

Clár 2022

# 80<sup>ú</sup> *Ard Fheis*

30<sup>th</sup> September - 1<sup>st</sup> October 2022  
RDS, Merrion Road, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4

 **FIANNA FÁIL**  
THE REPUBLICAN PARTY



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# Welcome to the 80ú Ard Fheis

## Important Message on Security at the Ard Fheis

Every year, the Organising Committee liaises with the Gardaí over safety and security at the Ard-Fheis.

We want the security to be as unobtrusive as possible but we do have to ensure the safety of our members attending. Please co-operate with any requests made to you by Gardaí and security staff during the day.

Security personnel have the right to refuse admission. Your ticket must be visible at all times. This ticket is valid only if accompanied by valid photo ID, for example:

- Driver's Licence
- Passport
- Department of Social and Family Affairs Client ID
- Garda Age Card

Your ticket is traceable to the holder and his/her cumann.

Access to the auditorium will be on a first come - first served basis.

If you lose your ticket, report it immediately to the Enquiries/Ticket Collection Office who will advise you on obtaining a replacement.

Every member will be asked to show their ticket accompanied by their membership card at the entrance to the convention centre.

Large items of luggage are not allowed in the conference venue. Please keep items to a minimum to speed up the admission process. Regular ticket and bag checks can be irritating - none of us like to queue – but we are sure you understand why such security is necessary.

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**IMPORTANT!**

This year's Taoiseach's  
Address will commence  
at 6:30pm on Saturday

Please be in your  
seats by 5:30pm

*Thank You!*

**Note On Schedule**

A detailed schedule of events for the 80ú Fianna Fáil Ard Fheis will be available in the RDS throughout the event. It will also be available as a separate document in the Ard Fheis pack.

Please make sure to consult it for the most up-to-date time and location information.

**Please check separate schedule for detailed timings  
and schedule for Ard Fheis workshops and events**





## A Message from Micheál Martin TD

An Taoiseach & Uachtarán Fhianna Fáil

I would like to sincerely welcome you all to our Party's 80th Ard Fheis.

A lot has happened since we last gathered in person, so it will be great to meet each other again. We have an ambitious programme for government and I am proud that the members of Fianna Fáil participated in the largest party vote ever recorded in Ireland and expressed clearly their desire to take on a daunting agenda. Our absolute focus is on implementing it.

What really matters to people is that Fianna Fáil implements our ambitious programme for government in housing, health, climate change and of course the most recent challenges of energy and other costs of living.

Like the Covid 19 pandemic, the global energy crisis is a storm that has come to these shores from abroad, due to the illegal and appalling war of Russia against Ukraine. Fianna Fáil is acutely aware of the effect the energy crisis is having on families and businesses.

I believe that measures announced in the Budget will help alleviate these for the winter period. We looked after people when we had a pandemic, and we will look after them again as we tackle this energy crisis.

Ireland is in a position to respond aggressively to this crisis because our economy is strong and we have full employment. There are more than 2.6 million people in employment – the most ever at work.

In the past two years alone, 410,000 jobs were added which is the fastest job growth in history. Our strong economic performance is generating the tax revenues, especially income and corporation tax, that allow us to respond to this energy crisis.

In the medium term, we are committed, along with our European partners, to a faster transition to clean energy sources such as offshore wind as well as more solar energy.

I am determined to maintain resilience in the face of this crisis,

and to prioritise the need to protect jobs and our enterprise sector and sustain our economic growth through the winter and next year.

Our Ard Fheis is a good time to take stock and to plan on how Fianna Fáil in government will improve people's lives over the remainder of the term in government. We have helped steer our country's economic recovery post-Covid 19. Ireland is a modern, diverse and dynamic country and we have the lowest youth unemployment in Europe.

Fianna Fáil members should be proud of the contribution that our party has made to make this happen.

Throughout our Party's history, we know how important it is for people to own their own home. The challenge of ensuring housing for a rapidly rising population is a core and constant priority. Ireland now has an ambitious, fully-funded and comprehensive plan in Housing for All.

Planning applications are up, housing construction is up and housing completion is up. But most importantly, the government has in the last two years put in place the largest social housing programme in Ireland's history.

The last twelve-monthly figures recorded 35,000 new homes – the highest number since records began.

Fianna Fáil has always been determined to address the great unmet challenge of the Good Friday Agreement. I set up the Shared Island Unit to build stronger links on this island and backed this up with €500m capital investment. It is the first time that we are actually preparing vital, rigorous and independent work on key services and policies on an all-island basis.

I look forward to meeting you all over the coming days while we debate how best to tackle the challenges of Cost of Living, Energy, Inflation, Housing, Health Services, Climate Change and, of course Brexit.

I am proud of what our Party in government has helped our country to overcome in the past two years and the policies we have put in place for sustained long term progress. Working together, we will achieve a lot.

Finally, I want to wish all of the candidates who are putting themselves forward for election to the National Executive the very best in what looks like to be a very competitive contest.

Le gach dea ghui



Micheál Martin TD

**Taoiseach & Uachtarán Fianna Fáil**





## General Secretary's Welcome

Seán Dorgan

Welcome back to the RDS for the Fianna Fáil Ard Fheis.

This is our Party's 80th Ard Fheis. It's great to be back to a traditional in-person Ard Fheis, coming after an unprecedented three year break. The Ard Fheis is a wonderful, interactive, dynamic weekend, treasured by our membership. It's a great opportunity for members of Fianna Fáil from across the country to meet and discuss the political priorities of our time and plan for the further growth and development of the organisation.

Since we last met in 2019, much has happened. We had a very successful local elections in 2019, increasing our seats and winning 267 seats. We improved our performance in the European Elections in 2019, winning two seats: Billy Kelleher in South and Barry Andrews in Dublin. However, much remains to be done as we prepare for the next European Elections. While

we finished as the largest Party in the General Election of 2020, winning 38 seats, our result was disappointing and we must learn the lessons from that campaign as we strengthen and plan for the next general election.

Our membership voted by a large majority to approve the Programme for Government in 2020. This vote was the largest of its kind held by any political party in Ireland. This exercise was a great sign of the health of our organisation and our members' involvement in determining its future direction. Thanks to all our members for participating in this vote.

In 2020, our Party returned to government under the leadership of our Uachtarán, Micheál Martin TD. In government, Fianna Fáil has set about addressing some of the most fundamental challenges facing our society. Our Taoiseach, Micheál Martin TD, along with our ministers, have been making significant progress in achieving these ambitious targets. The Party

owes a debt of gratitude to our membership for the commitment and support it continues to show. Over this weekend, you will have a great opportunity to hear from our Taoiseach and ministers, to discuss in detail their achievements to date and plans for the remainder of the term of government and to make your own suggestions on aspects of policy. I encourage you to participate fully in these discussions over the weekend.

The past two years have been exceedingly challenging for everyone in our country. This has also been the case in our organisation. However, despite these many challenges, Fianna Fáil displayed an eagerness to continue its activism and connecting. Our webinars, which we will continue to develop, proved to be very popular and allow our members to hear directly from our ministers and others.

The 2024 local elections will soon be upon us. The 2019 local elections saw candidates run and get elected who have acted as outstanding role models and advocates. We will build on this as we prepare for the 2024 elections. Our preparations have already commenced and I am keen that each unit and member plays a

very central role in that work. We will soon see the next generation of candidates and public representatives who will provide a strong voice for their communities and our party. If you, or someone you know, are considering being such a voice, there will always be a helping hand on offer. I encourage you to discuss your interest with us and to get involved.

Finally, I would like to thank our staff in Headquarters and Leinster House for their commitment and hard work since we last met. A lot has happened in that period and they displayed an ability to adapt and continue to deliver for our Party. They continue to work tirelessly on behalf of the Party. I know, as you meet them over the weekend, you will agree that they are wonderful ambassadors for the Party.

I hope you find this to be a thoroughly enjoyable Ard Fheis. I look forward to meeting you over the weekend.

Thank you for everything you continue to do for Fianna Fáil.



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Seán Dorgan  
**General Secretary**

# Media Engagement

Fianna Fáil is performing very strongly in Government and is a key force for positive change in communities in every corner of the country. Telling that story through effective strategic communication is a vital element in the political process.

Fianna Fáil now has an opportunity to reach a much broader audience. While traditional media outlets such as newspapers, TV and radio will always be important, the ever increasing numbers on social media and engaging in politics in that way has altered the political battleground.

Our challenge is to ensure that our message of delivering in this Government in key areas such as Housing, Health, Education, Climate Action and much more, reaches as wide an audience as possible among the public and that our whole organisation is empowered to tell that story.

## Social Media Engagement

Social media allows Fianna Fáil to connect, communicate, organise and share information in ways that were unimaginable a few decades ago. 3 out of 4 people in Ireland are active on social media, with the average user spending 1 hour and 55 minutes per day across the various platforms.

Facebook is still the most popular social media channel in Ireland with 2.9 million users, closely followed by Instagram with 2.6 million, 2.2 million on TikTok and 1.6 million on Twitter.

We can target, reach and influence existing and prospective Fianna Fáil supporters through effective communications and engaging content on social media.

This activity can and should be further amplified by our members, by acting as advocates and sharing our message to your own networks on social media.

## Updated Media Shows – Contacts

Even with the growing role of social media, there is still great influence locally and nationally in the more traditional media. It is important to engage with these shows and support our Party and our Oireachtas members when they are appearing on the media.

Make sure you're aware of the email/contact for your local radio station and newspaper and here is a list of national current affairs shows and ways to engage.

### MORNING IRELAND

📞 @morningireland  
morningireland@rte.ie

### PAY KENNY NEWSTALK

#PKNT | 📞 @NewstalkFM  
Text: 53106 | patkenny@newstalk.com

### THE LAST WORD

📞 @lstword

### THE WEEK IN POLITICS

#TWIP | 📞 @rtetwip

### LUNCHTIME LIVE - NEWSTALK

📞 @LunchtimeLiveNT @AndreaGilligan

### TODAY WITH CLAIRE BYRNE

#TodayCB | 📞 @RTERadio1  
Text: 51551 | todaycb@rte.ie

### DRIVETIME RTE

#drivetimerte | 📞 @drivetimerte  
Text: 51551 | drivetime@rte.ie

### RTE PRIME TIME

#rtept | 📞 @RTE\_PrimeTime

### CLAIRE BYRNE LIVE

#cblive | 📞 ClaireByrneLive  
clairebyrnelive@rte.ie

### SATURDAY WITH KATIE HANNON

- RTE RADIO 1 | 📞 @Saturday@rte.ie  
#SaturdayRTE

### NEWSTALK BREAKFAST

📞 @NTBreakfast  
Text: 53106

### THE HARD SHOULDER

@TheHardShoulder | Text: 53106  
📞 @KieranCuddihy  
thehardshoulder@newstalk.com

### THE TONIGHT SHOW

#Tonightvmtv  
📞 @TonightVMTV

### LATE DEBATE

#latedebaterte  
📞 @LatedebateRTE

### RAIDIÓ NA GAELTACHTA

📞 @RTERnaG #RTERnaG





## Joint Honorary Secretaries' Report

Margaret Conlon

James Lawless TD

### Introduction

Since we last gathered in Citywest in February 2019, people across the world have experienced a very difficult period. However, this time apart from loved ones and our communities has reminded us of the value of togetherness. It is with immense pleasure that we welcome you to this Ard Fheis and see our members interacting and debating in person once more.

### Government

In 2020, following a vote by our members on the Programme for Government, Fianna Fáil returned to government with Micheál Martin TD as our Taoiseach. Since then, the government has led the country out of the pandemic with a hugely successful vaccine roll-out, while also setting about addressing the most fundamental challenges facing our country domestically. Despite the challenges, Fianna Fáil ministers are focused on delivering for the people of Ireland during the course of this government.

### 79ú Ard Fheis

The Ard Fheis of 2019 took place in Citywest Hotel, Dublin, and was a very successful event. The Party's

platform was laid out in advance of the 2019 local and European elections and the 2020 general election.

### Elections

The 2019 local elections were a great success for the Party and saw 267 Fianna Fáil candidates elected as councillors. We would like to congratulate and thank all involved in this campaign. We would also like to commend our councillors for the work they do on behalf of our party and their communities. The Party won two seats in the European elections, winning back the seat in Dublin. Fianna Fáil won 38 seats in the 2020 general election. We would like to thank all the candidates who ran for the party in the last general election, their local organisations and their families. We thank our staff at Election HQ, our Directors of Organisation and Elections across the country and the National Constituencies Committee. Finally, we would like to convey our sincere gratitude to every member and supporter of the party who canvassed or assisted the campaign in any way. The party also won 16 seats in the



2020 Seanad elections, with the party's representation in the upper house now sitting at 21 seats. Finally, Cllr Deirdre Conroy contested the Dublin Bay-South by-election in July 2021. Unfortunately, the campaign was unsuccessful but we would like to thank all those who took part in the campaign, particularly Deirdre, our candidate, and thank the Director of Elections, Jim O'Callaghan TD, and the local organisation. We would also like to pay particular tribute to the many Ógra members who travelled from all around the country to assist the campaign.

### **Commemorations**

The Arbour Hill and Wolfe Tone commemorations returned this year and, in November, a centenary commemoration of the late Paddy Smith TD was held in Tunnyduff. We would like to thank party members across the country for holding local commemorations.

### **Ógra**

Ógra continued its important work under the presidencies of Tom Cahill and Bryan Mallon and adapted well to virtual campaigning and debate throughout the pandemic. Conor Gallagher has been the National Youth Officer since 2019 and Ógra held its National Youth Conference in Donegal in April of this year. The new Ógra President, Niall Gaffney,

and the Central Officer Board were elected at the conference and we wish them the best of luck over the course of their term. We encourage you to visit the Ógra stand this weekend and consider family or friends who may be interested in joining.

