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Irish Congress Condemns Dublin Violence

The Irish Congress of Trade Unions has expressed solidarity with the children and care worker viciously attacked in Parnell Square, Dublin yesterday afternoon.

The ICTU also condemned the far-right violence which manifested on the streets of Dublin last night, resulting in damage to property and the injury of emergency service workers, local authority workers and saw the destruction of at least one bus and a Luas Tram.

Owen Reidy, general secretary said: "We condemn in the strongest terms the unacceptable and outrageous thuggery witnessed on the streets of our capital city last night. We pay tribute to our wonderful Garda, Firefighters, ambulance personnel, local authority workers and our transport workers in how they have responded. They are an example of public service. No worker should be in harm's way when called to work and last night they clearly were.

"We condemn the looting and vandalism and are conscious that this behaviour from violent thugs has the potential to damage business and leave some workers in the retail and hospitality sectors in the city centre laid off or possibly losing their livelihoods. This is unacceptable."

ICTU is calling on workers to assemble at the GPO on O'Connell Street at 1pm on Monday 27 November to show their solidarity with the people of the city and to denounced the violence in a solemn and respectful way.