

**International Brigades Memorial,
Jubilee Gardens, London.
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Namara – Rob Garcia and Paul MacNamara



Floral tributes laid at the memorial to the International Brigades

South of the Thames in Jubilee Gardens a commemoration of the International Brigades and the Spanish Civil War was held on Saturday 6 July. North of the river Pride was in full swing whilst the here a smaller crowd gathered to listen to the songs of Namara, listen to speeches given by first amongst others Mick Cash of the RMT Union, and lay floral tributes to the volunteers from Britain – soldiers, doctors, and nurses – and the children who had been evacuated from Bilbao in May 1937. Rob Garcia of Namara and Simon Martinez this year placed the flowers at the base of the Ian Walters’ sculpture on behalf of the Basque Children.

Old and young were in the audience including a representative from the Spanish Embassy and members of the new Spanish community in London.