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Freedom for All Ireland Committee



2020 Christmas Appeal

A chairde:

The COVID crisis hurts our Christmas Appeal fundraising, but is no obstacle to British injustice. The British used this crisis to break their pledges on Brexit and legacy justice. They say it is up to Britain, whether to allow a vote on Ireland's border.

Meanwhile, those working for Irish freedom with AOH help, were locked-down. In September, Hibernians heard 17 FFAI grant recipients tell why AOH-LAOH Christmas Appeal grants were a lifeline for them. Bloody Sunday campaign leader John Kelly said the Museum of Free Derry relies on paid admissions by visitors, which were wiped out. Brian Cawley of Tyrone National Graves said most funds they use to maintain patriot graves in Tyrone, come from their annual Easter fundraiser, which was cancelled. Other groups and centres were closed for months.

Their message was clear. **Our 2019 donations were crucial, but because the COVID crisis continues, they desperately need us to come through for them in 2020-21.**

We are losing some yearly fundraisers which were the backbone of the appeal. However, we cannot let down those working for freedom for all Ireland, at a time when their work is needed most.

I am personally appealing to every State, County and Division President, to take a lead, find a way to donate through special collections or donations from funds. Don't let them down!

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Martin Galvin

"Ireland Unfree shall Never be at Peace"