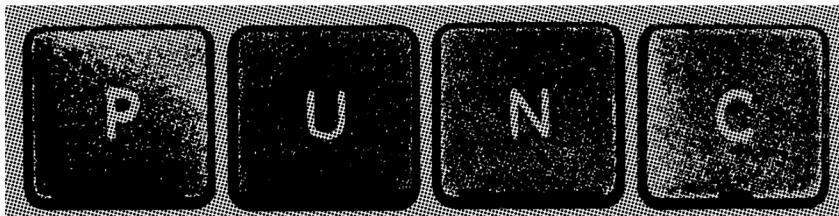


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# WHAT IS THIS, EXACTLY???

This zine collects some of the best pieces (so far) from PUNC, an Irish punk zine that started in 2022. PUNC is a spinoff of the radio show of the same name (currently on hiatus).

This is *not* the end of PUNC. Far from it. This is an attempt to use all the zines I've already done to make something new – since I never do reprints....

This zine contains material from issue 1, issue 2, issue 3, the PUNC Christmas Annual 2022, the PUNC Christmas Annual 2023, issue Gerald and issue Bernard.

Thanks for reading. Keep watching the skies for more issues of PUNC....  
– DJ MAL, Dublin, June 2025.

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# MY CELTIC ROMANCE: IS EMO ICON GERARD WAY AN IRISH REPUBLICAN? PUNC INVESTIGATES



*One of these people is an Irish revolutionary. The other is the lead singer in MCR. But can you tell which is which?*

Your humble reporter doesn't know too many songs by My Chemical Romance, but she's always found that very catchy ditty "Teenagers" to be quite charming. In advance of My Chemical Romance's recent Dublin gig (which saw an outbreak of militant republicanism in the crowd, possibly lead by a friend of the zine), I thought I'd give "Teenagers" a listen for the first time in a good long while. Really listening to the lyrics in the first verse for the first time, I realised that there was a shocking link between the lyrics of MCR and the legacy of the 1916 rebels.

Let me explain. The first verse of "Teenagers" seems to be about how schools destroy the souls of their students. The verse ends with these words: "They're going to rip up your heads/your aspirations to shreds/Another cog in the murder machine". The murder machine? Those words might not stand out to you, but when I heard them again I suddenly felt a spark of recognition. Where had I last heard the phrase "murder machine"? Oh, that's right: "the Murder Machine" is the title of a famous essay by Irish Christo-pagan Nationalist revolutionary Patrick Pearse (AKA Pádraig Mac Piarais). And guess what? The "murder machine" was the Irish education system. Spooky!

OUR REPORT CONTINUES ON THE NEXT PAGE...

## MY COMMITTED REPUBLICANS

Back in nineteen-clickety-clack, Patrick Pearse wrote "The Murder Machine". He thought that the education system the British had established in Ireland was destroying the souls of its students. Sound familiar? Here's a quote: "A soulless thing cannot teach; but it can destroy. A machine cannot make men; but it can break men." Hmm. so it can make you a cog in the murder machine? That's strikingly similar to the MCR lyrics.

Now, it might seem unlikely that some New Jersey band would quote one of the leaders of the 1916 Rising in a song. But then again, is it? One of the few things I know about My Chemical Romance is that there's a reference to the band Black Grape in the lyrics of their song "Na Na Na". Black Grape are just some random indie-hiphop-rave band from the 90s that were kind of successful in the UK. If MCR know who Shaun Ryder is it doesn't seem that unlikely that they would know who Patrick Pearse is. And Americans love Irish stuff, don't they?

Is this old news to hardcore MCR fans? Am I late to the game? Please let me know! If you're a hardcore MCR fan, I would ask you to do one of two things. First, let me know if MCR have referenced or quoted eminent Irish nationalists and republicans before, or if there are any Irish Republican links to the band, no matter how tenuous. Secondly, if at all possible contact the band and ask them if they've had a secret passion for Irish history the whole time. And what they think about a United Ireland. The people need to know!

Updates will follow as we get them. Who knows what other My Chem links are out there...

**MAL'S VIEW: I think that if Gerard Way really is an Irish Republican that then he should change his name to Gearróid Úi Véigh. And that MCR should do a new version of "The Black Parade" but make it about Easter parades. And that the band should stop wearing those marching band jackets because they do look a little bit imperialist. And MCR should add a bodhrán player. Maybe put some songs on the new albums about the Irish Language Act? They might get banned from playing in Br\*tain though.**

Bono: *Wahl*  
U2 singer Bono  
his wife's labour  
showing her a scary  
The star played her the  
movie Chopper, hoping  
the birth.  
he was determined to  
the baby with the  
sure

Bono said he wanted to continue his tour, which a friend

Chopper, was made by His new son, John Graham in New York in 1850.

