

# 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 Jillan 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
- 11.00 Break
- 11.15 **The global fight for free trade unions**  
Paapa Danquah, Legal Director, ITUC  
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