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Dear Sisters,

May God continue to shine his light on you and your families during this pandemic. Many of our FFAI events have been put on hold and our meetings are now virtual. Even during this trying time our help and support is even more important for those groups we have approved to support.

I have been on a committee for the National FFAI, and we have had a virtual meeting to review our efforts and set our goals for the next 2 years. If any of you have suggestions on what you think works and what needs improvement, please send me an email with your comments. We meet on a quarterly basis virtually. Please check out the National LAOH web page for FFAI as there is a multitude of information and links (see below) to various educational and informational sites to learn more (www.ladiesaoh.com).

Although we have not been able to meet in person the LAOH and AOH have sponsored many webinars to help understand the importance of the FFAI fundraising and involvement in promoting a lasting peace in Northern Ireland. Here are some of the events:

Oct. 24, 2020 transatlantic release of "Plastic Justice Report".

February 28th Sean Graham Bookmakers Atrocity

February 8, 2021, Petition to get a Special Envoy to the North

February 11, 2021 YouTube – "Pat Finucane Commemoration"

March 6th Ruan O'Donnell - 1916-1922

March 7 Interview with Murial McAuley

March 2021, Call to Action "Resolution for a Full Implementation of the Good Friday Agreement"

March 21 Moore Street Presentation

March 27 Women in Conflict: Role of women during "the Troubles"

May 10, 2021 Ballymurphy Families on verdict

I have found these remarkably interesting and thought provoking and encourage you all to join these webinars. I am attaching some of the links for these events in case anyone is interested. Education and listening to each other's experiences bring forward the importance of our FFAI committee. I hope many of you will want to travel with the next FFAI tour (after this pandemic is over) and meet some of these people who are still living with the effects of the "Troubles". A tentative trip is planned in Jan/Feb 2022. I will share more information as it is available.

Our **Christmas Appeal** ended up by April 30th. The 20 groups that receive monies depend on it to keep their organizations going so it is so important to continue to support them. Checks are made out to LAOH Inc., please include full name of your State, County, Division making the donation and a contact name with email address. Also, you may designate the donation to any of the groups listed. Please mail your contributions to **Dolores Desch 20 Arlene Ave Albany, NY 12203**. A COPY of the check and donation



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information should also be sent to me at **Joan Moore, 155 Hunt Ave, Pearl River, NY 10965**. I have attached the list of those that have donated for the 2020-2021 year. Any donation made after April 30th will count for the 2021-2022 yr. A sincere thank you to all those that have contributed. Once again, the ladies of NY have been generous giving as of now \$ 6482.69.

I have updated my distribution list for FFAI reps. If you are not the FFAI Person, please contact me at joan55mmoore@msn.com so I can correct the list. We still have 39 Divisions that do not have a FFAI Chairperson, and I encourage them to have someone fill that position so they can be informed and help disseminate important information to their members. I am now copying all the presidents as well to help get the word to those that do not have a representative.

Dolores Desch, our National FFAI Chair, is continuously working on updating our website <https://ladiesaoh.com/freedom-for-all-ireland/>, and having links to the various groups we give to so you can find out more about them. Please check out our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/LAOH-Freedom-For-All-Ireland-101571401651677> and like and share it.

Yours in Friendship. Unity and Christian Charity,
Joan Moore, NYS LAOH FFAI Chairperson
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This is the land of our heritage which has suffered so much under British rule, who has lost too many people either from famine, religious persecution, imprisonment, exile, or immigration. **Education and knowledge of our history are the keys to achieving a United Ireland.**

Links to above Events

EU/BREXIT Video

<https://fb.watch/2Mw8rU3DD6/>

<https://www.newsletter.co.uk/news/politics/same-paperwork-needed-sending-gb-goods-ni-sending-them-east-asia-3083385>

Pat Finucane Commemoration

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JXczzl2Jf4E&feature=youtu.be>

Webinar panelists include Billy McManus who organized this event and was aged 7 just outside the Bookmakers as his father was murdered, Mark Sykes mentioned above and Andree Murphy from Relatives for Justice who will provide a political overview.

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_uzKWa9ZsTB6ke6z8yi1OpA

Below is the youtube link to AOH webinar broadcast on the Sean Graham's Massacre, including a personal live appeals by wounded survivor Mark Sykes, and victim's son Billy McManus, Andree Murphy giving political implications for legacy justice and , Irish leader Brian O'Dwyer, newly elected Brehon Law President Domhnall O'Catháin, Peter Kissel of the Irish American Unity Conference, Dolores Desch on behalf of the Ladies AOH, joining AOH President Danny O'Connell, VP Sean Pender and FFAI Chair Martin Galvin

https://youtu.be/PtHwm_kXvtc?t=156

[Role of Women in Northern Ireland and what they had to endure.](#)



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<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCwiWZjklavtrurGsqzDUopA>

The event will be broadcast on our YouTube Channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCwiWZjklavtrurGsqzDUopA>

LAOH Freedom For All Ireland Facebook Page:

<https://www.facebook.com/LAOHFFAI32>

Ballymurphy Verdict [https://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/northern-ireland/families-of-ballymurphy-massacre-victims-elated-and-relieved-as-their-loved-ones-are-declared-](https://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/northern-ireland/families-of-ballymurphy-massacre-victims-elated-and-relieved-as-their-loved-ones-are-declared-innocent-40414151.html?fbclid=IwAR3vNIIbnc3S32dHJUpcR0bOUVvOqoYZH7hV77TeWdziU4F03C1pVDOHOb0)

[innocent-](https://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/northern-ireland/families-of-ballymurphy-massacre-victims-elated-and-relieved-as-their-loved-ones-are-declared-innocent-40414151.html?fbclid=IwAR3vNIIbnc3S32dHJUpcR0bOUVvOqoYZH7hV77TeWdziU4F03C1pVDOHOb0)

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[Divided and Damaged: Northern Ireland's Peace Walls \(Borders Documentary\) | Real Stories - YouTube](#)

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