I-I Update – June 17th 2015

Hello Again Folks – Just a quick one this time due to a very pressing schedule.. Our apologies for the delays in responding to contacts and messages, but we are in effect 'under siege' at the moment, with various orchestrated campaigns underway online and in the media to try to discredit *Integrity Ireland* and anyone associated with it. But not to worry – as this is a clear indicator that we are having a real effect. It is no coincidence that Stephen (the I-I Administrator) was forcibly excluded from this 'new political initiative' just when all the indicators were that we (I-I) were going to run away with the process. Neither is it a coincidence that Joe Doocey was stopped by Gardaí just a couple of hours after denouncing by name, three Garda Assistant Commissioners in open Court – the same Court where we secured a summons to prosecute a Garda Sergeant for assaulting several members of the public in Castlebar Courthouse. The fact is that the I-I tactics of 'direct action' are definitely working and the only response 'they' have right now is to resort to the usual tactics of harassment, intimidation and smear campaigns, so it is up to us to do our best to rise above it, whilst holding steady in our collective resolve.

It may be stating the obvious to say that it is imperative that we do not lose heart at this crucial juncture in the growth of the *Integrity Ireland Association*. This is precisely the time when we have to show unity and strength, and not back down or shy away from the challenge – which is, in effect, to tell corrupt authority figures loud and clear that *"enough is enough!"* To this end, it is essential that *everyone* on our database who wants to remain involved, emails us back with the name of the County where you live. This is so that we can group I-I Members and supporters by location, so that the local I-I Facilitator can keep you abreast of what's happening and put you in touch with other Members and supporters locally. We have done this in Mayo and Galway recently and it is proving very effective. Given the volumes of people signing up, we really have no option but to set up local branches. So if you wish to remain involved, please ensure we know; (i) your mobile number; (ii) your email address; and (iii) the County you live in, thanks. We have a volunteer standing by to receive your information which should be emailed to admin@integrityireland.ie or texted to the I-I phone used to send you text messages.



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The situation concerning Joe Doocey remains in flux. Mainstream media has reported an alleged <u>'hit and run'</u> <u>incident</u> in Ballina last week with a Garda Sergeant reportedly suffering minor injuries. Joe Doocey maintains that he was <u>stopped</u>, <u>threatened</u> and <u>then attacked</u>, and had to flee in fear of his life (and we hope to have Joe's video statement up online soon). Hopefully, the truth will come out sooner rather than later, and efforts are underway to ensure that Joe can return home safely where he intends lodging formal complaints and a civil case against those authority figures who he maintains have been targeting him and his family since January this year. Those of us who weren't there in Ballina cannot confirm or deny either version of events, and it is important to emphasise that a central premise of the *Integrity Ireland Association* is to deal with <u>incidences</u> of injustice. Given Joe's commitment to the I-I project and the efforts he has personally made to help others, it is of course only right and proper that we absolutely stand by him and support him – especially when the evidence suggests that Joe and his family are being subjected to further injustices here.

The other unsettling development this past week encapsulates just about everything that is wrong with Irish 'politics' – with the organisers of the ' 1^{st} Independent Mayo' political initiative making a decision so utterly hypocritical and "absolutely reprehensible" (to quote an independent source) as to beggar belief. You can find the full details here, but basically, after a lengthy run-in period with numerous articles and adverts placed in mainstream media advertising a 'new and innovative grass roots political initiative' designed to bring true democracy back to the electorate, the organisers of this project (Eddie Farrell and Martin Daly) made a two-man decision to unilaterally exclude the leading candidate Stephen Manning, citing contrived 'reasons' which are as hypocritical as they are defamatory. It then transpired that the financing for the 1st Independent Mayo campaign was sourced from another community group also headed up by Mr Farrell and Mr Daly – and that another 1st Independent candidate, Liam Alex Heffron, was also on the committee of that funding group, along with his father, who is in charge of finances. Liam had resigned from the process last Tuesday publicly citing a reference about 'wrestling with pigs – and getting dirty' etc.. but hasn't clarified who exactly he was speaking about. Apparently, the organisers are now inviting Liam back into the process. This could of course all be just mere coincidence and have nothing to do with the decision to exclude Stephen just as the campaign was getting underway with all the indicators that Stephen was well in the lead; but then why don't the organisers answer any questions put to them? Comments on their facebook page that question what is going on have been deleted; local newspapers have reported Stephen's exclusion without inviting any comment from him; and trolls and hacks who have 'inside information' are doing their best to discredit the I-I community and especially the more prominent Members online. My oh my, it seems 'someone' is desperate to ensure that no-one affiliated with Integrity Ireland gets to be properly heard.

Well, we ARE going to this first scheduled meeting at the Broadhaven Bay Hotel in Belmullet at 8pm on Thursday June 18th to very politely ask Mr Farrell and Mr Daly to please explain themselves. The irony here is that even if we could convince the organisers to do the right thing now, that no person of integrity could remain involved with a project which has now become a farce and an embarrassment. So, if you happen to be in the Belmullet area please feel free to pop in and ask Mr Farrell and Mr Daly why they have invested so much time, effort and money into selling yet another political sham to the Mayo electorate?

Meanwhile, if anyone has a use for several thousand flyers please let us know.. ©

The new email if you want to get support is <u>support@integrityireland.ie</u> and you must send your information by the Saturday preceding your hearing. Please note that this facility is only available to signed-up active Members.

We ask again for your continued patience and understanding as we do our best to keep up with I-I administration.

Thank you all for your continued support.

Kind regards Stephen / Admin www.integrityireland.ie



(PS: Over 2.2 million 'hits' recorded on the I-I public site to date!)



"One by one – together – we CAN make a difference!"