

MAKE A REAL DIFFERENCE

Elect a tireless campaigner with an unrivalled record



**Fianna Fail and the PD's
tell us we've never had
it so good but...**

- Traffic gridlock robs working people of hundreds of hours every year sitting in cars because public transport is inadequate
- Thousands of houses have been built in areas lacking basic infrastructure such as schools, public transport, childcare and community facilities
- Patients suffer on trolleys or long waiting lists because this government prioritises private health care over investment in the public health service
- Irish Ferries, GAMA and the attacks on workers wages and conditions in Aer Lingus demonstrate a race to the bottom in Irish society by employers and the government

on 24 May
VOTE No.1
or highest possible
preference

Councillor CLARE

DALY

None of this has happened by accident, it is the result of political decisions by all of the establishment parties who put profit before people's needs.

Clare Daly as a councillor on Fingal County Council and shop steward in Dublin Airport has an unrivalled record of fighting on all these issues.

If elected, Clare Daly will join her colleague Joe Higgins TD in the Dail to provide a real opposition to the right wing parties and their policies.

SOCIALIST PARTY

Plan for people's needs

The Socialist Party believes the wealth exists to provide good public services and improved quality of life for all. However, economic growth has been wasted. The government's failure to properly invest in infrastructure and plan for people's needs, combined with privatisation, has caused the crises in health, education and transport. They are selling off or giving away vital resources and utilities like the Corrib Gasfield and the ESB. By helping speculators and developers to maximise profits, they have put buying a home beyond many workers.

Fine Gael / Labour would impose similar policies. On councils where they are a majority they've done nothing to solve the problems facing people. In government it would be the same. That the Greens and Sinn Fein would go into government with either Fianna Fail or Fine Gael is a sell out of anyone who hoped those parties would be a radical alternative.

The Socialist Party will not be part of any big business government. Our alternative is based on planning for people's needs, not private greed. Elect Clare Daly and strengthen the Socialist Party's position in the Dail as a step towards building a new movement that really fights for working people.

JOE HIGGINS TD - the REAL alternative

■ Elect Clare Daly to join Joe Higgins in the Dail to strengthen the socialist challenge to big business and the political establishment.



■ Joe Higgins lives on a worker's wage and voices the concerns of working people. Since his election ten years ago he has been the REAL opposition.

■ Joe uses the Dail to help workers organise and win as he did during the GAMA struggle.

Public transport can end traffic chaos

■ An ever-growing sprawl of houses and the lack of a real public transport system and infrastructure have created the traffic chaos.

■ Over 80% of the government's transport investment was spent on roads.

■ This government and the "opposition" have no real commitment to developing public transport and pollution and congestion will get worse.

CLARE DALY SAYS:

■ For massive state investment to provide a real public transport system which covers the city in an integrated network of trains, trams and buses.

■ Increase capacity and services. No person to be more than 5 minutes walk from a transport point where all routes run at least every 5 minutes at peak times.

■ No to privatisation or state subsidies for private transport. Democratically controlled public companies could build and operate transport services more efficiently and cheaper, while guaranteeing decent pay and conditions for transport employees.

■ Double the capacity of trains in North County Dublin immediately and link to an integrated network of buses.



For better education & childcare

■ Ireland has the second highest class sizes in the EU. In Fingal 39% of primary pupils are in classes of 30 or more.

■ Thousands of children won't have a place in primary school this September.

■ It's a myth that we have free education in this country. Parents can no longer afford to carry the cost of childcare and education.



CLARE DALY FIGHTS FOR:

■ The state should provide free secular education from pre-school to university.

■ 100% funding for schools to end the need for "voluntary contributions" and constant fund raising by parents.

■ Invest to reduce the pupil:teacher ratio to 15:1.

■ Provide resource teachers and eliminate waiting times for assessing pupils with special needs.

■ Emergency action to guarantee school places for every child. No to new housing developments unless adequate school provision is guaranteed.

■ End the scandal of

children in temporary classrooms or substandard schools.

■ Free childcare and pre-school education for all children.

■ Access to before and after school care and holiday clubs on school premises funded by the state.

Affordable housing for all

In the 10 years of Fianna Fail/PD government -

■ The cost of buying a home has increased by 350%!

■ The actual cost of building a house has increased by only 50%!



CLARE DALY SAYS:

■ No to 40 year mortgages where people pay up to three times the cost of their home to the banks.

■ Control the price of building land and make house prices reflect the real cost of building. Scrap stamp duty.

■ End management company rip-off.

Force builders to fully finish housing estates on time and councils to take responsibility for essential utilities immediately.

■ End local authority waiting lists. For an emergency state building programme to provide social housing for all who need it.

Invest in people's health

■ 18,000 hospital beds in the 1980s - only 12,000 today, despite a 25% growth in population.

■ 25% fewer doctors, 75% fewer specialists, and much less facilities than other European countries.

■ This government still only spends 90% of the average of the original 15 EU states on health. The health crisis is caused by a lack of resources.

■ Government privatisation is giving massive tax breaks to beef baron Larry Goodman and his ilk, so they can turn healthcare into a money making racket.

