

**ORGANIZATION NAME:** Sinn Fein

**ORGANIZATION TYPE:** Political Party

**ORGANIZATION FOUNDED DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**KNOWN CONTRIBUTORS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**NAME:** Arthur Griffith      **NAME:** Gerry Adams

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_      **NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_



**PRIMARY ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**SECONDARY ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**ORGANIZATION BACKGROUND:** \_\_\_\_\_

Nationalist political party in Ireland. It was founded by Arthur Griffith and others in 1902, and its policy involved passive resistance to the British, withholding of taxes, and establishing an Irish ruling council. The party had little impact until after the Easter Rising, when the demand of its leader Eamon de Valera for a united, republican Ireland won the party 73 out of 105 seats in the 1918 election. Its power diminished after 1926, when de Valera founded Fianna Fáil, which absorbed most of Sinn Féin's membership. The party continued as the political arm of the Irish Republican Army, actively supporting Irish unification.

Sinn Féin is the oldest political party in Ireland, named from the Irish Gaelic expression for "We Ourselves". Since being founded in 1902 it has worked for the right of Irish people as a whole to attain national self-determination, and has elected representatives in every major Irish town and city. Under the leadership of Gerry Adams in the late 20th and early 21st centuries, Sinn Féin participated in the peace talks on Northern Ireland.