Links to more Northern Ireland stories are at the foot of the page.

# GAEILGE FOR PUNKS

*DISCLAIMER: I don't have fluent Irish. I've done my best here with the help of a dictionary.*

## Stór Focail

**Punk - Punc, Punc-cheol, an Punc-rac**

Punk (adjective) - **Puncach**

The punks - **Na puncaí**

Punk Band - **Puncbhanna**

Tune - **Port, Amhrán**

"Do you like punk?" - **"Ar mhaith leat punc-cheol?"**

"Surge are my favourite band" - **"Is é Surge an grúpa ceoil is fearr liom"**

"I hate that band"- **"Is fuath liom an banna sin."**

"The gig was great!" - **"Bhí an cheolchoirm ar fheabhas!"**

"The gig was terrible!" - **"Bhí an cheolchoirm uafásach!"**

"I'm drunk." - **"Táim ar meisce."**

"I'm hungover." - **"Tá tinneas chinn orm."**

"I'm REALLY hungover!" - **"Tá póit an bháis orm!"**

"Shut up." - **"Dún do focain chlab."**

"This man ate my son." - **"D'ith an fear sin mo mhac."**

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So there you go. Now you know what to say if you're trapped in the gaelteacht & have to attempt to communicate with the locals. Of course, maybe you are among the tiny percentage of Irish people & even smaller percentage of punks who live in a gaelteacht & speak Irish every day. In that case, send me an e-mail!!! I want to know what that's like.

# FOCLÓIR NA PUNCAÍ

New, improved and expanded, it's the Punk Gaeilge Glossary!

## Ceol agus Cultúr

Punk (*Music*) - Punc, Punc-cheol, Punc-rac

Heavy Metal - Míotal Trom

Punc (*adjective*) - Puncach

Tune - Port, Amhrán

Punk, Punc rocker - Punc, Punc-racaire

Punks - na Puncaí, daoine puncach

Goths - Gotaigh

Emos - Mothúcaigh

Skinheads - Maolchinnírí

Punk band - Puncbhanna

## Coínp agus hÉadair

Mohawk (*haírcut*) - Cuircín

Bleached hair - Gruaig fionnthaúrtha

Makeup - Smideadh

Piercing, piercings - Polladh, polta

Patch, patches - Paiste, paistí

Chain, chains - Slabhra, slabhraí

Safety pin - Biorán

I like your jacket! - Is maith liom do sheaicéad!

## Phrásai

Is cuma liom. - I don't care.

Is fuath liom an grúpa ceol sin. - I hate that band.

Bhí an cheolchoirm ar fheabhas/uafásach! - The gig was great/rotten!

Tabhair dom buidéal Buckfast sin... - Gimme that bottle of Buckfast.

Tá tú ar meisce. - You're drunk.

Tá tíneas chinn orm. - I'm hungover.

Tá póit ar bháis orm! - I'm REALLY hungover.

As meisce a thit sé sin amach. - That accident was due to drink.

Sláinte an bhradáin chugat! - Health of a salmon to you!

Is uaísle onóir na ór. - Honour before riches.

Déan féin é! - Do it yourself!

Port amháin eile! - One more tune!

D'ith an fear sin mo mhac. - This man ate my son.

# DAVE DICTOR SPEAKS!

A mini-interview with **Dave Dictor** from **MDC**, conducted in the stairwell right after their Dublin gig.  
Answers are slightly rearranged and paraphrased, as I forgot to record the interview...



right: *Artist's impression of Dave.*

**DJ MAL:** Hi, Dave. Cats or Dogs?

**Dave:** Cats.

**M:** Ketchup or vegan mayonnaise?

**D:** [After some agonizing] Vegan mayonnaise.

**M:** Favourite punk band from Ireland?

**D:** U2. [Much arguing ensues] Okay, Stiff Little Fingers or the Undertones. Stiff Little Fingers came to our Belfast gig.

