



# Beir Bua



## McGowan/McLoughlin Cumann 32 County Sovereignty Movement

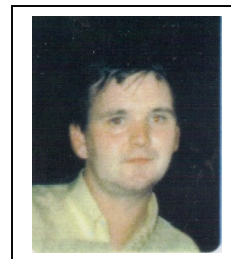
### Dublin



Josephine  
McGowan



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Ronan  
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**The Celtic Tiger** revealed its true colours when the leading building firm McNamara pulled out of five major social regeneration projects because it feared its profits would suffer in the current housing price slump. Having entered into a Public Private Partnership (PPP) with Dublin City Council as a means to secure financial gain for building on sites owned by the council their sudden withdrawal have left many Dublin people in limbo. On the basis of the PPP arrangement existing dwellings were already demolished and tenants were placed in temporary accommodation pending what they were assured were the guaranteed building of new housing under the PPP system. This has now proved to be false. It now appears that the PPP system of providing much needed social developments was much more concerned with profiteering than it was in constructing much needed homes for the people of Dublin. Serious questions must now be directed at the wisdom of Dublin City council entering into PPP's in the first place. At the time Dublin City council argued that PPP's were the quickest way to ensure the construction of regeneration projects in the Dublin area but it is now clearly apparent that Private developers were only interested in the quickest way to make substantial profits for themselves. So what now for displaced residents? The 32CSM calls for Dublin City Council, with full government backing, to honour the projects already agreed with local people and to commence construction of same. The entire area of PPP's needs to be seriously re-evaluated so that ordinary people do not become victims of Council ineptitude with greedy developers.



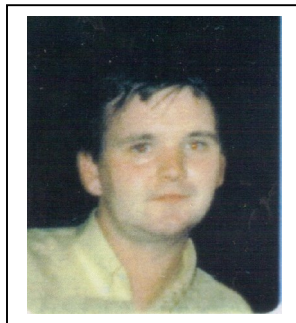
St. Michael's Estate.

Areas like St Michael's estate opposite have suffered social deprivation for years and it seems the Celtic Tiger, and the politicians who often claim the credit for it, are indifferent to its plight. The bulk of the scheme has already been demolished with the remaining tenants being housed in the last of the original blocks. Is the Celtic Tiger to leave them there? Are they to be forever the victims of developer's greed? The 32CSM assert that the people's sovereignty takes precedence over the greed of private developers and that the needs of the people take priority with elected representatives and city officials.



## Volunteer Josephine McGowan

In June of 2006 the *National 1916 Commemoration Committee* marked the unveiling of a headstone for Josephine McGowan who, as a volunteer of Cumann Na mBan, fought in the Marrowbone Lane garrison during the Easter Rising. Josephine was imprisoned in Kilmainham Gaol during the period of the executions of the Provisional Government. Having passed away in 1918 she, along with her father who died a mere six days later, lay in an unmarked grave in Glasnevin cemetery Dublin for almost ninety years. Due to the diligence of family members, and with the assistance of the National 1916 Commemoration Committee, this unfortunate circumstance has now been rectified. The grave is now in the official care of the National Graves Association.



## Volunteer Ronan McLoughlin

**Ronan McLoughlin was a young father living in Ballymun. His family had a tradition of involvement in the Republican Movement, his mother Roisin being from Belfast. Ronan followed in this tradition and was deeply sceptical of the so called peace process which he viewed as a retreat from traditional republican objectives. Having allied with the newly constituted Oglagh NahEriann Ronan committed himself to be active on its behalf. In 1998 Ronan along with several other volunteers were ambushed by armed Gardai as they attempted a fundraising operation near the village of Ashford in County Wicklow. The ambush resulted in Ronan's death and he is now interred in the Republican Plot in Glasnevin Cemetery.**

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