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# IRSP commemoration



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The Irish Republican Socialist Party (IRSP) will be holding a commemoration in Derry this Sunday, August 19.

It has asked republicans throughout Derry and beyond to show solidarity with the family of hunger striker Micky Devine by attending the commemoration.

This year's march will feature for the first time the newly formed Seamus Costello Memorial Flute Band. The Derry-based band was formed to commemorate the first chairman of the IRSP and Chief of Staff of the INLA who was later assassinated by the OIRA.

Anyone attending is asked to assemble at 2pm on Sunday at the Creggan Shops.

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## **Publicus,**

The Real world 14/08/2007 23:25:06

I hope that the gathering of the IRSP will carry a Rangers jersey to commemorate Micky Devine as all his friends in Creggan remember him as an avid Rangers fan from his days in St. Josephs in the late 1960s. Micky would appear in the Bishop's Field after school wearing hiis Rangers scarf with pride and enjoy an hour or more of football with the rest of us. If you want verifications ask your columnists Eddie Kerr and Gerry Murray who also took part in these matches. Maybe Rangers will erect a statue to the only republican hunger striker whose allegaince, in football terms, was to Ibrox!

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## **Kenny Millar,**

Across the "Divide" 14/08/2007 23:58:52

Great for Micky. Shows his non-sectarian views were well ahead of their time. Anyway I doubt the IRSP will be parading carrying a Rangers jersey and neither will they be parading carrying a Celtic jersey or any other football item. It's an event aimed at remembering and commemorating one of Derry's bravest sons. Trivialising this with an irrelivent post with obvious sectarian undertones says more about you than it does about Micky Devine, martyr, activist, soldier, socialist, revolutionary and Rangers supporter!

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## **Dinny ,**

Dublin 16/08/2007 14:36:42

I knew Micky from St. Josephs and yes i remember him wearing his rangers scraf. Micky was non sectarian but there was nothing starnge about this, as most Derry were the same and thankfully still are. Micky followed rangers but it wasn't that, that lead him to the H Blocks and his death. All Derry people should be at his commemoration and remember his life, a life in which setarianism had no place. It should no place in his commemoration

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**henrik,**

wemyss bay 17/08/2007 00:43:57

Best wishes for the march for the 26th anniversary of a brave Republican. Cant make it (ashamed to say) but thinking of Micky and the principles he lived and died for on this sad day.

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