*[Discussion of general soundness of SLF]*

**D:** Do you have any more questions?

**M:** [I can't remember what my other questions are.] uh....

**D:** My favourite colour is purple or blue. Red is good too though & green matches my eyes.

**M:** Óg, do you have any questions?

**Óg, who is standing next to us:** If you go into a proper, old school, New York deli, what's your sandwich order?

**D:** Pierogies.

**Óg:** In a sandwich???

*[Dave ignores this while he rhapsodizes about how great pierogies are]*

■: Dave, I have a question.

**D:** Go ahead.

■: Texas. *Why?*

**D:** Well, I grew up in New York but New York wasn't feeling me. I was into Willie Nelson, I wanted to show Willie my songs and get with Willie, so I went to Texas *[Dave studied at the University of Texas in Austin]*. In Texas I started to hang out at Raoul's & play my songs there on an acoustic guitar, & they got a great reception so I knew I had to get a band together. Then I had a home in punk. They were accepting when I did songs like America's So Straight & My Family's A Little Weird.

[Some discussion of great Texas punk bands of yore like the Big Boys, the Dicks, etc]

**D:** Any more questions?

**Fianna** : Did punk start in the US or the UK?

**D:** Punk started everywhere, in everyone's hearts. The hearts of people who were tired of this shit. Stadium rock...we wanted to go for something different. AM radio was gone & you never heard rhythm and blues on the radio anymore. In the early 70s you had David Bowie, Mott the Hoople, Roxy Music...by the late 70s you had the Runaways, I saw the Runaways in 1977 & I thought they were pretty punk rock.

**Fianna** : Have you heard the theory that the word punk comes from an Irish word actually a word for Irish Americans, puncóg?

**D:** Naah, punks were the young guys in prison, acting tough & the older guys would slap them around and call them punks. & then Sid Vicious and Johnny Rotten, they were walking around acting like punks, so people called them punks.

*[Discussion among younger punks of how much we hate Johnny Rotten]*

**M:** Oh, I've found my other questions. Did anything funny happen on the tour?

**D:** Nope. It's been a great tour, we did a benefit for Food Not Bombs in Poland, a benefit for refugees & not one bad thing has happened. This is our 24th gig tonight.

**M:** MDC has a long-standing involvement with animal rights and veganism. Is it interesting seeing veganism & vegetarianism kind of go mainstream these last ten years & do you think there are any downsides to it going mainstream?

**D:** No! It's great being able to go into a store & buy vegan sandwiches, 'cause I toured when there was no vegan food. All you could eat on tour was brown bread & bananas. That's why I would drink through tours. I started drinking on tours cause I was pissed at the world because there was no vegan food & for other reasons. I was pissed at the world so I drank. I really regret it now. I was drunk on tour, a drunk driver - I could drive really well drunk - a drunk father...I've been sober now for 20 years.

**M:** Anything else?

**D:** I started a record label, we put stuff out on Grimace Records, I manage the compilations side of thing and we're doing Punk for Ukraine. We've done 3 volumes and we're putting out two more. We've raised money for a women's squat and Food Not Bombs Poland. **So if any of you have a band and want to be on a compilation, get in touch.** My e-mail is [mdcops@hotmail.com](mailto:mdcops@hotmail.com).

**BIG** thanks to Dave Dictor for giving generously of his time to PUNC. The next time MDC are in town I'll buy Dave a Red Bull. & a big shoutout to everyone who asked questions when my brain froze.

**Further Gig Notes:** So few people in the pit that whenever someone stage dived, the people in the pit had to carry them to the edge of the crowd. Dave Dictor talked about Green Day singing a bit of Born to Die at the AMAs in 2016 & said "Billie Joe Armstrong isn't bad for a millionaire. He's kind of like our Bono". Much booing at the mention of B\*no, which lead to Dave singing a little bit of Pride (In the Name of Love) while the booing got louder. Some guy in the crowd called MDC hippies & nearly started a fight. The pit was sweaty & yours truly fell over twice. But it was a great gig ;-)

## **TRANSPARENCY NOTE:**

**The first version of this article didn't include Fianna's name because I forgot that it was them who asked that question. Sorry Fianna!**

**The name of another person who asked questions has been removed, because they have since shown themselves to be a bad person. Get out of my zine!**

**- Mal, June 2025**

# WHY PUNKS SHOULD RIDE BIKES

(according to Mal)

The thought occurred to me recently (as I was bouncing down the road *or mo rothar*) that cycling is like punk.

You don't need anything or anyone else to get going: You just move yr feet & off you go (unless you get a puncture). Like punk, a bike is a simple machine. It's lighter and nimbler than a car & it's more independent than a bus or a train.