### **Fianna Fáil Women's Network**

The Women's Network has continued to expand over the past three years. We would like to pay special tribute to the Network's President, Laura Reid, for her remarkable strength in what has been a very challenging time for her.

### **Aims and Objectives**

The Party was founded with a set of Aims and Objectives to guide its work which originally included the implementation of the Democratic Program of the first Dáil. Since then, those Aims have been revised and modernised on a small number of occasions including in the period leading up to economic expansion under Lemass and again prior to the Good Friday Agreement under Bertie Ahern. As a Joint Honorary Secretary of the Party, I was tasked by An Taoiseach, in Autumn 2021 with considering those aims and revising as appropriate to reflect the party's priorities in the 21st century. Since then, I have consulted widely, along with the Commission members

to whom I am most grateful for their assistance, and met with every unit of the party, including every CDC, to hear their views. We have produced a revised Aims and Objectives to take our party forward. I look forward to presenting those at this Ard Fheis and re-asserting the mission statement of our great party today.

### **An Taoiseach**

An Taoiseach, Micheál Martin TD, has shown great leadership throughout his term and has led the country with great commitment and poise through an extremely challenging period for the country and the world. In more recent times, he has represented Ireland's values in support of Ukraine and its people in the face of Russian aggression.

### **Administration**

Party staff in HQ on Mount Street and at Leinster House continue their hard work. We would like to thank Seán Dorgan and all of the staff members in Dublin and across the constituencies for the commitment to the party.

### **Ómós**

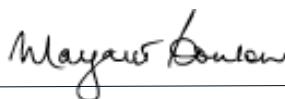
Since 2019, our party has lost many long-standing members and Covid-19 made it difficult to honour their lives and contributions to Fianna Fáil. We would like to offer our deepest condolences to the families of all those who have passed away. Ar dheis Dé go

raibh h-anam.

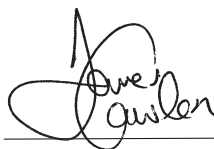
In particular, we think of Tom Holden, Professor Noel Mulachy, Jackie Fahey, Michael Lynch, Eddie Bohan, Farrell McElgunn, Hugh Conaghan, Gerard Brady, Vincent Brady, Brian Hillery, Dr Sean McCarthy, Chris Wall, Noel Treacy, Dr Dermot Fitzpatrick, Jimmy Leonard, Michael O'Kennedy, Seamus Hughes, and Bobby Aylward.

### **Conclusion**

As we move towards the 2024 local elections, Fianna Fáil is very much determined to deliver in government and build a better future for everyone in our country. We would like to express our gratitude to each of you for your unwavering support and commitment. We hope this Ard Fheis marks a pleasant return to normality after a couple of very trying years. We hope you thoroughly enjoy the weekend as you meet with fellow members and partake in the various sessions.



Margaret Conlon  
**Joint Honorary Secretary**



James Lawless TD  
**Joint Honorary Secretary**



## Joint Honorary Treasurers' Report

Minister Niall Collins TD

Kevin Fitzgerald

We, the Party's Joint Honorary National Treasurers, present the consolidated financial statements for the Fianna Fáil organisation for the year ended 31 December 2021. These statements have been prepared in line with the guidelines issued by the Standards in Public Office Commission and the provisions of the Electoral Act 1997.

In 2021, a non-election year, the Party incurred one campaign cost of €35,756 relating to the Dublin Bay South bye-election. This would be normal at this stage of the Dáil cycle for all parties. This allowed the Party to reduce its debt level further to €361,582 and we expect to fully clear our debt by the end of 2022. In spite of the challenges that the Covid-19 pandemic has presented, this is the lowest debt position the Party has had at this stage of the Dáil cycle over the last 30 years and is due largely to the strong financial foundations put in

place by the Party in previous years.

In 2021, Covid-19 continued to present significant challenges for our country and our people. Organisations and citizens across the country continued to be severely impacted by the pandemic. It was our expectation that this unprecedented global pandemic would impact on the Party's fundraising returns through 2021 and that has proven to be the case. We are hopeful with the lifting of most restrictions at the beginning of 2022, that we can begin to re-build the Party's fundraising activities.

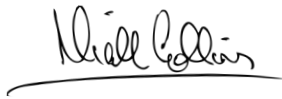
In terms of the Party's fundraising, the Covid-19 crisis continued to impact on our ability to hold our annual National Collection but the Party successfully held our National Superdraw after its cancellation in 2020 and impressively raised €507,436.

We would like to particularly thank our Public Representatives, Party Officers, Draw Co-Ordinators, Party Headquarters staff and members across the country for their work and support of this important fundraising initiative for the Party. Thankfully too, our membership registrations and income held up netting a total of €237,175.

In terms of state funding, in 2021, the Party received €1,427,140 in funding under the Electoral Acts, €1,798,390 under the Parliamentary

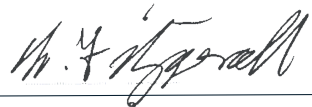
Leaders Allowance and finally, a staffing allocation from the Houses of the Oireachtas with a total value of €1,374,359. None of these funds are permitted to be used for elections or referenda, which can only be funded by income generated through Party fundraising income streams.

We wish to thank our members and supporters for their continued support and for helping us ensure that we continue to promote our message of fairness and an Ireland for All.



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Minister Niall Collins TD  
**Joint Honorary Treasurer**



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Kevin Fitzgerald  
**Joint Honorary Treasurer**

## Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31st December 2021

|  | 2021             | 2020               |
|--|------------------|--------------------|
|  | €                | €                  |
| <b>Income</b>                                    |                  |                    |
| State Funding                                    | 4,599,888        | 5,284,103          |
| Membership & Subscriptions                       | 237,175          | 273,845            |
| Donations  | 12,623           | 10,897             |
| Donations in kind (including notional donations) | -                | -                  |
| Gross fundraising income                         | 507,436          | 186,253            |
| Other amounts remitted by branches               | 12,522           | 3,786              |
| Miscellaneous income                             | -                | -                  |
| <b>Total Income</b>                              | <b>5,369,644</b> | <b>5,758,884</b>   |
| <b>Expenditure</b>                               |                  |                    |
| Staff Costs                                      | 2,474,555        | 3,684,270          |
| Administration                                   | 1,211,215        | 1,455,172          |
| Premises Costs                                   | 282,435          | 291,736            |
| Transfer to Branches                             | -                | -                  |
| Fundraising expenses                             | 89,021           | 26,227             |
| Financing charges                                | 34,770           | 48,199             |
| Campaign and election costs                      | 35,756           | 1,221,244          |
| Depreciation                                     | 8,381            | 13,229             |
| Rebates to Constituencies                        | 140,515          | 23,873             |
| <b>Total Expenditure</b>                         | <b>4,276,648</b> | <b>6,763,950</b>   |
| <b>Surplus / (Deficit) for the year</b>          | <b>1,092,996</b> | <b>(1,005,066)</b> |

## Statement of Financial Position as at 31st December 2021

|   | 2021             | 2021             | 2020             | 2020             |
|---|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
|   | €                | €                | €                | €                |
| <b>Fixed Assets</b>                     |                  |                  |                  |                  |
| Tangible Assets                         |                  | 19,400           |                  | 27,781           |
| Investments                             |                  | -                |                  | -                |
| <b>Current Assets</b>                   |                  |                  |                  |                  |
| Debtors                                 | 570,032          |                  | 578,042          |                  |
| Cash at Bank and on Hand                | 847,518          |                  | 346,348          |                  |
|   | <u>1,417,550</u> |                  | <u>924,390</u>   |                  |
| <b>Creditors due in one year</b>        |                  |                  |                  |                  |
| Creditors and Accruals                  | (483,739)        |                  | (460,537)        |                  |
| Loans                                   | <u>-</u>         |                  | <u>(176,019)</u> |                  |
| <br>Net Current Assets                  |                  | 933,811          |                  | 287,834          |
| <br><b>Creditors due after one year</b> |                  |                  |                  |                  |
| Loans                                   |                  | <u>(361,582)</u> |                  | <u>(816,982)</u> |
| <br>Total Net Assets /<br>(Liabilities) |                  | <u>591,629</u>   |                  | <u>(501,367)</u> |
| <br>Accumulated Reserves                |                  | <u>591,629</u>   |                  | <u>(501,367)</u> |



Dates for your diary

# Annual Fianna Fáil Wolfe Tone Commemoration

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## 16th October 2022

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You are invited to the Annual Fianna Fáil Commemoration at Bodenstown Cemetery, Kildare on Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup> October 2022 at 12 Noon.

Taoiseach Micheál Martin TD, Uachtarán Fhianna Fáil, will lay a wreath at the grave of Theobald Wolfe Tone and deliver the Oration, commemorating the contribution made by Wolfe Tone and his comrades.

TDs, Senators, Ard Chomhairle members, Local Authority members, members and supporters of Fianna Fáil will be in attendance and all families and friends are welcome.







# Cairde Fáil 2022

DINNÉAR AN TAOISIGH



## Saturday 22nd October 2022

Clayton Hotel, Burlington Road  
(Formally the Burlington)  
Upper Leeson Street, Dublin 4

**Tickets €80 / Table of 10 €750**

For More details or to book tickets, contact Anne Quinn on 01 664 9233 or on [anne@fiannafail.ie](mailto:anne@fiannafail.ie)

# Éamon DeValera Commemoration

Sunday 6th November - 12 Noon

Ennis Courthouse, Ennis, Co. Clare





## Are you subscribed to the text alerts?

We are moving to text alerts and email notifications to inform the membership of national and local events.

You can check if you are subscribed by calling the Membership team in HQ at **01-6761551**.

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You can sign up to the weekly Party Bulletin at [www.fiannafail.ie](http://www.fiannafail.ie) or email **[bulletin@fiannafail.ie](mailto:bulletin@fiannafail.ie)** or contact Party Headquarters **01-6761551**.

If you are not on email or text, please keep in regular contact with your Cumann, CC or CDC Secretary for notifications or ring HQ on **01-6761551**.

We encourage all members to check they are subscribed to both text and email alerts.

# Renew Your Fianna Fáil Membership



## New Membership Cards Coming Soon (Check your Post!)

Maintaining and renewing your voting membership is important to be able to vote at Ard Fheiseanna and candidate selection conventions. Members who allow their voting rights to lapse become associate members.

New Membership Cards will be delivered over the coming weeks.

**1 Year - €20 / 3 Year - €50**  
**5 Year - €80 / Life - €200**



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# Join Fianna Fáil Today

We welcome new Members, Ideas, Enthusiasm

1

**BECOME A FULL VOTING MEMBER AT ARD FHEISEANNA AND ALL CONVENTIONS**



2

**ATTEND AND VOTE AT ARD FHEIS AND PARTY MEETINGS**



3

**REGULAR FIANNA FÁIL WEBINARS**



4

**POLICY WORKSHOPS**



5

**WEEKLY PARTY BULLETIN**



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**INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP CARD**



**Do you know someone who is interested in making a difference to your local community or having a larger say in Ireland's future?**

If so Fianna Fáil is looking for your help.

We welcome new ideas, fresh enthusiasm and more involvement in helping us towards a better Ireland.

## Contact the Membership Team

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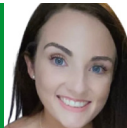
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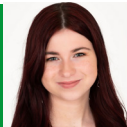
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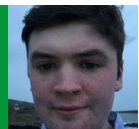


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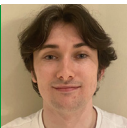
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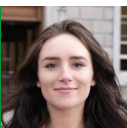
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## A Message from the Ógra President

Niall Gaffney

A chairde,

Ar son Ógra Fhianna Fáil, ta áthas orm fáilte a chur romhaibh chuig an 80ú Ard Fheis anseo i mBaile Átha Cliath. Mar a fheicfidh tú thíos, tá pleananna mór againn don bhliain romhainn.

### National Youth Conference 2022

This year's National Youth Conference was held in the scenic Waterfront Hotel, Dungloe, County Donegal, on the 1st and 2nd April. This was the first in person National Youth Conference since the COVID-19 Pandemic began, and Donegal Ógra must be praised and congratulated for organising such a well run and enjoyable weekend. During the Conference, spirited debates were had by members on policies and motions. The Conference also hosted three significant panel discussions, including topics such as Disability, a Shared Island and preparing for the 2024 Local Elections.

The event was well attended by Senior Party representatives and Members of the Oireachtas, and I would like to extend my thanks for their involvement and support. On the Saturday morning, elections for the Central Officer Board took place.

The following is the current COB:

**Uachtarán:** Niall Gaffney

**Policy Director:** Brian O'Connor

**Campaigns and Events Director:** Susan Meehan

**Membership and Recruitment Director:** Nelius Cotter

**International Officer:**

Sorcha Ní Chonghaile

**Gaeilge and Culture Officer:** Jack Ryan

**Equality Officer:** Vacant

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**Ulster Organiser:** Cian Bambrick

The new Officer Board have hit the ground running and have a number of high priority issues and campaigns to run over the next 12 months.

### Ógra's Top Priorities

Supporting members and developing Cumainn as we emerge from the COVID-19 pandemic, and events return to in-person attendance, Ógra is committed to holding accessible and inclusive recruitment campaigns and events right across the Island of Ireland.

Our Membership Officer, Nelius Cotter, in conjunction with our five regional organisers, will co-ordinate



recruitment campaigns to get Ógra's message across and to further boost our membership.

