



The Connolly Youth Movement would like to join our comrades in the RKSM(b), DKU, and FDJ in condemning in the strongest possible terms, the upcoming 'World Youth Festival', which is to be held in Sochi later this year.

This upcoming festival is nothing but an attempt by the reactionary Russian Federation to hijack and appropriate the history of the festival. The World Federation of Democratic Youth was founded by progressive and anti-imperialist youth organisations and its festival was to be a reflection of these ideals, to promote peace and friendship among all nations. With Russia currently engaged in an inter-imperialist conflict in Ukraine, this year's festival is merely a way for the Russian ruling class to give itself some form of anti-imperialist legitimacy and to appeal to the campist elements claiming to be part of our international movement.

We would also like to further the calls of our international comrades for the urgent need to organise a truly anti-imperialist world youth festival of our own. The need for the unity and cooperation of progressive youth organisations is now more important than ever, and we must not allow this need to be hijacked by the counter revolutionaries and the reactionaries.

In solidarity,
The International Office of the Connolly Youth Movement