■ Private healthcare costs more but offers only very limited treatments. Healthcare must be provided on the basis of people's needs - not profit.



CLARE DALY CAMPAIGNS FOR:

■ A free publicly owned National Health Service, properly funded through a progressive taxation system to provide prompt healthcare for all so that people have no need for health insurance.

■ Use the wealth for public health. For massive investment to provide the beds, facilities and staff required to resolve the crisis at A&E and abolish long waiting lists for treatment.

■ Support nurses claims for pay and shorter working week

■ Scrap GP and prescription charges.

■ For free primary healthcare. Fully equipped health centres in all communities, with teams of GPs, chemists, dentists, nurses, physiotherapists and social workers, including after hour services and health education.

■ Provide the resources including proper payment for carers so, wherever possible, the elderly can be looked after at home. For the state to provide comprehensive, quality nursing home care for all who need it.

■ No more subsidies to private care or privatisation. Consultants employed in the public sector should only be entitled to do public work.

For more detailed information on these and other issues, visit our special election section at

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USE YOUR VOTE TO ELECT

a campaigner with a record second to none!

Councillor Clare Daly has stood with residents in every part of the constituency on the key issues in the community from traffic management plans, against mobile phone masts, the new parallel runway and the monstrous sewerage plant in Donabate.

She spearheaded the debate on the council and in many areas mobilised residents for sustainable planning. From Rivervalley and Glen Ellan in Swords, to the LAP lands in Rush and Donabate, Castlelands and North West Balbriggan and Hacketstown in Skerries - she has strenuously opposed an unsustainable increase in housing without the supporting infrastructure.



Clare Daly in Donabate protesting with residents for a secondary school

She has worked with residents in many areas such as Balbriggan, Swords, Lusk and Kinsealy against the rip off estate management companies where residents are being forced to pay for services which should be provided by the council.

A Workers' Representative

Clare is a SIPTU shop-steward in Aer Lingus and has consistently campaigned in defence of workers' pay and conditions. She was the most prominent opponent of the criminal privatisation of Aer Lingus.



This government has given away a majority share-holding in this consistently profitable, 70 year old company built by the taxpayer and the workforce, in order to line the pockets of private investors. They have destabilised the company with the Ryanair intervention and paved the way for a vicious onslaught on workers' rights. The company wants to employ staff in foreign bases on

lower pay and conditions. Existing staff are being told to take a pay cut of over 20% in order to be "competitive" – in a company that has over €1 billion in cash reserves!

This is the Race to the Bottom that is being actively pushed and facilitated by the government and the employers. We stand shoulder to shoulder with workers in defence of quality jobs.

A proven campaigner who won't sell you out!

Clare spent a month in prison with her party colleague Joe Higgins TD in September/October 2003 for protesting against the hated bin tax and refusing to abandon the people who elected her. The bin tax has increased every year since then which further vindicates her position at the time.



Clare Daly and Joe Higgins TD being led away to Mountjoy prison

**Vote No. 1
Cllr. Clare**

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On other issues...

WORKERS' RIGHTS:

Resist bosses imposing wage competition and a race to the bottom between workers. For a mass trade union recruitment campaign and militant action to ensure decent pay and conditions for both Irish and migrant workers. End "social partnership".

WOMEN'S RIGHTS:

Women suffer the worst pay and conditions and are still paid on average 16% less than men. The trade unions must take action to enforce equal pay. Extend paid maternity leave to 52 weeks. Support the choices of women with crisis pregnancies including the provision of abortion facilities through the health service.

NO DISCRIMINATION:

Cater for the needs of people with disabilities. No to racism. No discrimination in rights or entitlements on the basis of gender, disability, race, sexual orientation, age, ethnicity or nationality.

ENVIRONMENT:

Tackle global warming by forcing big business to make radical cuts in greenhouse gas emissions. For state investment so that by 2020 more than 50% of Ireland's energy is from renewable sources.

TAXATION JUSTICE:

Scrap all stealth and double taxes including the bin tax and plans to introduce water charges. Fund proper public services and social welfare, including a proper, living state pension, through progressive taxation that shifts the tax burden on to big business and the rich.

CRIME AND ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR:

People have the right to live without fear of intimidation or violence. For democratic community controlled police services. Cut across anti social behaviour, invest in the educational, economic and leisure needs of young people.

NORTHERN IRELAND:

For a real and lasting solution based on unity of Catholic and Protestant communities not the sectarian politicians. For a socialist solution to the national question.

INTERNATIONAL:

US military out of Iraq and Shannon. Oppose imperialist wars including any attacks on the Iranian people. No to the big business dominated EU. For a Socialist Europe for the majority not the multinationals!

SOCIALIST POLICIES:

No to the capitalist market that promotes greed over public need. For socialism, where the natural resources, the banks and key sectors of the economy are taken into democratic working class ownership and control. For a democratic socialist plan to provide for the needs of the majority and create a society based on co-operation not competition.

For more information on what we stand for, go to www.socialistparty.net