" on fourth line "This is not to diminish the persistent, politico religious discrimination in housing and employment, the gerry-mandering of political boundaries and the denial of democracy advocated and practised by the unionist regime.

BELFAST REGION

6.11 Delete from last sentence, line 9, the words "of the founders of the welfare state"

BELFAST REGION

6.11 Delete the word "fatally" on line 11 and insert "seriously" delete the word "Thatcherite" on last line and replace with "monetarist".

BELFAST REGION

6.11 Delete the word "Thatcherite" on first line and replace with 'monetarist'.
GLOBAL POLITICS

7.1 Add
"It is a matter of great concern that immense nuclear arsenals remain armed and operative and directly threatening the continued existence of life on this planet.

DERRY

7.2 Add "It is clear from the Gulf War that imperialism is still a major threat to world peace. The arms manufacturing monopolies continue to make massive profits from war. United States forces still maintain bases throughout the world and are in the process of establishing a permanent presence in the Gulf Region. The Party condemns the exploitation of people and resources in the developing world, colonial or neo-colonial oppression which prevents the people of these nations freely developing their talents and exploiting the wealth of their countries and the perpetuation of poverty, famine ignorance and fear".

BELFAST REGION

7.6 Delete the 2nd last clause - "the slowing of scientific and technological knowledge"

Bray West (WICKLOW)

7.6 Delete "slowing" - replace by "sharing"

DUB NTH CENTRAL
 and Santry Whitehall (DUB NTH WEST)

7.6 Insert after the word "weapons" on line four 'general and complete disarmament'.

BELFAST REGION

7.7 Insert after crises on line six the words 'The non use of force in international relations'

BELFAST REGION

7.7 Add on after last sentence. 'We believe that Ireland should take an active role in the movement of the non aligned'.

BELFAST REGION

7.7 We call for a fuller statement on neutrality and also the need for a stronger statement on our opposition to, and futility of war.

KILDARE C.C.

7.7 Insert after the words "positive neutrality" the following:-

'the foundation of which would be a continuous process of confidence building and co-operation in time of peace so as to avoid conflict,'

and delete "..on the side of peaceful negotiated settlement of international crises and against war."

DUN LAOGHAIRE

7.8 Delete from last line the words, "under the UN"

BELFAST REGION
European Policy
7.11 Delete the entire paragraph.

Bray West (WICKLOW)

7.11 We feel that the wording of this clause is ambiguous and could be taken to mean that the WP would assent to a mutual defence alliance within the context of the European Community/European Union. If this is the case, it would seriously compromise Irish neutrality.

Therefore, the branch feels that this clause should be amended to (i) emphasise Irish neutrality, and (ii) commit ourselves to working for a neutral and demilitarised Europe.

Cabra (DUB CENTRAL)

7.12 Delete the words, "an adequate", on line two and insert "The primary".

BELFAST REGION

Third World
7.18 (i) to include opposition to exploitation through trade of Third World countries.

KILDARE

7.19 Insert new paragraph a on the Third World and amend remaining paragraph numbers accordingly

"As a party of internationalist outlook, we support the struggle of the National Liberation Movements and all those struggling for peace and social progress in the world and strives, where possible, to provide these groups and movement with active solidarity and material aid. The people of the developing countries are struggling for the right to shape their own fortunes and they should enjoy the sympathy and support of socialists and all progressive humanity in their fight for social and national liberation."

BELFAST REGION

International Party Relations
7.19 Add after "suspending relation" - "subject to the instructions of the Ard Fheis".

Bray West (WICKLOW)

7.19 After words "by the", insert "Ard Fheis/Ard Comhairle/CEC". Delete remainder of sentence.

Tallaght East/Greenhills (DUB STH WEST)

7.19 Delete all and insert:-

"The first principle is that relations are decided by the Ard Fheis and between Ard Fheiseanna, the Ard Comhairle.

The Ard Fheiseanna decides on establishing, breaking or suspending relations and between Ard Fheiseanna, the Ard Comhairle."

Ballyfermot (DUB WEST)
7.19 Delete all and insert:-

"International relations are to be decided by the Ard Comhairle alone, prior to the completion of pending organisational reform.

Marino/Drumcondra (DUB CENTRAL)

7.19 Delete paragraph and replace with:-

"The first principle is that relations are decided by the Ard Fheis on advice from the Ard Comhairle. The Ard Fheis may decide on establishing, breaking or suspending relations."

Clondalkin (DUB STH WEST)

7.19 Delete all and replace with:-

"The Ard Fheis shall determine the principles on which our international relations are based. Day to day decision shall be made by the Ard Comhairle in accordance with the principles set down by the Ard Fheis.

DUBLIN SOUTH

7.19 Delete "on the advice from the party's International Affairs Committee."

and insert the following:-

'on the basis of policy adopted at the Ard Fheis.'

DUN LAOGHAIRE

7.19 We feel that the clause as it stand gives far too much power to the Ard Comhairle, and that such decision should rest with a democratically constituted International Affairs Committee, to be made up of delegates democratically nominated by the various Constituency Councils.