Our Policy Director, Brian O'Connor, has met, and continues to meet, members from across the island to expand on motions passed by the membership at the recent NYC and National Council meetings.

The voice of the youth has never been louder. We have seen the powerful impact of social media on elections and sharing our messaging. A priority of ours this year will be to further promote positive and effective policies which benefit young people across the island of Ireland.

### Ógra events and campaigns

The Ógra calendar is brimming with inclusive and fun events for the year ahead, and trojan work is being done by our Events and Campaigns Director, Susan Meehan. Everything ranging from the Jack Lynch Cup in football, to the Markievicz Summer School, to monster canvasses and workshops.

Given the significant centenaries to be commemorated over the coming months and next year, Ógra's commemoration

committee will be organising events around the Country, and all are welcome to join.

### International Focus

The war in Ukraine is a stark reminder that we cannot take democracy and peace for granted. Ireland has united in its support and solidarity for the people of Ukraine.

Our international Officer, Sorcha Ni Chonghaile, has been working closely with our counterparts in other EU Youth Parties, and continues to find ways in which all of us can play our part in supporting Ukraine.

### The Challenges ahead

Ógra will face many challenges over the next year. Issues such as extortionate rents, the cost of living for students and inequalities in society are all matters at the forefront of Ógra's focus for the coming months.

Níl aon dúshlán sa todhchaí nach féider linn sárú le chéile.

Go raibh míle maith agaibh,  
Ar aghaidh le Fianna Fáil



# Polasaí Fhianna Fáil i leith Gaeilge

Minister Jack Chambers TD



## A chara,

Le linn stair bhródúil Fhianna Fáil, tá an Ghaeilge curtha chun cinn againn mar sheoid chultúir, mar is cuí. Is nasc í an Ghaeilge eadrainn féin agus ciste taisce iomlán na féiniúlachta náisiúnta a bhfuil saibhreas ag baint leis ó thaobh an chultúir, leis an mbealach ar leith a mbíonn muintir na hÉireann ag smaoineamh trína gcuid seanfhocal agus nathanna cainte, logainmneacha gan ach cúpla ceann a lua.

Mar Aire Gaeltachta, bím i gcónaí ar aon eolas faoin méid atá bainte amach ag Fianna Fáil cheana féin le blianta beaga anuas chun an Ghaeilge a chur chun cinn. Ó chasadh an chéid, chuir muid roinnt forbairtí suntasacha ar fáil don Ghaeilge agus do phobail Ghaeltachta.

- Acht na dTeangacha Oifigiúla 2003.
- Bunú Oifig an Choimisinéara Teanga.
- Bunú Fhoras na Gaeilge.
- Cearta teanga a áireamh i ndlíthe éagsúla, sna hachtanna oideachais agus sna hachtanna

pleanála mar shampla.

- Bunú Choimisiún na Gaeltachta.
- Forbairt na Straitéise físi 20 Bliain don Ghaeilge, agus glacadh léi.
- Caitheadh suim shuntasach ar bhunstruchtúr na Gaeltachta agus na Gaeilge.
- Bunú COGG (An Chomhairle um Oideachas Gaeltachta & Gaelscolaíochta).
- Rinneadh maoiniú ollmhór a infheistiú chun cur le líon na nGaelscoileanna le linn ár dtéarma oifige.
- Nuair a tháinig muid isteach sa Rialtas atá ann faoi láthair, bhí muid ar an eolas go raibh an tréimhse roimh an mbliain 2020 deacair. Cé go raibh méadú tagtha ar an líon daoine a labhair Gaeilge taobh istigh agus taobh amuigh den Ghaeltacht araon le linn dúinn a bheith sa Rialtas, tá laghdú tagtha ar an méid cainteoirí Gaeilge ó d'fhág muid. Is ábhar imní ar leith agus ábhar conspóide é don pháirtí agus do phobail Ghaeltachta nuair a cuireadh deireadh leis na toghcháin ar bhord Údarás na

- Gaeltachta.
- Ó thosaigh mé sa ról seo, agus mé in éineacht le mo chomhghleacaithe Dara Calleary, Aindrias Moynihan, Eamon Ó Cuív agus Lorraine Clifford- Lee a bhíonn ag glacadh páirt go minic sa Choiste Oireachtais, tá dul chun cinn déanta ag Fianna Fáil thar roinnt príomhréimsí chun tacú leis an nGaeilge.
- Thar aon ní eile, cuireadh Acht na dTeangacha Oifigiúla atá neartaithe agus leathnaithe go mór ar fáil. Cinnteofar leis an Acht, a ritheadh an Nollaig seo caite, na nithe seo a leanas:
- Beidh Gaeilge ar a dtail ag 20% d'earcaigh sa tseirbhís phoiblí faoin mbliain 2030
- Beidh ainm Gaeilge in úsáid ag na comhlachtaí reachtúla nuabhunaithe.
- Déanfaidh comhlachtaí poiblí 20% den fhógraíocht atá acu i nGaeilge agus beidh 5% den fhógraíocht sna meáin chumarsáide Ghaeilge.
- Aithneoidh agus glacfaidh córais TF a oibríonn an stát an leas a bhaintear as an síneadh fada.
- Agus beidh sé de cheart ag daoine gan teideal a úsáid ina gcomhfhreagrú le Roinn Rialtais, má tá siad ag iarraidh.

Ghaeilge stádas iomlán oifigiúil agus oibre amach san Aontas Eorpach. Tá an Ghaeilge anois ar aon chéim le teangacha eile oifigiúla agus oibre san AE agus neartóidh sé sin an caidreamh idir saoránaigh agus córais riaracháin na hEorpa.

Tá na coláistí teanga atá againn an-tábhachtach chun cur leis an nGaeilge agus ceangal fad saoil leis an nGaeilge a thabhairt do dhaoine agus tacú leo in éineacht leis na mná tí a bhfuil ról ríthábhachtach acu maidir leis na cúrsaí teanga sin a chur ar fáil, rud atá mar phríomhthosaíocht dom. Le dhá bhliain anuas cuireadh níos mó ná €8M ar fáil mar thacaíochtaí airgeadais do choláistí agus mná tí nach raibh in ann dul ar aghaidh leis na cúrsaí.

An samhradh seo tá na cúrsaí sin ar ais agus mar aitheantas ar chomh deacair agus a bhí an dá bhliain anuas, mhéadaigh mé deontas laethúil Scéim na bhFoghlaimoirí Gaeilge 10% (ó €10 go €11). Mhéadaigh mé an teacht atá ag daltaí as teaghligh nach bhfuil an oiread céanna buntáistí acu ar an nGaeltacht trí 400 scoláireacht coláistí Gaeilge a chur ar fáil d'iar-bhunscoileanna DEIS.

Ag tús na bliana seo bhain an

Nuair a thugaim cuairt ar phobail

Ghaeltachta, cuireann siad teachtaireacht sheasmhach chugam maidir leis an ngá atá le dul i ngleic le saincheisteanna pleanála sa Ghaeltacht. Tá mé féin agus an tAire Darragh O'Brien ag obair faoi láthair chun dul i ngleic leis na ceisteanna sin. Is é is aidhm leis an obair sin an Ghaeilge a chosaint agus a chur chun cinn mar theanga phobail sna ceantair Ghaeltachta. Beidh gá le córas nua a thabhairt isteach, ar a dtugtar Comhchreat Tagartha na hEorpa um Theangacha.

Cuireadh stáitchiste breise €7m ar fáil i mbuiséad 2022 don Ghaeilge agus d'earnálacha na Gaeltachta, rud a chiallaíonn sa deireadh go bhfuil feidhm á baint as an maoiniú iomlán níos mó ná €85m chun tacú leis an nGaeilge tríd an Roinn amháin an bhliain seo chugainn. Is ardú suntasach ar mhaoiniú é seo a chuidigh leis an bpróiseas pleanála teanga a chríochnú.

Ag breathnú chun cinn, tá roinnt píosáí suntasacha oibre a bhfuil mé páirteach iontu faoi láthair ar cheart toradh a bheith orthu sna míonna amach romhainn. Tá obair tosaithe anois ar thoghchán athbhreithnithe agus ar

phróiseas roghnúcháin do bhord Údarás na Gaeltachta. Faoi réir thorthaí an athbhreithnithe sin, tá rún agam go mbeidh na toghcháin ar ais sa bhliain 2023.

I ndiaidh rath BÁC le Gaeilge, cuirfear tús go luath le hobair chun feachtas náisiúnta a fhorbairt chun an Ghaeilge a chur chun cinn in áiteanna oibre agus i dtimpeallachtaí sóisialta.

Tá obair fós ag dul ar aghaidh chun úsáid na Gaeilge sa pháirtí a neartú freisin. Ba mhaith liom mo bhuíochas a ghabháil le comhaltaí Ógra as an bplé úsáideach a bhí ann níos luaithe i mbliana agus leis na comhaltaí ar fud na tíre atá ag obair chun an Ghaeilge a chur chun cinn agus a chothú laistigh den pháirtí agus dá bpobail araon.

Ar deireadh, má tá aon mholtaí polasaí agat maidir le polasaí Gaeilge an pháirtí, seol chugainn iad le do thoil len iad a mheas.



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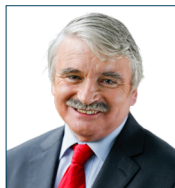
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Mr Frank Begley  
Mr Larry Brennan  
Mr Joe Byrne  
Mr Diarmuid Campbell  
Mr Peter Caulfield  
Cllr Bill Collentine  
Mr Phelim Collins  
Mr Hugh Conaghan  
Ms Mary Corbett  
Ms Karen Dobbyn  
Cllr Fionnán Fitzgerald  
Ms Valerie Gaynor  
Mr Eamonn Gilligan

Ms Sinead Guckian  
Mr Emmet Kane  
Cllr Clifford Kelly  
Mr Tony Kelly  
Mr Michael Lane  
Mr Gearoid Lohan  
Cllr Brigid Manton  
Mr Luke Martin  
Mr Tom McCarthy  
Cllr Tony McCormack  
Mr Rory McEvoy  
Ms Moya McGrath Doyle  
Ms Mary McKenna  
Ms Andrea McKevitt  
Ms Niamh Moran  
Mr Alec Morrissey  
Mr Joe Murphy  
Mr Bernie O'Callaghan  
Mr Gerry O'Connor  
Ms Maeve O'Doherty  
Cllr. Frank O'Flynn  
Mr Ciaran O'Loughlin  
Mr Gerry Reidy  
Mr Michael Thompson  
Mr Dermot Walsh

### **Committee of 15 Male Panel**

Mr Dave Byrne  
Mr John Kirwan  
Mr Tim Maher  
Mr DJ Moore  
Cllr Gearóid Murphy  
Mr Michael Smyth

### **Committee of 15 Female Panel**

Ms Róisín Bradley  
Dr Maria Buckley  
Ms Sandra Farrell  
Ms Aideen Ginnell  
Ms Stephanie Keating  
Ms Madeleine Thornton  
Mr Niamh Traynor

### **Committee of 15 NI**

Ms. Sorcha McAnespy

### **Ógra Representatives**

Mr Nelius Cotter  
Mr Niall Gaffney  
Ms Susan Meehan  
Ms Sorcha Ní Chonghaile  
Mr Brian O'Connor

### **Councillor Representatives**

Cllr Frankie Keena  
Cllr Niall Kelleher  
Cllr Ed O'Brien

### **Parliamentary Party Representative**

Senator Ned O'Sullivan

### **Honorary Life Members**

Mr David Andrews  
Mr Gerard Collins

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\*Over the term of this Ard Chomhairle, Chris Wall R.I.P., Dublin Central Constituency Delegate and Tom Holden R.I.P., Kilkenny Constituency Delegate sadly passed away. We extend our sympathies to their families.

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ARD FHEIS VOTING

### **Time for Voting:**

**Saturday 1st October, 10.00am - 3.00pm in Hall 3.**

Please note that members wishing to vote will have to be within the voting registration area not later than 3:00pm.

### **Ballot Papers:**

Each voting delegate shall be given four (4) ballot papers. One shall be for the 'Fianna Fáil Vice President' positions, with the other three used for electing the 'Committee of Fifteen' positions.

### **Voting by PRSTV:**

Voting delegates shall vote in order of their preference in accordance with the rules of the PR single transferable vote system (Electoral Act 1992).

Delegates may vote for any number of candidates by placing their preference vote 1,2,3,4 etc in the boxes provided opposite the names of the candidates who are listed in alphabetical order.

A ballot paper is valid as long as a first preference is recorded.

### **Voting Security:**

A ballot paper will only be issued to a delegate in possession of a delegate pass, and valid photo ID. No other ID will be acceptable for entry into the voting area.

Each delegate ticket will be specific to that particular delegate and only that person will be allowed to use this ticket.

Only fully subscribed VOTF members of the Party listed on the Fianna Fáil Headquarters database who have registered as a delegate for the Ard Fheis will be eligible to vote.

Delegates may not re-enter the registration area or voting area under any circumstances.

To enter the voting registration area all voting delegates must produce a form of identity which includes a photograph (ie driver's licence, passport, Garda ID), and their delegate pass.

## Uachtarán

**Micheál Martin TD** - Cork South Central

Unopposed

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## Vice President

\*Please note there are five Vice Presidents, two of whom must be members of the Parliamentary Party, one male and one female, and two of whom must not be members of the Parliamentary Party, one male and one female. As

**Mary Butler TD** and **Eamon Ó Cuív TD** are the only PP members who accepted their nominations, they are unopposed.

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## Joint Honorary Secretaries

**Margaret Conlon** - Monaghan

**James Lawless TD** - Kildare North

\*Please note there are two Joint Honorary Secretaries, one of whom must be a member of the Parliamentary Party and one who must not be a member of the Parliamentary Party. Therefore, **Margaret Conlon** and **James Lawless TD** are unopposed.

