

## Eamon McMahon, presente !

It is with great sorrow that we welcome the news of the death of our comrade Eamon McMahon, an Irish activist and trade unionist of as great determination as he was kind. A health care professional, member of the Irish Congress of Trade Union (ICTU), Unison (Health and Social Services Branch), and the Northern Ireland Public Service Alliance, he fought for a world of greater justice and solidarity for all, in Ireland and around the world.

His dedication to justice in Palestine was reflected in his involvement with several networks such as the Trade Union Friends of Palestine, the Belfast Palestine Solidarity Campaign, the Ireland Palestine Mental Health Network, and the European Trade Union Initiative for Justice in Palestine, of which he was often a founding member, thanks to his perseverance and optimism. He accompanied the ICTU's historic delegation to the Occupied Territories, Israel and Gaza in 2007, and it was largely due to his powers of persuasion that many Irish unions joined the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions campaign against the Israeli state.

Eamon always wanted to go further, and motivated his comrades not to give up. We are proud to have known him, to have listened to his advice (with his inimitable Irish accent), and to have shared his struggles. We will miss him but, in his honour, we will continue to carry them forward.

We send our condolences to his family and his many friends around the world.