

Fórsa International Spring School

1st & 2nd March 2024, Nerney's Court, Dublin

Friday 1st March

- 14.30 **Registration**
- 15.00 **Opening session**
Video: Solidarity Matters
Address by Richy Carrothers,
Fórsa National Secretary
Address by Michael Smyth,
Fórsa President
- 15.30 **Fórsa solidarity in action**
Luis Monje, Public Service
International
Peter Power, UNICEF Ireland
Ciara Feehely, Vita Ireland
Facilitator: Michael Smyth,
Fórsa President
- 17.00 **Europe: The challenges and
the opportunities**
Professor Brigid Laffan, European
University Institute
Jan Willem Goudriaan, EPSU
Alex White, IIEA
Facilitator: Linda Kelly,
Fórsa National Secretary
- 18.30 Break
- 18.45 **Palestine**
Dr Wahba Abdalmajid,
Palestinian Ambassador to Ireland
Kevin Callinan, Fórsa General
Secretary
Facilitator: Michael Smyth,
Fórsa President
- 20.00 Dinner of traditional Palestinian food

Saturday 2nd March

- 09.30 **The rise of the far-right in Ireland**
Liz Fay, Fórsa
Niamh McDonald, Hope and
Courage Collective
Ciarán O'Connor, ISD
Facilitator: Andy Pike,
Fórsa National Secretary
- 11.15 Break
- 11.30 **The global fight for free trade unions**
Paapa Danquah, Legal Director, ITUC
Ms. Hatice Pantir Yilan, Liman-İş Union
Ferdousara Uddin, GMB
Facilitator: Catherine Keogh,
Fórsa National Secretary Designate
- 12.45 **Closing remarks and finish**
Richy Carrothers, Fórsa National
Secretary and Michael Smyth,
Fórsa President