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## Joint Honorary Treasurers

**Niall Collins TD** - Limerick

**Kevin Fitzgerald** - Cork North Central

\*Please note there are two Joint Honorary Treasurers, one of whom must be a member of the Parliamentary Party and one who must not be a member of the Parliamentary Party. Therefore, **Niall Collins TD** and **Kevin Fitzgerald** are unopposed.

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## ARD FHEIS ELECTIONS

Vice President

One must be male and one must be female  
(3 positions to be elected)



### Kathryn Byrne - Dublin Bay South

I am seeking your Number 1 vote for re-election as Vice President of Fianna Fáil. A dedicated grass-roots member of the party, I believe in honesty, transparency and holding true to our party values. My commitment is to Fianna Fáil and to you, the members. My maternal grandparents were strong activists in the Balla Cumann in Mayo and my grand uncle, the late Matt O'Reilly, represented Meath in Dáil Éireann for many years. I feel privileged to be continuing their good work.

In 2019 we had an unprecedented win in the local elections, making Fianna Fáil the largest party in local government. This success followed through in the subsequent General election and had a significant impact on the Seanad election. To repeat that success, now is the time for us to be working towards 2024, selecting our local candidates and formulating strategy. If re-elected I will be making this my priority.

It is imperative that all members' views are heard at the highest level, and I will continue to be vocal in representing you at Ard Comhairle. I would greatly appreciate your Number One vote or highest possible preference so that I may ensure the grass-roots members are well represented at senior party level and that your voices are heard.



### **Donie Cassidy - Meath West**

I am a lifelong Fianna Fáil Member who has worked for the organisation at local and national level in many electoral campaigns. I believe that I have an excellent working knowledge of the organisation throughout the country as a result. I have a proud record of achievements in representative politics, having served as a Fianna Fáil Deputy, Senator and Councillor, and was privileged to be appointed Leader of the Senate for two terms.

If elected a Vice President of Fianna Fáil, I promise to work closely with the Party leadership at Ard Comhairle level to build on our election results, and generate a winning campaign in all future elections. I would be grateful for your number 1 vote or highest possible preference at this Ard Fheis.

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### **Stephaine Davis O'Brien - Dublin Fingal**

I am a lifelong member of Fianna Fáil as were many of my family. I have worked in a number of roles in the Dublin Fingal organisation, including contesting local elections. I am President of Dublin Fingal CDC, Secretary of the Community Council and a Peace Commissioner. I am renowned as a very visible hard worker in my local community of Ballyboughal in various roles involving all aspects from community transport to taking care of senior members of the community.

I have always supported all local and national elections in North Dublin, canvassing daily for our candidates across all wards in each part of the constituency with the sole purpose of getting our Fianna Fáil candidates elected. I also supported the local organisation in all election counts, over many years highlighting my integral position within the organisation.

It would be my honour to represent and support our Party as Vice President.

Please vote No 1 or your next highest preference for Stephanie Davis O'Brien for Vice President at the 2022 Ard Fheis Elections.





### **Arthur Griffin - Tipperary**

Arthur Griffin was first elected in 2013, Arthur (36) is the youngest serving Vice President of Fianna Fáil.

Arthur served as Chair of Tipperary CDC for 5 years, overseeing the merger of the two constituencies of North and South Tipperary. He is currently the chair of the Árd Comhairle's European Affairs committee. As Vice-President, Arthur has earned a reputation as a hard worker willing to assist members in matters large and small in any corner of the country.

Arthur is a practicing Barrister who plays rugby, Gaelic football and golf when he isn't knocking doors or dropping leaflets for the Party. Arthur's philosophy to party activism is "Energy, Effort, and Enthusiasm".

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### **Aoife McCooey - Monaghan**

A Chairde,

I write to seek your number 1 vote in the Ard Fheis Elections for the position of Vice President of Fianna Fáil.

I believe I can bring a lot of value to the role for a number of reasons. As a young female and one of the Party's younger elected representatives, I have my finger on the pulse in terms of what our members want from the Party and also how we can remain relevant to the wider public.

Coming from a border area I have strong republican values which we need to continue to embed into our Party, as we have been doing through the Shared Island Unit under the Department of the Taoiseach. My main goal is to increase the involvement of young people and women through their active and meaningful participation within the Party, and to see them run as candidates in the 2024 Local Elections, enriching our team in Local Government.

Vote McCooey No 1.

## ARD FHEIS ELECTIONS

Committee of 15

Male Panel (7 positions)

**Alan Bracken - Dublin Bay North**

As a Party member in Dublin Bay North. I have worked both locally and nationally on many different campaigns across the country with a variety of TD's, Senators, and Councillors.

I believe in our grassroots membership and I believe that we are an essential cog in the political machine that is Fianna Fáil, I believe that our voices matter and need to be heard so that our concerns are addressed at National Executive level.

I am seeking your vote to continue my work for Fianna Fáil and if re-elected, I promise to bring the same energy and commitment to the National Executive which I have displayed since I was first elected in 2017.

I ask you to please consider me for your No.1 or your next highest preference on Saturday 1st October 2022.



### **Fintan Bray - Meath West**

I am 28 years old. I was born with Down Syndrome.

I am not afraid to work hard, I am well able to speak up for myself and to use my voice and strong ability. I work in a wedding venue, Clonabreaney House, Meath. I want to get on the Committee of 15, so that people with a disability can get meaningful jobs and feel valued like I do.

I attended St Finian's College, Mullingar, Cavan Institute, Latch On, Mote and Personal development courses and lifelong learning. I represent people with disabilities on a number committees such as the National Council of Down syndrome Ireland, Longford/Westmeath Down Syndrome Association and the Regional Advisory Council of Down Syndrome Ireland.

I am the Equality Officer in Meath West Órga and a member of the FF Disability Forum.

Please vote No 1 Fintan Bray



### **Dave Byrne - Dublin Fingal**

A chairde,

My name is Dave Byrne and I am seeking re-election to the Ard Chomhairle Committee of 15. I am a member of the Dublin Fingal constituency, serving on our CDC officer board as constituency delegate; a role that involves planning our campaigns for the next Local and European elections and also a role that I enjoy.

As an experienced, energetic and determined person, I have taken part in numerous national campaigns throughout the years. I have been at the heart of campaigns experiencing both successes and defeats, the cut and thrust of politics.

My role on the Ard Chomhairle is to represent you, the member. I will liaise with you, taking on board your suggestions, observations and concerns in both rural and urban constituencies to ensure a platform for inclusion for all members. I ask for your confidence in Dave Byrne by voting for me, number 1, at the Ard Fheis on October 1st.



### **Cormac Corr - Meath West**

Dia dhuit Delegate, my name is Cormac Corr I'm a 21-year-old Credit Union Director from Kells Co. Meath.

I have been an active member of Fianna Fáil for many years now, serving on the Officer Board of my CDC, CC & Ógra Unit. I've been involved in many different campaigns - canvassing in both local and general elections.

I accepted your nomination to run for the committee of 15 because I care deeply about this party, no other party has contributed so much to our nation & it's People! It would be the honour of a lifetime to be able to represent the Membership on The Ard Comhairle, if elected I can assure you that I will work tirelessly for the betterment of our great party.

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### **Donal Counihan - Cork South Central**

I am a dedicated Party member from Cork and I have been a Party activist as far back as 1959 when I first canvassed for Éamon de Valera as a young boy. I have since served as a Cllr for 30 years and Lord Mayor of Cork in 2007- 2008.

I fully support the Taoiseach's policies on the Good Friday Agreement, particularly the (NSMC) North South Ministerial Council which was established under the Good Friday Agreement to develop consultation, co-operation and action within the island of Ireland.

If elected I will continue to work hard for the Party and I look forward to raising your concerns at Ard Comhairle level. I would greatly appreciate your Number 1 vote or next highest preference.

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### **Derek Daly - Cork East**

Derek has been a member since 2005, serving as UL Chair in 2008, becoming student President in 2011; he was Limerick City CDC Secretary in 2012, supported Ógra national committees over the years, brought the Youth Conference to Limerick and was a director of elections in Limerick City in 2020.

As PRO of his local community council, he recently managed communications on arrival of one of the first groups of refugees to a community setting in the country. Professionally he is a manager in the motor trade, with an eye for detail, opportunity and organisation. Seeking your highest preference for strongly voiced sensible representation.

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### **Martin Dorgan - Cork North Central**

My name is Martin Dorgan and I'm a candidate for the Ard Comhairle, Committee of Fifteen. I'm married with five children and active in the party for many years. I'm dedicated and passionate about maintaining Fianna Fail at the forefront of Irish politics and work tirelessly to promote the party's policies at grassroots level.

I'm a graduate of UCC with BSc in Political Science and a Masters in Social Science. I retired recently and enjoy working in the constituency. I'm chairman of the Éamon De Valera Cumann and PRO of the Cork North Central CDC, I concentrate a lot of my time in growing the membership. I was a candidate in the 2019 local elections and as well that year I enjoyed election success as a team member with both MEP Billy Kelleher and Deputy Pádraig O'Sullivan.

Thank you sincerely.



### **James Garvin - Kildare South**

Originally from Ballina in Co. Mayo, James Garvin has lived in Kildare for the last 15 years, currently based in the Kildare South Constituency. James holds an MBA and is studying Law at King's Inns. James works for a leading global multinational company as a HR Compliance Manager with responsibility for the EMEA region.

James is an active member in his community and is involved with several campaigns at a local level ranging from the provision of local amenities to planning & transport issues. He is heavily involved with coaching underage teams with his local clubs, Sarsfields GAA and Newbridge United.

James is looking forward to representing members at the Ard Comhairle to address the issues that are important to them if elected. Please vote No 1 or your next highest preference at the Ard Fheis Elections.



### **Aidan Patrick Hennigan - Cork North West**

I am a native of Macroom and I hold a degree in Government from UCC. I am presently Secretary of the Cork North-West CDC. I currently work with Cork City Council, and I previously worked with Aindrias Moynihan TD until the 2020 election.

Have you noticed those people who run Fianna Fáil down never talk about our successes? We have constituencies with multiple seats and units with a strong membership and vigorous activity.

Shouldn't we ask what is happening in these places and how we replicate those successes across the country? At the Ard Comhairle, I want to speak for those members who wish to see this happen. If you are one of these members, I ask for your No 1 vote in this election.



### **Keith Henry - Sligo**

I've been involved in Fianna Fáil at all levels for over 15 years in Sligo, in NUI Galway and on national Ógra committees. I was also a Sligo County Councillor until 2019 and Director of Elections to former TD Eamon Scanlon. Professionally I work as a teacher in Carrick on Shannon, Co. Leitrim.

I believe I can contribute to the Ard Comhairle in a positive way for members. Fianna Fáil has an important role to play in Irish society and I am passionate that we should be proud to put our republican values to the Irish people for consideration at the next election. Involving members in shaping our policies to reflect the concerns and hopes of the nation is a key goal for me if elected to the Ard Comhairle.

I humbly ask for your number 1 vote.



### **Cillian Keane - Galway West**

Cillian Keane is ainm dom, is as Mearaí, Úarán Mór i nGaillimh Thiar mé. I am 21 and a final year Food and Agribusiness student in UCD. I am a member of my local GAA club, I am also involved in local community projects and help maintain community facilities.

Having been involved in the Party since 2016, I have held numerous roles in the organisation including Ógra's National Campaigns and Events Director and Cathaoirleach of the Kevin Barry Cumann in UCD and Galway West Ógra.

Coming from a long-standing Fianna Fáil family, I know the importance of grassroots membership. The past success of the Party has been from the ground up. If elected, I will ensure that membership queries and concerns are heard and brought to the highest table.





### **Christy Kelly - Clare**

My name is Christy Kelly, from Drumindoorra in East Clare. I've worked in the construction sector for the past 35 years in Ireland. At home in Drumindoorra, my wife Bernie is the Postmaster, and our daughter Ellen is studying for her Junior Certificate.

As the Cathaoirleach of the Killaloe Comhairle Ceantair and a member of Fianna Fáil since the 1980's, I have walked the highways and byways of Clare, helping local, general, and European election candidates, knocking on doors, putting up posters, leaflet drops and giving any support needed.

I believe Fianna Fáil is a grassroots Party, if elected to the committee of 15, I will be a voice for the grassroots' up and down the country. Please give me your No 1 vote or the next highest preference.

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### **John Kirwan - Wexford**

John, from Kilmuckridge, Co. Wexford is seeking re-election to the National Executive. He has served in the party's organisation both at Cumann and at Executive levels culminating in his election to the Ard Comhairle. John will lead the way in ensuring that the National Executive will be accountable to the grass roots.

John is a man of many interests; a business man who has promoted sustainable employment and is a former member of the National Council of the Irish Self Catering Federation; he and his family are steeped in the GAA tradition and John, through his company, sponsored a very successful Wexford Secondary Schools hurling competition for over twenty years.



### **Timothy Maher - Tipperary**

I live in Templemore, County Tipperary working as a full-time Dairy and Beef farmer.

I became interested in politics at the time of the Good Friday Agreement and joined Fianna Fáil because I agreed with its Republican values. Over those 20 years I have been active at all levels of the organisation. I am particularly proud of my work with Ógra Fianna Fáil in Tipperary and believe I have made a difference.