So is it any wonder then that the longest-running Irish zine (*Loserdom*) was about cycling, & Ed from *City Rocker* puts a bike ride in every issue?



**MAL SAYS:** Ask Santy for a bike this Christmas, puncaí, & get on the road!

## 5 REASONS TO CYCLE (FOR PUNKS)

1. YOU CAN MAKE PEOPLE WHO DRIVE BIG CARS VERY UPSET VERY EASILY (including guards)
2. YOU CAN MAKE OTHER CYCLISTS VERY UPSET VERY EASILY (BY WEARING A HELMET/NOT WEARING A HELMET/CYCLING ON THE PAVEMENT/NOT CYCLING ON THE PAVEMENT)
3. YOUR CHANCES OF ACCIDENTALLY ROLLING OVER AN INFANT ARE GREATLY LOWERED (compared to a car)
4. YOU CAN WHIZZ DOWN HILLS HUMMING THE GUITAR BIT FROM "UP TO SPEED" BY SYMPOS
5. "AHHHH SORRY I CAN'T CARRY THAT HOME, I'M ON ME BIKE"

# WHY PUNKS SHOULDN'T RIDE BIKES



1. As my dad might say, "your bike might get whipped". Theft is rampant & difficult to prevent.
2. Rain (& wind) will ruin your mohawk.
3. Riding a bike while wearing jeans may lead to the terrifying phenomenon known as "crotch blowout".
4. However: You can't patch, on, indeed, stud lycra cycling shorts.
5. If you get really angry at someone, you might throw your bike at them and kill them.
6. Car drivers don't care if you live or die, &:

6a. The Gardai don't care that the car drivers don't care if you live or die, &

6b. People who write for newspapers don't care that the Gardai don't care that car drivers don't care if you live or die.

7. They won't let you on the bus with the bike.

You may remember that in the last issue of PUNC (no, not the 1-pager, the Christmas annual) I presented 5 reasons why punks should ride bikes. In the interests of balance, here are 5 reasons (plus 4 more) why punks shouldn't ride bikes.

**FREE  
PALESTINE**



**END  
APARTHEID**

# GAELPUKK

The **FIRST EVER** totally imaginary

**Dublin Punk Film Festival**

ft. the films I would pick.  
the running order might be switched around  
to shake it up...

**THURSDAY MATINEE:**

the best irish punk music videos  
(chosen by me)

***cruising***

**THURSDAY:**

guerillere talks

**born in flames**

**SATURDAY MATINEE:**

NO CITY FUN

**REBEL DYKES**

**CITY OF LOST SOULS**

**Saturday:**

**GOOD VIBRATIONS**

**SHELLSHOCK ROCK**

**SELF CONSCIOUS OVER YOU**

**DJ SET (BY ME)**

**TILL LATE**

**MONDAY MADNESS:**

Afropunk \* Aidan Walsh: Master of the Universe \* The Future of Feminism \* Giro's \* Get That Monster Off The Stage \* Green Bush \* It Makes You Want To Spit \* May Fame \* Traces In The Snow \* She's A Punk Rocker UK \* The Stars Are Underground

**FRIDAY MATINEE:**

**THE BUTCHER BOY**

**FLANNERY'S MOUNTED HEAD**

**LEESIDE CREATURES**

**FRIDAY:**

**Dogs In Space**  
*The Last Bus Home*

**SUNDAY MATINEE**

**QUEERCORE: how to  
PUNK a rEVOLUTION**

**THE YO-YO GANG**

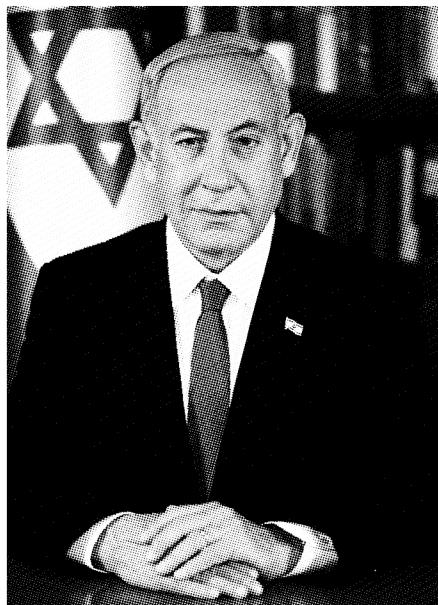
**Sunday:**

**ROUGH CUT  
& READY DUBBED**

**RUDE BOY**

**DANCE CRAZE**

# WANTED FOR MURDER: BENJAMIN "BIBI" NETANYAHU



**WANTED FOR THE MURDER OF  
86,000+ MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN  
WHOSE ONLY OFFENSE WAS TO BE  
BORN PALESTINIAN**

