

Sectarian Politics has Failed...

It is time to put the sectarian division to an end.

We need to stand together to deal with the real problems - water charges, attacks on our jobs and services, proper resources and facilities for our communities.

The sectarian parties offer no way out. It is in their interests to keep us divided so that we will vote for them. Since the Assembly was suspended they have pocketed over £23 million in salaries and expenses and produced only stalemate.

The paramilitaries also want us to stay divided so that we have to look to them for "protection". They offer only endless conflict from which ordinary people, Protestant and Catholic, will be the victims.

A vote for **tommy black** is a vote for a real peace process based on uniting people in the working class communities against the sectarians and around common interests.

It is a vote for:

- *An end to paramilitary "control" of communities - Disband all paramilitary organisations now.
- *Community action to eliminate all forms of sectarian intimidation and to stop all sectarian attacks.
- *Locally based policing services, properly accountable and under the control of democratically elected policing committees.
- *Full equality of opportunity and an end to all discrimination on grounds of race, religion or sex.

We want to build a new party based on the trade unions and genuine community organisations to offer a socialist alternative to sectarian parties and right wing economic policies.

We need to stand together for a socialist solution that ends poverty and exploitation and puts people's needs before profit.

...Vote for Socialist Change!

Put a socialist voice on the council

Tommy Black lives in the Bloomfield area and works as a caretaker in Ashfield Girls' High School.

He is an executive member of his union, NIPSA, representing education workers and is heavily involved in building opposition to the cuts which threaten to have a devastating effect on our education services.

Tommy is the East Belfast organiser of the Water Charges "We Won't Pay" campaign. If elected he will use his council position to build opposition to this tax and to defend those who refuse to pay it.

Message from Tommy Black

"The number one issue in this election is water charges. I am the only candidate who is building a non payment campaign to defeat the charge. By voting for me you will be sending a clear message to the government that you do not accept this charge and that you are not going to be made to pay it. As a councillor I would make sure that the full resources of the Council are put behind the campaign to get rid of this unjust tax."

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YOUR ANTI-WATER CHARGES CANDIDATE



Tommy

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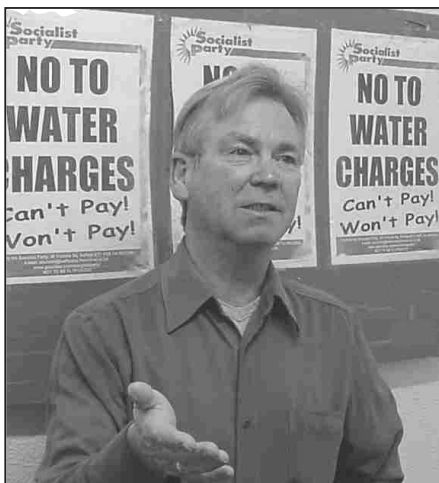
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Local Elections May 5th

VOTE TOMMY BLACK

VOTE TO STOP WATER CHARGES - VOTE TOMMY BLACK

'We Won't Pay Water Charges'



We pay for water in our rates - we are not prepared to pay twice! **TOMMY BLACK** is the anti-water charges candidate.

He is the only candidate who:

- ★ Is building a mass non payment campaign to defeat the charge.
- ★ Will defend all those who can't pay and who won't pay this tax.
- ★ Opposes water privatisation.
- ★ Stands for a properly funded, publicly owned water service that is democratically run.

Defend Our Pensions

TOMMY BLACK is campaigning to stop the Governments attack on pensions. Tommy helped build local support for the planned March 25th public sector strike which forced the New Labour to back off on it's threat to cut pensions.

TOMMY BLACK demands:

- ★ No to cuts in public service pensions
- ★ A living pension for all with annual increases linked to the rise in earnings

For Democratic Control of Planning

Our inner city development is being carried out in the interests of property speculators, call centres and other business interests. The interests of inner city working class communities are being ignored - speculation means that people can no longer afford to live in the communities they grew up in.

TOMMY BLACK stands for:

- ★ Democratic planning procedures that involve local communities.
- ★ A Housing Executive building programme and affordable housing for all.
- ★ People's needs to be put before profit in all planning decisions.

Shipyard Estate



The shipyard land was given to Fred Olsen for a song. Speculators are now deciding how this land will be developed.

TOMMY BLACK is the only candidate demanding that:

- ★ The shipyard land be brought back into public ownership.
- ★ A democratic development body be elected to decide how this land is used.
- ★ Part of the land to be put aside for public housing.

Proper Funding for Education

£30 million is being axed from essential education services. **TOMMY BLACK** will not just refuse to implement cuts.

TOMMY BLACK will:

- ★ Campaign along with the education trade unions and the communities to have the cuts reversed.
- ★ Fight for an education service that is properly funded and run by democratically elected Boards. Kick all those who voted these cuts through off the Boards.

End Low Pay

The Socialist Party End Low Pay Campaign has successfully "named and shamed" low pay employers and won pay rises for many workers.

TOMMY BLACK supports:

- ★ An immediate increase in the minimum wage to £6 an hour as a step to £8 an hour.
- ★ Automatic rises in line with the increase in earnings.
- ★ Abolition of the youth exemptions.

For Decent Nursery and Childcare Facilities

37% of children here grow up in poverty. 67% of lone parents live in poverty. Belfast City Council have done nothing to redress this.

TOMMY BLACK will campaign for:

- *Free creche and nursery facilities for all working parents.
- *Equal pay and genuine equality of opportunity for women.

Vote TOMMY BLACK No.1

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