In 2017 I was elected to the National Executive on my first attempt. In 2020 I was appointed chairperson of the Tipperary Revival Committee which organised a number of zoom meetings with Fianna Fáil ministers and helped keep the organisation active during the Covid lockdown.

For continued solid work on behalf of members please consider me for your No. 1 vote or next highest preference.



### **DJ Moore - Kildare North**

I've been a member of the Ard Comhairle for the past five years and in that time, I have attended every meeting bar one which I missed due to illness.

I've spoken many times at the Ard Comhairle, most frequently on matters pertaining to organisation and membership rights.

During this time, I attended CDC meetings in 10 or 11 different constituencies. I have tried to ensure that consideration for ordinary members is central to decision-making. I would much appreciate any support.



### **Michael Smyth - Monaghan**

Michael is a secondary school teacher co-ordinating a School Completion Programme and hails from Ballybay, Monaghan. Coming from a family with strong roots in Fianna Fáil, his uncle Dr. Rory O'Hanlon is a former TD. Michael is an outgoing member of the Committee of 15.

Michael has been President of the Students' Union at University College Cork, a member of the Governing Body there and a Fianna Fáil representative on the National Youth Council of Ireland. He has been a member of the Governing Authority at Maynooth University and is also involved in the trade union movement. Michael was a Town Councillor in Ballybay and previously stood for Fianna Fáil in the Mulhuddart electoral area of West Dublin and Ballybay / Clones electoral area.

Michael has surveyed the membership of the Party on a number of occasions and believes that the views of the organisation must be strongly represented at this time.

Please vote No 1 or your highest preference.



### **Brian Sugrue - Kerry**

My name is Brian Sugrue, Rúnaí of Glenbeigh Frank O'Grady Cumann and PRO of CDC Chiarraí of Fianna Fáil. I joined Fianna Fáil in Killarney in the late 70's and I have canvassed in most elections since then, and tallied at each Election Count. I was Director of Elections for Councillor Michael Cahill in the last Local Government Elections.

I am a candidate in the Committee of 15 election at the forthcoming Árd Fheis and seek your support so that I may represent you, the membership on policy formation, increasing transparency, reorganising recruitment, strengthening the party locally and to help prepare us for pandemics, downturns and even the effects of war.

A strong team will be required to guide our party in the coming years to continue to serve our country.

Go raibh maith agaibh go léir.



### **Paul Taaffe - Louth**

I am a member of the Louth/East Meath constituency. My family have been members of the Party since it was founded. I decided to run so I can contribute to the development of the Fianna Fáil party. The areas of policy and strategy are of particular interest to me. I campaigned in Dublin South, Clare and Louth /East Meath also in many bye-elections throughout the years.

This has given me an insight into the various issues and concerns of different constituencies, The founding principles of Fianna Fáil are the basis of my political outlook. I believe they are as relevant today as when de Valera drew them up.

I would be honored to be elected and ask for your No 1 vote or next highest preference.

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## ARDA FHEIS ELECTIONS

Committee of 15

Female Panel (7 positions)

**Uruemu Adejinmi - Longford**

Cllr Uruemu Adejinmi is the first African-Irish woman to be elected Mayor in Ireland.

Uruemu migrated from Nigeria to Longford in 2003, joined Fianna Fáil in 2016, became a Councillor in March 2020 and was elected Cathaoirleach of Longford MD in June 2021.

A former Executive Officer at the Department of Health, Cllr Uruemu has an MBA from TUS Athlone, is a Certified Personal Insolvency Practitioner and a Peace Commissioner.

Cllr Uruemu is Vice-Chair Albert Reynolds Cumann, PRO Longford CC, Secretary FF Women's Network and Chairperson FF Migrant's Network.

Cllr Uruemu is a member of the Commission to Review the Aims and Objectives of Fianna Fáil, consulting with the Party at all levels to lay the groundwork for the future growth of the Party in line with the political context of the 21st Century.



### **Mags Brophy - Kildare North**

My name is Mags Brophy, I currently hold the position of Cumann Treasurer in my hometown of Celbridge, Comhairle Ceanntar Pro for the Celbridge Leixlip area, and Comhairle Dáil Ceanntar Secretary in my native Kildare North.

I joined Fianna Fáil in 2011 while I was a student at Maynooth University. I have worked in retail and IT sectors before moving to my current role as a social worker.

I was nominated for the C15 in 2017, the same year I met my now husband. I believe I have something to contribute to the Ard Comhairle and with your support this could be possible. Please consider me for your number 1 or next highest preference, I look forward to meeting you on the campaign trail.



### **Maria Buckley - Cork North West**

I am from Kilnamartyra, County Cork and I am a Lecturer in Pharmacology in University College Cork. I hold a PhD in Medicine and BSc Physiology from UCC, along with certificates in good clinical practice and project management.

I was elected to the committee of 15 of the Ard Comhairle in 2017 and I am the National Membership and Recruitment Director for the Fianna Fáil Women's Network. I currently serve as Treasurer of Cork North West CDC and secretary of the Paddy Healy Cumann in Ballincollig.

I have been involved in all elections over the past 30 years and I believe firmly in the importance of a strong grassroots organisation. In my term as secretary of Cork North West CDC (2016-2022), I dedicated time to reorganising and renewing cumann and comhairlí around the constituency.



### **Holly Clinton - Kildare South**

My name is Holly Clinton I am 26 years old and I'm from Kildare South.

I have been involved in Fianna Fáil since 2014 and I have held many positions in Ógra since then including Chairperson of the Pádraig Pearse Cumann DCU and International Officer on Ógra's Central Officer Board from March 2021 - to April 2022.

I have a bachelor's degree in International Relations and a Masters's Degree in International Security.

I currently work in Corporate Logistics for a Swiss company as a Global Logistics Operations Specialist.

Politics is a huge passion of mine and it would be an honour to be elected to the C15 Female Panel.

If elected I would love to help encourage female involvement in the organisation, particularly in Ógra encouraging young women to run for positions.



### **Sinéad Geraghty - Meath West**

My name is Sinéad Geraghty and I am a chartered physiotherapist. Since 2018, I have expanded my clinical role within the Irish Health System to include operations management, focussing on improving overall patient experience. I am from Ballinabrackey, which is a parish in the most southern tip of Meath, cut off from the county by the N4.

In 2019, I had the privilege of running in the Trim LEA. While unsuccessful, my time canvassing and engaging our loyal and sometimes discontented FF supporters was a truly enriching experience.

If elected, I aim to:

1. Uphold the values of FF.
2. Support FF in building its political base within Meath and the 32 counties.
3. Be a conduit between the party members and FF to continue to develop our vision for Fianna Fáil – the Republican Party.





### **Shelly Herterich Quinn - Galway East**

I am honoured to be nominated to contest the 2022 Committee of 15 elections. I am a member, and previous treasurer, of the Athenry Cumann in Galway East. I was selected to run in the 2019 local elections and subsequently became the first woman to successfully contest a local election in Athenry. I am a mother of three and married to Brian, a passionate Athenry man.

Equality, diversity, and accessibility in an Ireland for All are values I hold dear, I strive to incorporate them into everything I do. Along with my community work and Cllr role, I am the vice-chair of the Midlands Northern and Western Regional Women's Caucus and the secretary of the Galway Women's Caucus.

Please Vote No 1 or your next highest preference.



### **Claudia Kennedy - Donegal**

I am a Secondary School Teacher in Finn Valley College, Stranorlar, Co. Donegal.

As a previous AC representative sitting on both the NI committee and the Comms Committee, I worked closely with FF members to bring all their issues to the AC meetings. I hope to continue this work if elected.

I have had many roles within FF & I am currently Assistant Secretary of Donegal CDC. As a member of the Donegal team, I have strategised, canvassed and being a part of many GE & LE campaigns, I was also a LE candidate in 2014.

I will be a strong, vocal, co-operative and dedicated representative for FF Grass roots members on the National Executive if elected. I would be very grateful for your No 1 vote or your next vote of preference.



### **Dace Lazdina - Dublin West**

My name is Dace Lazdina. I have a Bachelor's degree in Social Work and a Master's degree in Education back in Latvia, where I was born; I became a school Social Worker and a Lecturer at the University of Latvia. I am a proud Irish citizen, living in Ireland 10 years.

I am finishing a Bachelor of Arts degree in Human Development and Theology at DCU and planning to do a Master's degree in Ethics. Last year, I was elected as the DCU Mature Students Society Chairperson.

I was recently elected to the FF Disability Network as a Policy Officer. As a FF member and new to politics, I see a few changes needed to make Ireland an even better place for all.

Please consider me for your No 1 vote or next highest preference.



### **Sinead Lucey Brennan - Cork North West**

Sinéad Lucey Brennan has been an active member within Ógra and the senior Fianna Fáil organisation for over 15 years. She is a disability advocate originally from Co. Cork, married to Darran from Donegal and living in Dublin. She has a wealth of experience as a leader in the technology sector, in disability advocacy through her living experience with an invisible disability, and through membership of the government Disability Stakeholders Group and establishing the Fianna Fáil Disability Network.

Sinéad is passionate about enabling members' voices to shine within the Party, about ensuring urban and rural members are united on our shared identity, and about highlighting our republican values for Fianna Fáil to be attractive and relevant to the current voter and generation.

Vote Sinéad #1 - the future of Fianna Fáil



### **Rita McNerney - Clare**

Dia daoibh! I am Secretary of Clare CDC and was a candidate for GE2020. My mantra is Rural Ireland Matters and like many Fianna Fáil members, I am passionate about my community and how politics can enable citizens to live a fulfilled life. I own and operate a retail grocery business and a café, employing 15 people.

I am seeking your Number 1 vote as I believe I can offer a perspective that will ensure our Party reflects the needs, hopes and dreams of the people of Ireland. Politics is about considering all of the arguments on issues and making the hard decisions for the good of our people. In order for Ireland to thrive we need to seriously commit to Balanced Regional Development for the sustainability of our urban and rural communities.

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### **Edel McSharry-Hughes - Sligo**

I am married and a mother of 5 children living in Sligo. I was formerly an ICU nurse, lecturer/researcher, and manager, I hold a PHD in Education and am currently the Head of School (Nursing Health & Disability Studies). Personal life challenges influenced my community advocacy role where I am a leader in several charities and committees.

As a Party member for 30 years, I canvassed in all elections, served as officer, and as Campaign Manager ran 2 successful GE campaigns. I am passionate about influencing the Party's appeal to young people, workers, and the vulnerable in society in the key areas of housing, health, and education.

I will be a conduit and change catalyst for fresh energy and new ideas within the Party.

Please Vote No 1 or your next highest preference.



### **Anne Ryan - Tipperary**

I am a lifelong, proud Fianna Fáil member from Tipperary, having previously served as Secretary of Tipperary CDC and Chair of Nenagh-Newport CC. I have campaigned in Local, General, European and Presidential Elections for our Party and our candidates.

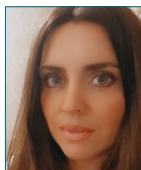
Outside of politics, I'm a big supporter of the GAA. I previously served as Secretary of my local club and I am currently a Delegate to North Tipperary GAA Board and to the County Tipperary GAA Board.

I work as a School Secretary in Borrisokane Community College. I have given many years of services to the Party and it would be a great honour to serve on the Committee of Fifteen. Please consider giving me your No. 1 vote at the Ard Fheis.

Ar aghaidh le Fianna Fáil.

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## Committee of 15 | Northern Ireland Panel (1 position)



### **Sorcha McAnespy**

Sorcha combines youthful energy with deep political experience. She was Councillor for the Fermanagh/Omagh district for 8 years, having held various leadership positions.

Residing and working in Tyrone. Sorcha travels the island of Ireland for Party duties, attending events and assisting with Local, European, Dáil & Bye-Elections. Sorcha is dedicated to the achievement of Irish unity through the unity of all of the peoples of this island.

Sorcha is passionate supporter of the Shared-Island Initiative, to which she is bringing proposals and ideas. An Engineer by profession, she attended CIT and works in mechanical design. Sorcha's three daughters range from 13 to 22, the eldest studying a Masters in Law at Trinity College Dublin. Her passion for history is only surpassed by her grá for travel and adventure.

Please vote No 1 for McAnespy



### **Andrew McFadden**

A chara, I'm delighted to introduce myself, and to ask for your #1 vote in the race for Northern representative. You may already know me, but in case you don't, here is a brief introduction:

- Originally from Derry;
- Solicitor, practising in Dublin;
- Attended UUU and QUB, where I joined Fianna Fáil;
- Served as Cathaoirleach of QUB Fianna Fáil and Derry Ógra;
- Elected National Policy Director of Ógra, November 2019;
- Currently serving as Youth Officer of Dublin Bay South CDC.

I am running for one main reason: to reignite the growth of Fianna Fáil in the Six Counties. My vision for this involves targeted campaigning on the Party's work in Government for the North, and to engage with Ógra to resurrect the once vibrant Cumann structure."

# 80<sup>ú</sup> *Ard Fheis*

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RESOLUTIONS

## Ard-Fheis Standing Orders and Governing Procedures

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### **Procedure:**

The ruling of the Cathaoirleach or the presiding Leas-Cathaoirleach on all matters of procedure is final.

### **Resolutions:**

Resolutions submitted by units and listed on the Clár may be moved by a delegate from that unit. Priority shall be given to a delegate from the unit and other delegates may be permitted to move or speak to a resolution.

### **Amendment to a Resolution:**

An amendment may be moved only if notice of the proposed amendment has been given in writing to the Cathaoirleach and it has been accepted as relevant. An amendment proposing a direct negative to a resolution may not be moved.