Cabra (DUB CENTRAL)

7.19 Insert "Ard Fheis and" after "decided by" in first line

DUB NTH CENTRAL

7.20 Delete "Party to Party" section 2 and insert 'Fraternal Relations'.

BELFAST REGION

7.20 Delete (3) Trade.

Crumlin (DUB STH CENTRAL)

7.21 Delete all of second sentence from "Reasons.....to basis".

BELFAST REGION

7.21 Insert "Ard Fheis" and "after decided by" in 2nd line.

DUB NTH CENTRAL

7.21 Delete last sentence.

DUB NTH CENTRAL
7.22 Delete "Party to Party" on first line and insert 'Fraternai'.

BELFAST REGION

7.22 Add in "and movements" after "parties" on line two.

BELFAST REGION

7.22 Delete on line two from the word "including ........groups".

BELFAST REGION

7.22 Insert after "procedure" in 4th line "as outlined in 7.21"

DUB NTH CENTRAL

7.23 After "South Africa" insert ",North Korea".

Clondalkin (DUB STH WEST)

7.23 Delete all after "country" in the 4th line.

DUBLIN SOUTH

7.23 Delete .

Crumlin (DUB STH CENTRAL)
CONSTITUTION

A: Delete section on Constitution

KILDARE C.C.

General
1.2 Insert 'secular' between "democratic" and "socialist".

DERRY

Objectives
2.1 Insert 'secular' between "democratic" and "socialist".

DERRY

OMAGH

Beechmount (West Belfast)

2.1 (a) Delete from the word "socialist" on the first line to the word "Europe" on the second and insert 'Secular, socialist unitary Republic in Ireland.'

BELFAST REGION

2.1 (a) Add "and throughout the world" after "in Europe" in 2nd line.

DERRY

2.1 (a) At the end of the first sentence delete "Europe" and insert "throughout the world."

Beechmount (WEST BELFAST)

OMAGH

2.1 (b) insert "age" after gender:

Beechmount (West Belfast)

2.1 (c) Insert new paragraph (and renumberate accordingly) to read

'(c) The elimination of all manifestations of patriarchy and the creation of conditions of genuine equality between women and men.'

Liberties (DUB STH CENTRAL)

2.1 (c) insert "financial institutions and primary channel of distribution" after resources:

Beechmount (West Belfast)

2.1 (c) After "exploitation" delete all and insert " based on disability, sexual orientation, sex, age, class, creed, or ethnic or racial origins."

BELFAST REGION

2.1 (c) Add "class, age, disability" after 'gender'.

DUN LAOGHAIRE

2.1 (c) Delete "whether based on gender, race or religion".

and insert "and discrimination on any basis".

Liberties (DUB STH CENTRAL)
2.1 (e) Delete the word 'Social' and insert 'Common'.

BELFAST REGION

2.1 (e) To be amended to read "Social ownership and control of natural and financial resources as fundamental to the achievement of economic equality."

OMAGH

2.1 (g) Insert new section to read 'to pursue internationalism'.

BELFAST REGION

Means
3.3 Insert after 'Northern Ireland' "as an integral component of the Party's commitment to the absolute entrenchment of democratic principles in Irish political life":

Beechmount (West Belfast)

Principles of Organisation
4.1 Insert the following sentence after decisions "Therefore the Party will not tolerate the creation of factions or factional activity as this would militate against the spirit of collective responsibility and democratic consensus."

Beechmount (West Belfast)

4.1 Insert on line five after decisions "This is democratic centralism".

BELFAST REGION

4.1 Delete first sentence and replace with:-

"Democratic Centralism provides the principles upon which the Workers' Party is organised."

T.C.D. (DUB STH EAST)

4.1 Insert new sentence after membership, line 7:-

"In order to further this democracy and accountability the Chairpersons of all Specialist Committees shall present a report each year in time for consideration at the Ard Fheis."

Cork Sth East (STH CENTRAL)

4.1. Downpatrick Branch believes that the principle of democratic centralism is a fundamental value of the Workers' Party and should not be discarded by us. It is the mechanism which allows all members of the Party to have an equal say and role in the Party. We are expressing grave concern that democratic centralism is not included anywhere in the document. It must be a central tenet in our fundamental values and be spelled out clearly in our constitution.

DOWNPATRICK
4.2 Insert after "majority vote" "Consequently such decisions are binding on all members."

Beechmount (West Belfast)

4.3 Insert new paragraph 'The Ard Fheis, being the annual conference of all branch delegates and members of the CEC elected annually by the Ard Fheis, shall be the central policy decision making body of the Party.'

BELFAST REGION

4.4 Insert new paragraph 'The primary unit of Party Organisation is the branch which shall comprise at least five members.'

BELFAST REGION

Constitutional Amendments

5.1 Delete "may be" from second line and insert after 'regulations', "shall be an appendix to this constitution and".

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