OTHER CHARGES INCLUDE: CRIMES AGAINST HUMANITY; WAR CRIMES; THE MURDER OF HOSTAGES SACRIFICED IN THE PURSUIT OF ETHNIC CLEANING & GENOCIDE

THIS FUGITIVE MAY BE FOUND IN THE COMPANY OF RELIGIOUS FUNDAMENTALISTS, WESTERN HEADS OF STATE & HIS CO-CONSPIRATOR YOAV GALLANT

IF SPOTTED, **CONTACT THE ICC IMMEDIATELY**

WITHOUT THE PROTECTIONS OF GUNS, BOMBS & SOLDIERS HE IS NOT DANGEROUS & MAY BE APPREHENDED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

# BITS AND PIECES

~ There can never be a progressive form of American nationalism ~

Do you ever feel alive? ~ nach tostálach an blúire thí! ~ lol. Imao ~ August 1st is International Yaoi Day ~ <https://revoltagainstplenty.org> ~ July was Disability Pride Month ~ My brother in Christ, you made the sandwich ~ The document can't be incriminating if you've already eaten it ~ I got one of those bracelets with pictures of Jesus and stuff on them on O'Connell bridge and it was 4 euro but it stained my wrist pink. Be careful out there everyone. ~ Jefferson Airplane actually have some good songs ~ Salsa y Ketchup ~ My ears are still ringing ~ there must be thousands ~ <https://defendtheatlantaforest.org> ~ an Undertones tribute band made up entirely of drag kings ~ Bosco is a non-binary icon ~ <https://archive.qzap.org> ~ Urban Outfitters destroys youth culture ~ boo Leo Veradkar we hate your pussy ~ Fontaines D.C

should change their name to Fontaines of Wayne ~ The D.C in Fontaines D.C stands for Decaying Corpse ~ Why are the charging ports broken on Dublin buses at the moment? It's driving me nuts ~ Salsa y Ketchup ~ <https://tomb.zone> ~ Sorry to the Bono impersonator I shouted abuse at, I thought you were Bono ~ July was also Mad Pride Month ~ Get off your horse and drink your milk ~ Can the Wetherspoons Phantom Shitter continue to evade justice now that his identity has been discovered? ~ A 3-2-1 ratio of flour, butter and sugar makes for nice shortbread ~ Penda's Fen ~

<https://crouton.net> ~ All my best wishes to Gogga. I hope he's thriving. ~ Salsa y Ketchup ~ RIP Vicky Conway ~ August 6th is International Hangover Day ~ To join the Dublin Alt Scene discord server, go to <https://discord.gg/ATExj5RHMy> ~ Salsa y Ketchup ~ Did anyone else wonder if that dark-haired man and the blonde woman who were in the crowd together at Days n Daze were undercover gardai? No? Just me? ~ Salsa y Ketchup ~ Dave Dictor has been in the basement at Fibber's ~ I am the zine and the zine is me ~ FOAD2U2 ~ things are gonna get worse ~ <https://nitter.kavin.rocks/IndymediaT> ~ Happy Birthday ~ </3 ~ <https://banprivatejets.org> ~ d ^\_^ b ~ Salsa y Ketchup ~ I've spent all my money, honey ~ Filth. Pure filth. ~ My ears are no longer ringing ~ I like Totally Dublin but also I hate it ~ So what did YOU do today to build a resistance movement? ~ the internet is an op ~ I have nothing to say ~ It's easy to get comfortable ~ Pirate democracy ~ I cannot confront the things I hate while I am the things I hate ~ die coca-cola die die die ~ Where is the hope. Can someone show me where to find the hope. ~

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ALRIGHT

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want back issues? TOUGH! I don't have any copies left!  
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you can look at PDFs of most of these zines !

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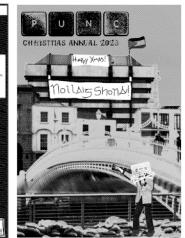
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Subversion \* & MANY MORE, I'M SURE!

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START YOUR OWN ZINE TODAY....