### **Decisions on Resolutions:**

Decisions will be made by a show of hands. In the event of the Cathaoirleach being unable to decide the outcome of any vote, a count will be made by tellers. Only voting delegates are eligible to be counted showing their official delegate tickets to the tellers.

### **Speakers on Resolutions:**

The proposer to a resolution is allowed two minutes to speak. Speakers to a resolution are allowed two minutes to speak.

### **Registration at “Speakers’ Corner”:**

A delegate registration desk will be available at all sessions to register speakers for resolutions. The Cathaoirleach will be given the full list of speakers by the registration desk officials. Delegates intending to speak must register well in advance of the appropriate session. Delegates registered to speak will be invited by the Cathaoirleach to come to the podium provided.

### **Suspension of Standing Orders:**

A notice of motion for the suspension of standing orders for a specific purpose must be signed by representatives of 10% of registered cumainn before the terms of the motion are submitted to the Cathaoirleach.

The signature and designation of each representative will appear on the notice of motion. The Cathaoirleach will then inform the Ard-Fheis that the motion to suspend standing orders for the purpose mentioned will be put to the Ard-Fheis two hours later. The proposers should be present and ready to identify themselves when the motion is put.

## Environment, Communications, Climate and Transport:

1. That this Ard Fheis endorses the aims to make Ireland and the EU climate-neutral by 2050, believes that this is urgent, needs a whole-of-society and industry approach and needs to have a Just Transition at its core.  
**Mountown Cumann (Dún Laoghaire CDC)**
2. That this Ard Fheis calls on Fianna Fáil to work towards free public transport for all those under 25 years of age in order to increase usage of public transport and to also address the cost of living challenges for younger people.  
**PJ Burke Cumann (Dublin Fingal CDC)**
3. That this Ard Fheis welcomes the significant investment of almost €200 million in Rosslare Europort.  
**Crosbie/Murphy Cumann (Wexford CDC)**
4. That this Ard Fheis calls on the ESB to significantly increase installation of electric charging points throughout the country, to make charging more accessible to all.  
**Charles Daly Cumann (Cork South Central CDC)**
5. That this Ard Fheis calls for the construction of a natural LPG plant, to increase the security and self-sufficiency of energy in Ireland.  
**Charles Daly Cumann (Cork South Central CDC)**
6. That this Ard Fheis calls on the Minister for the Environment to renew the grants for window and door replacement, separate to other insulating packages/schemes, so that the general public can afford to upgrade their houses in stages.  
**Charles Daly Cumann (Cork South Central CDC)**
7. That this Ard Fheis calls on the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications and Transport to commit to ensuring that all money raised through fuel, carbon and motor taxes should be used directly in investing in the nation's public transport systems.  
**Cork North Central CDC**
8. That this Ard Fheis calls for all cyclists, walkers and electric scooter users to be obliged to wear high visibility vests when using our roads.  
**Boyle CC (Roscommon/Galway CDC)**
9. That this Ard Fheis calls for the establishment of a dedicated Garda Public Transport Unit to tackle antisocial and criminal behaviour on rail, bus and LUAS services.  
**Dún Laoghaire CDC**



10. That this Ard Fheis calls for air traffic to be diverted to Shannon Airport to alleviate pressure on Dublin in light of the disastrous situation at present, and for a long term, regionally balanced air traffic strategy to be devised to reduce saturation at Dublin airport and to assist balanced regional development.

**Shannon CC (Clare CDC).**

Related motions from Clare CDC

11. That this Ard Fheis recognises the strategic importance of Shannon Airport as a key driver of economic support for Clare, Limerick and the wider Mid-West Region and supports the expansion of its operations.

**Shannon CC (Clare CDC)**

12. That this Ard Fheis calls on the Government to recognise the enormous potential to be gained from offshore wind development in Irish coastal waters & support the maximisation of that potential through the immediate establishment of a full standalone Department of Energy. This would ensure the revision upwards of the Programme for Government commitment on offshore wind, coordinate & oversee the establishment of a floating turbine development business plan, upgrade Irish ports & initiate options off our seabed to place Ireland at the forefront of this offshore wind opportunity. It would also designate energy zones so that the areas of 50k of the renewable power source are beneficiaries of the jobs & industries of the future that will be powered by our natural resources.

**Offaly CDC**

13. That this Ard Fheis calls on Fianna Fáil in government to take a leadership role in the development of a new SUPERGRID that would co-ordinate energy supply across Europe and drive the reduction in global carbon emissions. It would also ensure that the appropriate structures are developed to masterplan Europe's energy infrastructure and that we, as a country, simultaneously invest in the infrastructure to make Ireland a major renewable energy exporter and backbone to the new green Europe, creating well paid jobs here in the service and supply chain.

**Offaly CDC**

14. That this Ard Fheis calls on Fianna Fáil in Government to re-design the carbon credits system so they can be a new source of income for farmers. It is recognised that farmers feel threatened by reductions in herd numbers and calls on the Government to financially support research by the agencies of the State, into the use of seaweed and other methane innovations.

**Offaly CDC**

15. That this Ard Fheis calls on the Government to undertake, under the auspices of social partnership, an inclusive national dialogue on climate action and Just Transition.

**James O'Connor Cumann (Offaly CDC)**

16. That this Ard Fheis calls on the Government to ensure that Eirgrid has a clear policy on data centres.

**Edenderry CC (Offaly CDC)**

17. That this Ard Fheis supports a root and branch review of the ESB, its regulator and our energy regulatory system. This review should examine how the ESB and the regulator has failed the country in our current energy security crises.

**Edenderry CC (Offaly CDC)**

## **Finance, Public Expenditure and Reform:**

18. That this Ard Fheis calls for the repayment of VAT and VRT for vehicles for people with disabilities to be expanded to include more people and to make Primary Medical Certificates available to more people with disabilities.

**Curraglass Cumann (Cork East CDC)**

19. That this Ard Fheis commends the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform on the conclusion of public sector pay negotiations and calls for action to be taken to ensure the public service can continue to recruit and retain the staff needed to deliver quality services.

**Irene Matthews Cumann (Dublin North West CDC)**

20. That this Ard Fheis commends the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform for the supports being provided to assist households and businesses with cost of living increases and calls for further action to be taken if necessary next year to mitigate the impact of inflation.

**Tony Canning Cumann (Dublin Bay North CDC)**

21. That this Ard Fheis welcomes the fact that the pension age will be remaining at 66.

**Kilcreevan Cumann (Sligo CDC)**

22. That this Ard Fheis calls for an independent agency to be established to disburse National Lottery funding for good causes.

**Ballynoe Cumann (Cork East CDC)**

23. That this Ard Fheis calls for the retention of pay parity for retired public servants with current employees.

**Terence McSweeney Cumann (Dublin Rathdown CDC)**

24. That this Ard Fheis calls for action to be taken to improve the gender balance and diversity on State Boards.

**Navan North Cumann (Meath West CDC)**

25. That this Ard Fheis calls for increased funding for the Office of Public Works to improve flood defences across the country.  
**Graiguenamanagh Cumann (Kilkenny CDC)**
26. That this Ard Fheis welcomes the greater online provision of state services and calls for action to ensure this does not exclude older and vulnerable users of public services.  
**Ballynoe Cumann (Cork East CDC)**
27. That this Ard Fheis calls for increased funding to be provided to ensure that the objectives set out in the National Development Plan 2021-2030 can be delivered.  
**Roscommon Town Cumann (Roscommon/Galway CDC)**
28. That this Ard Fheis rejects the recommendation of the Commission on Taxation that inheritance tax thresholds be reduced.  
**Liam Pedlar Cumann (Dublin Rathdown CDC)**
29. That this Ard Fheis calls for the bike-to-work tax relief scheme to be extended to the self-employed.  
**Brian Lenihan Cumann (Dún Laoghaire CDC)**
30. That this Ard Fheis calls for the right for retired persons to be represented on pension scheme trustee boards.  
**Navan North Cumann (Meath West CDC)**
31. That this Ard Fheis calls for the state to reappoint public interest directors to the banks in which it has a shareholding and take action to prevent the reduction of banking services to customers.  
**Irene Matthews Cumann (Dublin North West CDC)**
32. That this Ard Fheis calls for a cap on salaries for senior civil and public servants.  
**Cloonturk Cumann (Leitrim CDC)**
33. That this Ard Fheis calls for the removal of the penalty incurred by people who pay their motor tax in instalments.  
**Conna Cumann (Cork East CDC)**
34. That this Ard Fheis proposes the introduction of a 30% rate of PAYE income tax, to be paid on all earnings above 40,000 euro a year up to 60,000 euro a year.  
**Bracknagh Cumann (Offaly CDC)**
35. That this Ard Fheis proposes that Fianna Fáil in government strive to achieve the abolition of the Universal Social Charge and that the income tax system be reformed to remedy a shortfall to the exchequer.  
**Bracknagh Cumann (Offaly CDC)**

36. That this Ard Fheis calls for a total review of commercial rates, levying by income and not area.

**Boyle CC (Roscommon/Galway CDC)**

37. That this Ard Fheis calls on the Government to immediately resume the social partnership process to see the country manage in a stable way the difficult challenges of inflation, housing, planning, and development, energy, childcare, pre-school, pay demands, trade union unrest, re-unification and other social and financial crises.

**Tullamore CC (Offaly CDC)**

38. That this Ard Fheis calls on the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform and the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, to introduce new taxes targeted at vulture funds that aim to buy up housing in this country. We propose that these taxes should target 60% of the profits made from the sale of property bought up by these funds when the money is moved outside the country.

**Cork North Central CDC**

### **Housing, Local Government and Heritage:**

39. That this Ard Fheis calls for the expansion of the Government's Croí Coanithe Towns and Villages Fund to both urban and remote areas.

**Dublin Fingal CDC**

40. That this Ard Fheis calls for the expansion of the tenant purchase scheme to widows and widowers.

**Roscommon Town Cumann (Roscommon/Galway CDC)**

41. That this Ard Fheis calls for the ending of the 'Build to Rent' standard and a return to one standard for all apartments.

**Dublin Fingal CDC**

42. That this Ard Fheis calls for more schemes to encourage sustainability so that old and derelict buildings can be converted to homes and /or businesses.

**Garristown Cumann (Dublin Fingal CDC)**

43. That this Ard Fheis calls on Fianna Fáil in government to create a robust rural housing policy that's fair to rural dwellers whilst also recognising the need to focus on regeneration of our rural towns and villages.

**Ferbane/Birr CC (Offaly CDC)**

44. That this Ard Fheis supports Housing for All working with the IDA to examine opportunities for Foreign Direct Investors to construct housing for employees as part of investment, developments or expansions.

**Clare CDC**

45. That this Ard Fheis calls on the Government to enact the Local Government Act 2001, Section 128, under the Putting People First Action Program for effective Local Government, first published in October 2012 and updated in March 2019 allowing Councils to formally recognise and work with community groups.

**Clonakilty Cumann (Cork South West CDC)**

46. That this Ard Fheis supports amendments to the number of councillors as follows: that the number of councillors nationally not be capped and that a graduated system linked to population be adopted in determining the number of councillors within a local authority: e.g. less than 60,000 people: 18 members, 60,001-69,999 people 19 members, etc.

**Bunninadden/Killavil Peter McKeon Cumann (Sligo CDC)**

47. That this Ard Fheis calls for the Planning Act to be changed urgently so that objections by small numbers in distant areas cannot hold up developments.

**Drummond Whelan Cumann (Dublin Bay South CDC)**

## Health:

48. That this Ard Fheis welcomes the free oral contraception from 17 to 24-year olds and ensures that the scheme will be extended to those over 25 as soon as possible.

**Navan North Cumann (Meath West CDC)**

49. That this Ard Fheis agrees that IVF should be provided free of charge for couples who are unable to afford same.

**Navan North Cumann (Meath West CDC)**

50. That this Ard Fheis calls for the establishment of a special fund to treat patients on waiting lists due to Covid.

**Kilcreevan Cumann (Sligo CDC)**

51. That this Ard Fheis believes that every person with a spinal cord injury in Ireland should be entitled to a medical card, as their needs are complex and will need medical supervision for their lifetimes.

