

GERRY ADAMS M.P. PRESIDENT OF SINN FÉIN



Gerry Adams is widely acclaimed for his crucial role in laying the groundwork for the peace process in Ireland and for his continuing efforts in the building of a stable, democratically negotiated peace settlement. The oldest of ten children, Gerry Adams was born in 1948 in the working class area of West Belfast where he continues to reside with his wife and son. In the late 1960s, Mr. Adams became involved in the civil rights movement in the north of Ireland. He was interned without charge or trial in the 1970s and participated in early peace talks with the British government in 1972. In 1983 Gerry was elected President of Sinn Féin. He is currently an elected Member of Parliament and a Member of the Legislative Assembly set up in Belfast under the Good Friday Agreement, which the British government has suspended. Under his leadership, Sinn Féin has grown in strength and stature throughout Ireland and internationally.

A member of PEN, the international guild of writers, Gerry Adams has published several books including; *A Pathway to Peace*; *The Politics of Irish Freedom and Selected Writings*; *Falls Memories*; *Cage Eleven*; *The Street and Other Stories*; *Before the Dawn*; and, most recently *A Farther Shore*. An enthusiastic Gaelic sports supporter, Gerry Adams is also a fluent speaker of Irish and continues to support cultural growth and appreciation in Ireland.