



Vote no. 1

Martin O'Sullivan

A Voice for People, Community & Environment

- I do not make empty promises – I have a proven track record of promoting 'people power' to bring change.
- I organized weekly protests outside the office of the Minister Sean Haughey over the budget and the cutbacks in education.
- I actively supported the Stardust families in their campaign for justice by supporting their picket at the Butterly Business Park, when, on the twenty-fifth anniversary of the fire, an attempt was made to open a pub on the site.
- In 2005, I led a campaign to force Dublin City Council to switch back on the audible crossing signals that blind and vision-impaired people use to safely cross the street.
- I was one of the main organizers of the No to Lisbon campaign in this area.

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in Coolock, Artane & Whitehall
for a doer, not a talker***



Martin O'Sullivan is also calling for your no.1 vote for Joe Higgins, Socialist Party, in the European Election

My Policy priorities—

- 1. A Public Works Programme:** I will press the Council to provide jobs for redundant workers. Projects should include:
 - A fully integrated rail and transport network. (This would help to reduce carbon emissions)
 - A housing insulation programme.
 - Provision of publicly owned crèches.
 - A network of primary health care centres with developed preventative medicine systems – reducing reliance on hospitals.
- 2. Expose waste spending by the council bureaucrats.** The Council has spent more than 200 million on consultants since 2004. That is more than was spent on the fire service!

I will scrutinise council spending and vote against any money for spin doctors or corporate advisors.

- 3. Support *Taxi Drivers for Change*** in their demand that Dublin gets a proper regulated taxi service.
- 4. Ensure that all public buildings are fully accessible to the disabled and the elderly and that new housing is built as accessible as possible.**
- 5. Full support to Stardust Families:** The independent enquiry concluded that there is no evidence to support the key finding of the original tribunal, "that the fire was started deliberately." This vindicates the families' ongoing campaign for justice and truth, which I will continue to support and assist.

Why should we pay for the greed of bankers and developers?

The government wants working people, families, the vulnerable and the poor to pay for the greed of bankers, politicians and developers.

They have imposed levies on PAYE workers and cut public services. Our schools, hospitals and bus services are being savaged. They have even withdrawn Christmas bonuses from pensioners and the unemployed.

People Before Profit says that those who created the economic mess should pay to clean it up. A vote for **People Before Profit** is a vote for real change.

We say—

- **Nationalise the banking system.** Don't pay off the debts of the failed banks. Organise the credit system to eliminate financial speculation and to support job creation.
- **A public works programme for the unemployed.** Instead of bailing out banks, use the money to give work to the unemployed so that they can build the schools, houses and hospitals we badly need. Start a national housing insulation programme immediately to cut back on energy costs.



- **Stop privatisation of public services.** Free access to a top quality health service and education as basic right. Develop a national system of pre-school education. No cutbacks – expand the public services to get us over the economic crisis.
- **Tax the speculators & super-wealthy elites who caused the economic crisis.** End the tax exile status – make the super rich contribute to funding our public services. Introduce a wealth levy instead of levies on PAYE workers.
- **No evictions for those in mortgage arrears.** Allocate the 225,000 empty housing units to those who are on the housing list.

Use your vote to demand real change.

For Jobs, Services, Amenities and real Local Democracy

Local government should prioritise providing jobs, quality services, community and youth amenities rather than looking after the interests of developers and privileged elites.

Local people should have a real say in what happens in their communities. We must stop the erosion of local democracy where power is in the hands of un-elected council managers.

We stand for:

- Democratic planning and real public participation – The needs of communities must come before the needs of developers.

- Directly elected mayors or council chairpersons replace council managers.
- Regular public forums to keep people informed and involve them in local decision-making.
- No to government plans to reintroduce water charges after the elections - abolish unfair bin taxes and stealth taxes. Reverse the privatisation of local services.
- Community facilities, regeneration and social and affordable housing should be provided as a right, not through deals

with developers.

- Local authorities should use direct labour to provide jobs and local services – End expensive outsourcing and big payouts to consultants.
- Use empty homes held by developers and speculators for social housing and end massive subsidies to private landlords
- No evictions and a freeze on mortgages repayments for those who have lost their jobs.
- Local councils should provide allotments and community gardens on waste ground



Who are People Before Profit?

We are an alliance of ordinary people, trade unionists, environmental and community activists and socialists that believe that Ireland can and should be a better and fairer place.

In **People Before Profit** we stand with ordinary people and for their interests – not the interests of big business, bankers and property speculators. During the election and after we will be working to create a united political voice which will seek to build a radically different society in Ireland.