**Charles Daly Cumann (Cork South Central CDC)**

52. That this Ard Fheis calls urgently for the increase in the number of GPs and dental services nationwide in order that patients can receive better healthcare, by addressing the present shortage.  
**Drummond Whelan Cumann (Dublin Bay South CDC)**  
Related motion from James O'Connor Cumann (Offaly CDC)
53. That this Ard Fheis calls on the Minister for Health and the Minister for Finance to reintroduce medical cards for all Irish Citizens over the age of 70.  
**Cork North Central CDC**
54. That this Ard Fheis calls on the HSE to set up a national database which holds patients' health files to allow different hospitals have ready access to their medical records.  
**Garlow Cross Cumann (Meath East CDC)**
55. That this Ard Fheis recommends that as a matter of urgency the Mid-West Hospital Group be categorised a pilot project for new approaches to A&E overcrowding, including performing MRI's at weekends, extending the opening hours of the surrounding counties' Small Injuries Clinics and Medical Assessment Units to 8am-12am.  
**Clare CDC**
56. That this Ard Fheis recognises the importance of the right to health, as set out by the WHO, and call on Fianna Fáil in government to progress the right to health, as a fundamental personal right for Irish citizens and all those living in Ireland, to be recognised in the Irish Constitution.  
**Ballinabrackey/Castlejordan Cumann (Meath West CDC)**
57. That this Ard Fheis recognises the importance of support services to nursing home residents in improving and/or maintaining levels of health and calls on Fianna Fáil in government to ensure access of all nursing home residents to support services e.g. physiotherapy, occupational therapy, dietetics, activities and courses etc.  
**Ballinabrackey/Castlejordan Cumann (Meath West CDC)**  
Related motion from Garlow Cross Cumann (Meath East CDC)

### **Agriculture, Food and the Marine:**

58. That this Ard Fheis supports implementation of policies to increase the sustainability of our farm practices while also supporting farm family incomes.  
**Conna Cumann (Cork East CDC)**
59. That this Ard Fheis supports generational renewal in farming and calls on the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to support young farmers.  
**Kerry CDC**

60. That this Ard Fheis calls on the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to introduce budgetary supports for our national fodder supply.  
**Killeagh Cumann (Cork East CDC)**
61. That this Ard Fheis calls on the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to offer financial supports for suckler farmers.  
**Ballynoe Cumann (Cork East CDC)**
62. That this Ard Fheis calls on the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to support greater gender equality in our farming sector and to support female farmers.  
**Sean Buckley Cumann, Bandon (Cork South West CDC)**
63. That this Ard Fheis supports the sport horse sector's inclusion in TAMS.  
**Curraglass Cumann (Cork East CDC)**
64. That this Ard Fheis calls on the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to support our forestry sector.  
**Kilkelly Cumann (Mayo CDC)**
65. That this Ard Fheis supports the farming industry in Climate Action by engaging with Teagasc's climate change proposals to protect the environment through farming practices and keep family farms on the land.  
**Clare CDC**
66. That this Ard Fheis calls on the Minister for Agriculture to urgently implement pragmatic policies to ensure food security in Ireland during the current war in Europe.  
**Bracknagh Cumann (Offaly CDC)**
67. That this Ard Fheis supports state investment in national and local piers and harbours right around our coast.  
**Cloonturk Cumann (Leitrim CDC)**
68. That this Ard Fheis calls on the Minister for the Marine to develop the aquaculture sector in Ireland and to introduce policies to boost the sector.  
**Crosbie/Murphy Cumann (Wexford CDC)**

## Northern Ireland, Foreign Affairs and Defence

69. That this Ard Fheis condemns wholeheartedly the hostile and barbaric war on the people of Ukraine, that we will stand with the people of Ukraine in every way possible as they fight to protect their democratic rights as a country that will soon be an EU partner.

**Paddy Healy Cumann, Ballincollig (Cork North West CDC)**

Related motion from Sean Lemass Cumann Diswellstown (Dublin West CDC)

70. That this Ard Fheis commends the significant role that Fianna Fáil has played in our successful membership of the European Union over the last 50 years which has transformed the social, political and economic fabric of our country. We pledge our continued commitment to the EU and its values.

**Sean McCarthy Comhairle Ceantair, Ballincollig (Cork North West CDC)**

71. This Ard Fheis expresses its thanks to our fellow EU member states, the EU Commission and each of the EU institutions for their steadfast solidarity and support throughout Brexit.

**Éamon de Valera Cumann, Blanchardstown (Dublin West CDC)**

72. That this Ard Fheis fully endorses the Shared Island Unit set up by Uachtarán Micheál Martin to harness the full potential as well as implementation of the Good Friday Agreement, which will enhance cooperation, connection and mutual understanding on the island of Ireland ensuring a peaceful and shared future.

**Erskine Childers Cumann (Dublin Central CDC)**

73. That this Ard Fheis recognises that there are 1.3 million young people born on our island of Ireland since the Good Friday Agreement was signed in 1998 and endorses the continued work of the Shared Island Unit on its determination of engaging this new generation and adding their new voices on how best to work towards an Ireland of equals.

**Erskine Childers Cumann (Louth CDC)**

74. That Fianna Fáil fully supports the full implementation of the Good Friday Agreement, and further commits to play a central and sincere role to strengthen social, economic and political links both North and South ensuring inclusivity and working towards a peaceful united Ireland that is built through consensus, listening and real engagement.

**PJ Rutledge Cumann (Dublin South West CDC)**



75. That this Ard Fheis requests that the Government commence a national conversation on Ireland's neutrality.

**Conna Cumann (Cork East CDC)**

Related motion from Bracknagh Cumann (Offaly CDC)

76. That this Ard Fheis commends the commitment, duty and service of the men and women of our defence forces, both permanent and reserve.

**Bracknagh Cumann (Offaly CDC)**

77. That this Ard Fheis calls on the Minister for Defence to immediately initiate a large scale recruitment campaign for the Reserve Defence Forces (RDF) to prevent the terminal decline of the Army Reserve and the Naval Service Reserve.

**Bracknagh Cumann (Offaly CDC)**

78. That this Ard Fheis fully accepts the recommendations of the Commission on the Future of the Defence Forces and commits Fianna Fáil in government to push for the adaptation of the Level of Ambition 3 (LOA3), as recommended by the Commission.

**Bracknagh Cumann (Offaly CDC)**

79. That this Ard Fheis calls on Fianna Fáil to form an even closer working relationship with the SDLP, with a view to operating on a more regular cross border basis.

**Bracknagh Cumann (Offaly CDC)**

80. This Ard Fheis is proud that Fianna Fáil, the Republican Party was founded in 1926 to give a voice to those who both opposed partition and to those that desired to improve the living conditions of those living in the new independent Irish state;

- a. recognises and celebrates the proud part that Fianna Fáil has played in achieving peace on this island and in helping to develop closer, more positive relations between all its traditions across the island, particularly through the delivery of one of the party's greatest achievements for the country, the 1998 Good Friday Agreement which provides for the peaceful, and democratic, reunification of the island of Ireland based on the principle of consent;
- b. reaffirms Fianna Fáil's solemn and defining commitment to 'secure in peace and agreement the unity of Ireland and its people' and restates this as our driving principle as a political movement today,
- c. recalls the powerful "One Nation" address given by An Taoiseach, Sean Lemass at the Oxford Union on October 15th 1959 which supported the maintenance of a "parliament and government of Northern Ireland" thereby protecting the rights of the unionist community;

- d. proudly supports the establishment of the Shared Island Unit in the Department of An Taoiseach; and believes that the Unit will bring communities, separated through partition and sectarian division in Northern Ireland, together by actively promoting what unites them rather than what divides them,
- e. And therefore directs the party, at all levels, and across all departments of government to:
- f. prepare for how a new United Ireland would work, to engage its entire membership, at all levels of the organisation, in this vital work and to engage with independent, constructive civic society organisations North and South;
- g. within 18 months develop and produce a fully costed White Paper on how a new united Ireland could work, including new all island governmental structures;
- h. engage with all traditions on the island to develop a consensus on the nature of a new, united Ireland;
- i. ensure that all party policies and proposals produced from this point forward are “unity proofed”,
- j. develop comprehensive campaign strategies for Irish Unity and to commence preparations now for future referendums, North and South,
- k. to immediately re-engage and expand practically on the partnership agreement made with the SDLP in 2019 and to campaign together on behalf of all constitutional republicans, for a shared, united Ireland;
- l. Instructs the Cathaoirleach of this Ard Fheis to forward this motion to the Fianna Fáil Ard Chomhairle, the Fianna Fáil Parliamentary Party, the Fianna Fáil Councillors group, the SDLP Assembly Group, and the SDLP Councillors Group.

**Dublin North West CDC**

**Cork North Central CDC**

**Jack Lynch Cumann (Cork North West CDC)**

**Macroom John Browne Cumann (Cork North West CDC)**

Related motion from Ferbane/Birr CC (Offaly CDC)

## Education:

81. That this Ard Fheis calls for the Minister for Education to progress the reform of the Leaving Certificate as quickly as possible in the interests of students and young people.  
**Carlow Town Cumann (Carlow CDC)**
82. That this Ard Fheis welcomes the significant investment that has been made by the Minister for Education in the DEIS programme and the positive impacts that this will have for disadvantaged students.  
**Erskine Childers Cumann (Dublin Central CDC)**
83. That this Ard Fheis calls for greater supports for parents to meet back-to-school costs.  
**PJ Rutledge Cumann (Dublin South West CDC)**
84. That this Ard Fheis calls for further reductions to the pupil teacher ratio at primary level and an increase in funding for schools struggling with energy costs.  
**Tony Canning Cumann (Dublin Bay North CDC)**
85. That this Ard Fheis calls for the Temporary Teacher Allocations allowed during COVID 19 to be continued on a permanent basis to address the pupil teacher ratio.  
**Bunninadden/Killavil Peter McKeon Cumann (Sligo CDC)**
86. That this Ard Fheis calls on the Minister for Education, to re-introduce Geography as a core subject for the Junior Certificate. The hours needed to accommodate Geography should be taken out of the 400 Wellbeing hours that have been set aside in each Secondary School.  
**Cork North Central CDC**
87. That this Ard Fheis calls for the enactment of the recommendations of the Oireachtas Education Committee in relation to amending the RSE curriculum.  
**Shannon CC (Clare CDC)**
88. That this Ard Fheis calls on the Minister for Education to work with the NCCA and introduce Gender Studies as an integral part of our children's education program that reflects a modern-day Irish society and challenges traditional gender stereotypes.  
**Athenry Cumann (Galway East CDC)**

89. That this Ard Fheis calls that as a part of the English Media Studies, that information, disinformation, misinformation, rhetoric, spin, bias, propaganda and bombast on social media be studied and addressed.

**Padraig Mac Piarais Cumann (Dublin Bay South CDC)**

90. That this Ard Fheis calls on the Minister to introduce cookery as a taught subject in primary schools.

**Padraig Mac Piarais Cumann (Dublin Bay South CDC)**

91. That this Ard Fheis calls for the resumption of all school transport to recommence after the summer break, not earlier or before September 1st.

**Charles Daly Cumann (Cork South Central CDC)**

### **Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science:**

92. That this Ard Fheis calls on Fianna Fáil to reduce the student registration charge over the lifetime of this government.

**Dingle Comhairle Ceantair (Kerry CDC)**

93. That this Ard Fheis calls on Fianna Fáil in government to expand the SUSI student grants scheme by increasing the income thresholds.

**Navan North Cumann (Meath West CDC)**

94. That this Ard Fheis calls on Fianna Fáil in government to work with third level institutions on providing more purpose-built student accommodation.

**Carlow Town Cumann (Carlow CDC)**

95. This Ard Fheis welcomes the creation of the Department of Further and Higher Education and the establishment of the Technological University of the South East as a multi-campus university.

**Tony Canning Cumann (Dublin Bay North CDC)**

### **Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sports and Media:**

96. That this Ard Fheis calls on the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sports and Media and the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to bring forward a programme of monument building.

**Cork North Central CDC**

97. That this Ard Fheis supports Shannon Estuary Economic Taskforce adding a senior Executive Officer to represent the Local Authorities of Clare, Kerry & Limerick and another member from Fáilte Ireland's Wild Atlantic Way Executive Staff.

**Clare CDC**

98. This Ard Fheis calls on Fianna Fáil to support the issuing of an An Post stamp to commemorate the men and women who took part in the war of independence.

**Ennistymon CC (Clare CDC)**

### **Enterprise, Trade and Employment:**

99. That this Ard Fheis supports the relocation grants and tax incentives for remote working to attract workers from cities to work in rural towns and villages, thereby increasing quality of life and decreasing unnecessary carbon emissions.

**Dingle Cumann (Kerry CDC)**

100. That this Ard Fheis acknowledges the tremendous support delivered by government to support businesses through the Covid pandemic and calls for continued support in this phase of the pandemic.

**Raheendonore Cumann (Kilkenny CDC)**

101. That this Ard Fheis calls on the government to support small businesses experiencing major pressure as a consequence of energy price increases.

**Cloonturk Cumann (Leitrim CDC)**

102. That this Ard Fheis recognises the work done on insurance reform for business and calls for further changes in order to support business with their insurance costs.

**Kilkelly Cumann (Mayo CDC)**

103. That this Ard Fheis calls for further efforts to support new job creation in regional locations and calls for additional resources for LEOs and Regional Enterprise Plans.

**Carlow Town Cumann (Carlow CDC)**

104. That this Ard Fheis calls on the government to instruct IDA Ireland to work actively to attract more FDI into regional Ireland and, where possible, to shift the investment focus to the regions, so as to achieve a more evenly distributed economy.

**Tullamore CC (Offaly CDC)**

105. That this Ard Fheis recognises the future will be electric and calls on the government to instruct the IDA and Enterprise Ireland to secure a foothold for Ireland in the electric car industry, whether in components, battery development or grid infrastructure.

**Tullamore CC (Offaly CDC)**

### **Social Protection, Rural and Community Development:**

106. That this Ard Fheis endorses the importance of Fianna Fáil protecting its core values and targeting supports for those most vulnerable in society, to agree that all measures should be taken to prevent energy poverty during this energy crisis due to the barbaric war against Ukraine.

**Carlow Town Cumann (Carlow CDC)**

107. That this Ard Fheis supports the economic and social development of town centres such as Shannon, through transformative measures like remote working hubs, and access to higher quality broadband infrastructure.

**Shannon CC (Clare CDC)**

108. That this Ard Fheis calls on a genuine commitment to Balanced Regional Development with a target of 70% of population outside the Greater Dublin Area by 2030.

**Clare CDC**

### **Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth:**

109. That this Ard Fheis calls for all barriers to be removed to support early interventions for children with Autism and other medical conditions. Delays are causing considerable distress to those children and families.

**Cork North Central CDC**

110. That this Ard Fheis calls on the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth, to adopt the remaining optional articles of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

**Cork North Central CDC**

111. That this Ard Fheis calls on the government to go further than the report of a new funding model for early learning and care and school going children “Partnership for the Public Good” and establish a state-based model of early learning and care for school going children as soon as possible.

**Ferbane/Birr CC (Offaly CDC)**

## Justice:

112. That this Ard Fheis welcomes the appointment of a CEO designate to the Gambling Regulatory Authority and acknowledges the good work being done by Minister of State James Browne T.D. in regulating the gambling industry.  
**Curraglass Cumann (Cork East CDC)**
113. This Ard Fheis welcomes the publication of the rural safety plan by the Minister of State James Browne T.D.  
**Kilkelly Cumann (Mayo CDC)**
114. This Ard Fheis welcomes the Government's significant increase in funding for Youth Diversion Projects to help tackle youth crime.  
**Kilcreevan Cumann (Sligo CDC)**
115. This Ard Fheis welcomes the proposals to deal with the misuse of scramblers.  
**Skeoughvosteen Cumann (Kilkenny CDC)**
116. This Ard Fheis calls for tougher measures on knife crime.  
**Roscommon Town Cumann (Roscommon/Galway CDC)**
117. This Ard Fheis rejects the proposals arising from the Report of the Review of the Defamation Act 2009 to be put forward by the Minister for Justice to weaken the position at law of the individual citizen whose good name and reputation has been defamed.  
**Dublin North West CDC**
118. That this Ard Fheis calls on the Minister for Justice to review crime prevention models under the Garda Youth Diversion Programme to address anti-social behaviour in local communities.  
**Cork North Central CDC, Cork South Central CDC**
119. That this Ard Fheis calls on the Minister for Justice, to introduce new regulations based around the acquiring, granting and renewing of Firearms Licences, specifically the introduction of a photo image of the applicant on the firearms licence.  
**Cork North Central CDC**
120. That this Ard Fheis calls on Government to tackle the issue of anti-social behaviour to equip local Gardaí with the resources to deal with issues locally.  
**Shannon CC (Clare CDC)**

## Organisation:

121. That this Ard Fheis agrees to replace the existing Aims and Objectives of Fianna Fáil, as contained at the beginning of Corú & Rialacha with the following:

‘Fianna Fáil is a progressive republican party, born out of a national movement to achieve an independent republic and unite Ireland. The party is grounded in the community, pro-enterprise and committed to social justice, aligned with European liberal democracy and the classic republican values of liberty, equality and fraternity.

### **The aims of the party are:**

#### UNITY

To secure in peace and harmony the unity of Ireland and all its people, including those who have chosen to make Ireland their home, harnessing the full potential of the Good Friday Agreement and building consensus around a shared island.

#### TEANGA, DÚCHAS & NA hEALAÍONA

To promote excellence in the Arts and sustainable livelihoods for those working within it, to cherish our unique heritage and to share this with the world with a special emphasis on the development of Irish as a living language. Fianna Fáil will always promote the Irish language.

#### COMMUNITY & MEITHEAL

To foster a spirit of Meitheal by nurturing an inclusive republican citizenship, built on equal rights and opportunities, grounded in strong, empowered communities and encouraging civic engagement across the island.

#### STRONG PUBLIC SERVICES

To ensure the delivery of universal healthcare and all fundamental public services to the highest standard through investment, innovation, and reform; and to guarantee universal access based on need, regardless of means.

#### A HOME FOR ALL

To champion the right to housing by providing quality affordable, public and private homes, protecting those renting and supporting those with an aspiration of home ownership.

#### EDUCATION

To provide an education accessible to all, which cherishes all children and promotes inclusivity, equality of opportunity and lifelong learning, advancing research and innovation.



## REWARDING ENTERPRISE

To promote enterprise and innovation, to generate employment, to reward hard work, to value aspiration and initiative, so as to improve the standard of living of all our people.

## BUILDING THE FUTURE

To modernise and expand Ireland's physical and digital infrastructure to meet our future environmental, demographic and economic needs.

## CLIMATE ACTION & BIODIVERSITY

To rise to the challenge of climate change by restoring and conserving our biodiversity and natural heritage, embracing renewable energy and ending the use of fossil fuels via a just transition to a sustainable society and circular economy.

## A SUSTAINABLE ISLAND

To grow an all-Ireland economy as the clean, green engine of Europe, harnessing our land and seas to achieve energy independence and food security, and, in so doing, to develop new sustainable opportunities for the rural, farming and maritime economies.

## DEFENDING OUR DEMOCRACY

To protect Ireland, its people, its physical and digital assets, from threats at home or abroad. To defend our democracy, recognising freedom of the press, respect for the rule of law, free and fair elections, and informed public debate as fundamental tenets of a modern republic.

## IRELAND IN EUROPE AND THE WORLD

To advance Ireland's position and influence as an engaged member of the European Union, promoting increased cooperation and enlargement, and to support the work of the United Nations with a strong focus on the defence of human rights and international development.

## **Ard Chomhairle**

Páirtí forásach agus poblachtánach is ea Fianna Fáil, a d'eascair as gluaiseacht náisiúnta chun poblacht neamhspleách a bhaint amach agus Éire a aontú. Tá an páirtí bunaithe ar an bpobal, ar son na fiontraíochta tiomanta don cheartas sóisialta, ailínithe le daonlathas liobrálach Eorpach mar aon le luachanna clasaiceacha poblachtánacha na saoirse, an chomhionannais agus an bhráithreachais.

## **Seo iad aidhmeanna an pháirtí**

### **AONTAS**

Aontú na hÉireann agus a daoine go léir a bhaint amach faoi shíocháin agus faoi shuaimhneas, lena n-áirítear na daoine ar fad a bhfuil Éire roghnaithe mar bhaile acu, ag baint leasa as ionchas iomlán Chomhaontú Aoine an Chéasta agus ag cothú comhthola ar fud an oileáin a beidh á roinnt againn lena chéile.

### **TEANGA, DÚCHAS & NA hEALAÍONA**

Ardchaighdeán a chur chun cinn sna hEalaíona agus slíte beatha inmharthanacha a chur ar fáil do na daoine a bheidh ag obair iontu, chun ardmheas a thaispeáint dár n-oidhreacht uathúil agus í a roinnt leis an saol mór, ag cur béim ar leith ar fhorbairt na Gaeilge mar theanga bheo. Cuirfidh Fianna Fáil an Ghaeilge chun cinn i gcónaí.

### **POBAL & MEITHEAL**

Glacadh le spiorad an Mheithil trí shaoránacht ionchuimsitheach, poblachtánach a chothú, tógtha ar chothrom na féinne agus comhdheiseanna, bunaithe ar phobail láidre chumhachtaithe agus rannpháirtíocht shibhialta a spreagadh ar fud an oileáin.

### **SEIRBHÍSÍ POIBLÍ LÁIDRE**

Soláthar cúram sláinte d'ardchaighdeán a chinntiú mar aon leis na seirbhísí caighdeánacha poiblí go léir, trí infheistiú, nuálaíocht agus athchóiriú; agus a chinntiú go mbeidh rochtain uilíoch orthu bunaithe ar riachtanas, beag beann ar acmhainn.

### **ÁIT CHÓNAITHE DO CHÁCH**

Troid ar son cearta tithíochta trí thithe ardchaighdeáin inacmhainne, poiblí agus príobháideacha, a chur ar fáil, ag cosaint na ndaoine atá i dtithe ar cíós agus ag tacú leis na daoine ar mian leo a dteach féin a bheith acu.

### **OIDEACHAS**

Oideachas a chur ar fáil a bheidh inrochtana do chách, a bheidh muirneach do na leanaí go léir agus a chuirfidh uileghabhálacht, comhionannas deiseanna agus foghlaim fad saoil chun cinn, ag cothú taighde agus nuálaíochta.

## LUACH SAOTHAIR DON FHIONTRAÍOCHT

An fhiontraíocht agus an nuálaíocht a chur chun cinn, fostaíocht a ghiniúint agus cúiteamh a thabhairt d'obair chrua, chomh maith le meas a léiriú don uaillmhian agus don tionscnamh chun caighdeán maireachtála ár ndaoine go léir a fheabhsú.

## TÓGÁIL NA TODHCHAÍ

Infreastruchtúr fisiciúil agus digiteach na hÉireann a nuachóiriú agus a leathadh amach chun freastal ar ár riachtanais timpeallachta, déimeagrafacha agus eacnamaíoch sa todhchaí.

## GNÍOMHÚ AR SON NA hAERÁIDE & BITHÉAGSÚLACHT

Tabhairt faoi dhúshlán an athraithe aeráide trínár mbithéagsúlacht agus ár n-oidhreacht nádúrtha a athshlánú agus a chaomhnú, glacadh le fuinneamh in-athnuaite agus deireadh a chur le húsáid breoslaí iontaise trí aistriú go cóir chuig sochaí inmhharthanach agus geilleagar ciorclach.

## OILEÁN INBHUANAITHE

Eacnamaíocht Uile-Éireann a chothú mar inneall glan glas na hEorpa, ag baint leasa as ár dtalamh agus as ár bhfarraigí chun neamhspleáchas fuinnimh agus slándáil bia a bhaint amach, agus ar an mbealach sin deiseanna nua inmhharthanacha a fhorbairt do na geilleagair thuithe, fheirmeoireachta agus mhuirí.

## ÁR nDAONLATHAS A CHOSAINT

Cosaint a thabhairt d'Éirinn, dá pobail, agus dá sócmhainní fisiciúla agus digiteacha, ó bhagairtí sa bhaile nó i gcéin. Cosaint a thabhairt dár ndaonlathas, ag tabhairt aitheantais do shaoirse an phreasa, meas a bheith ar fhorlámhas an dlí, ar thoghcháin shaora agus chóra, agus ar dhíospóireacht eolach phoiblí mar bunphrionsabail de phoblacht nua-aimseartha.

## ÉIRE SAN EORAIP AGUS SA DOMHAN

Seasamh agus tionchar na hÉireann a chur chun cinn mar bhall rannpháirteach den Aontas Eorpach, ag cur comhoibriú agus méadú breise chun cinn, agus tacaíocht a thabhairt d'obair na Náisiúin Aontaithe le fócas láidir ar chosaint na gceart daonna agus na forbartha idirnáisiúnta.

## **Ard Chomhairle**

122. That this Ard Fheis agrees that Fianna Fáil should contest the next General Election as a fully independent party with no pact or agreement with any other party.

**Kildare North CDC**

123. That this Ard Fheis calls for the continual monitoring of Fianna Fáil's media policy and public relations policy to ensure the best possible presentation in the media of our policy, representation and candidates.

**Macroom John Browne Cumann (Cork North West)**

124. This Ard Fheis calls on the Fianna Fáil party to actively support the Fianna Fáil Women's Network to develop a sub-recruitment campaign focused on issues pertaining to women.

**Ógra Fianna Fáil COB**

125. That this Ard Fheis calls upon the Ard Chomhairle to disclose the full list of working Policy and Operational Committees and Structures to the members of Fianna Fáil. The Ard Chomhairle and its officers shall share the full list of working groups/committees/bodies.

**Cork North Central CDC**

126. That this Ard Fheis mandates any proposals to alter or remove, directly or indirectly any of the existing rules and procedures outlined in the 2016 Corú agus Rialacha and protocols should first have to be presented to the Ard Chomhairle for discussion and approval.

**Dublin Rathdown CDC**

127. That this Ard Fheis mandates the Fianna Fáil party to immediately incorporate and implement recommendations of Minister Sean Fleming's report on our electoral failures in recent years to give a more meaningful role and greater support to the Cumann structure with a particular emphasis on greater youth involvement.

**James O'Connor Cumann (Offaly CDC)**

128. That this Ard Fheis calls on Regional Organisers to provide all secretaries of CDC with a copy of the Corú agus Rialacha and shall be informed if these are amended.

**Ógra Fianna Fáil COB**

129. That this Ard Fheis calls on the Fianna Fáil party to ensure a robust and transparent process of selection of local election candidates based on evidence and data from the local electoral area to ensure maximisation of the Fianna Fáil Party vote to achieve the highest number possible of elected local councillors.

**Ballinabrackey/Castlejordan Cumann (Meath West CDC)**

130. That this Ard Fheis directs the General Secretary and the Ard Chomhairle to set aside a time slot for discussion and resolutions on current issues at each annual Ard Fheis.

**Macroom CC (Cork North West CDC)**

131. This Ard Fheis mandates that the procedure of any co-option to a county or city council be by a full voting convention and that full voting party members in the Local Electoral Area in question, vote on candidates nominated by full voting party members or by a cumann within the LEA in question, to fill the vacant council seat.

**Skibereen CC (Cork South West CDC)**

132. That this Ard Fheis proposes that the Ard Chomhairle Organisation Committee review the election of constituency delegates to the Ard Chomhairle.

**Roscommon Town Cumann (Roscommon/Galway CDC)**

Related motion from Kildare North CDC

133. That this Ard Fheis proposes that the President of the Fianna Fáil Women's Network, Migrants' Network, Disability Network and LGBTQI+ Network are members of the Fianna Fáil Ard Chomhairle.

**Erskine Childers Cumann (Louth CDC)**

Related motion from Kildare North CDC



# Dates for your Diary

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*October*

## *Annual Wolfe Tone Commemoration*

Sunday, 12.00 Noon, Bodentown Cemetery,  
Sallins, Co. Kildare.

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*October*

## *Cairde Fáil, Taoiseach's Dinner*

Saturday, Clayton Hotel, Burlington Road,  
Dublin 2.

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*November*

## *Éamon De Valera Commemoration*

Sunday, 12.00 Noon, Ennis Courthouse,  
Ennis, Co. Clare

Please note, there will be further events added.

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