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Change is needed and change is possible

A Letter From the Campaign

a Chara,

This day next week the polls will be open in the Irish general election. In this short, three-week campaign, the final week will be vital.

Housing has dominated the debate.

I was canvassing a relatively settled and prosperous commuter town near Dublin. The issues were mostly local. Unreliant public transport, lack of a gardaí (police) presence, school and health care waiting lists.

There are undoubtedly problems with public service financing, but the lack of skilled mechanics and drivers, gardaí, nurses, doctors, and teachers remains at the core.

There are more gardaí leaving the service than being recruited. Recent research has identified 4,600 Irish-trained teachers working abroad. Irish nurses and doctors are respected and recruited across the world. With a lack of personnel, public services suffer and the sense of crisis deepens.

The common cause for this shortage has been the cost of housing with unaffordable rents and the dream of owning a home outside the reach of most workers. A

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A central plank in Sinn Féin's campaign has been a call to create a route home for those who left, and the opportunities and incentives for a generation to stay. The party has committed to building homes and providing affordable housing. Guaranteeing jobs for all healthcare graduates and trainees. Offering affordable childcare for young families.

There is always a conversation on the doorstep that rocks you.

I was talking to a middle-aged man who said that he had done alright in life, had a good job, and paid off his mortgage. He never paid much attention to politics. He then told me that he didn't know what the future held for his grown-up children. They were looking at emigrating. As a parent, he had worked to ensure his children would be better off than him. He now realized that the next generation would be poorer than their parents. They would not have the security of a place called home.

I listened as he told me that change was needed. The opportunities that he enjoyed, owning a home and being able to save were not an unattainable dream but his life. He was willing to give Sinn Féin a shot to put right what decades of Fianna Fáil and Fine Gael had got wrong.

As a canvasser, he had said the right thing and everything I needed to hear. The box was ticked on my sheet. But the conversation has stuck with me. We have an obligation to make Ireland a better place for the coming generations. Fianna Fáil and Fine Gael have failed. Change is needed and change is possible.

That is the message that will push me through our get-out-the-vote operation.

Have a great weekend.

Is mise,

Ciarán

Ciarán Quinn is the Sinn Féin Representative to North America

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Sign up to keep the conversation going

a Chara,

We believe all Irish citizens should have the opportunity to return and live, raise a family, and prosper in Ireland. A Sinn Féin led government is your route home.

For over one hundred years Fianna Fáil or Fine Gael have led the government in Dublin. They have made homeownership unattainable and rents unaffordable. Leaving another generation left with no option but to emigrate.

The election has been called for November 29th . It is time for a change of government.

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- Make housing affordable. - Abolish USC for average-paid workers.
- Invest in education and provide childcare at €10 per day.
- We will work to recognize qualifications and experience earned abroad.
- Extend Presidential voting rights to Irish Citizens abroad.
- Plan and prepare for Irish Unity.

Fianna Fáil and Fine Gael are depending on your silence. In this election make your voice heard. Ask your friends and family in Ireland to vote for a change of government and vote for Sinn Féin. Share your hopes and views on social media.

In the coming weeks, we will be rolling out events and briefings for Irish Citizens abroad. Let's keep the conversation going. [Sign up here to be kept up to date.](#)

Together we can build a new and united Ireland.

Is mise,

Mary Lou McDonald
President of Sinn Féin

**Where in the world will
your kids be if Fine Gael
and Fianna Fáil are back
in Government?**



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THE ROUTE HOME**



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A message from Sinn Fein Spokesperson on Housing



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IRISH ELECTION ONLINE UPDATE MEETINGS SUNDAY 24TH NOVEMBER 2024



**Two online
meetings for
the Irish living
abroad, our
wider diaspora,
& supporters.**

7.00 pm Irish Time

(2.00 pm North American Eastern Time)

with Rose Conway Walsh TD



8.00 am Irish Time

(7.00 pm Australian Eastern Daylight Time)

with Mairead Farrell TD



Irish Unity People's Assembly: Diaspora to meet in New York & DC in 2025

Join us in New York and Washington, DC in January 2025 for the next meetings of the Irish Unity People's Assembly: Diaspora.

Featuring John Finucane, MP, the Assembly will include an address about the current status of work towards Irish Unity, a Q&A session, and small group discussion about

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The event is free and registration is required. Tickets and more information available in the links below.

THE COMMISSION ON THE FUTURE OF IRELAND



Monday, January 27th, 2025

Washington, DC

Laborers' International Union of North America
905 Black Lives Matter Plz

Featuring John Finucane, MP

A conversation with the diaspora, the descendants of Ireland, and all those who support Irish unity.



AN COIMISIÚN
UM THODHCHAÍ
NA hÉIREANN

THE COMMISSION ON THE FUTURE OF IRELAND



Thursday, January 30th, 2025

Rockland County, NY

Rockland GAA

Featuring John Finucane, MP

A conversation with the diaspora, the descendants of Ireland, and all those who support Irish unity.



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Bipartisan US Congressional Commission holds hearing on pending British gov inquiry into collusion in murder of Pat Finucane

The bipartisan Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission held a hearing on the pending British government inquiry into collusion in the brutal murder of the human rights lawyer Patrick Finucane this week.

The hearing was addressed by Geraldine Finucane, widow of murdered human rights lawyer Patrick Finucane, Michael Finucane, son, Katherine Finucane, daughter, and John Finucane MP, son of murdered human rights lawyer Patrick Finucane.

The Commission is charged with promoting, defending and advocating for international human rights as enshrined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and other relevant human rights instruments. The Commission undertakes public

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Video Update

Sinn Féin Representative to North America Ciarán Quinn and Friends of Sinn Féin US Director Greg O'Loughlin review some of the logistics of the upcoming elections in the south, provide an update on the Legacy Act, and more. [Watch it now and share with anyone who wants to learn more!](#)



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‘Huge opportunities lie ahead in a new Ireland’

Sinn Féin MP Dáire Hughes this week addressed Labour for Irish Unity’s ‘Towards Irish Unity’ event in Westminster.

The panel included Professor Colin Harvey and was chaired by MP John McDonnell and Plaid Cymru MP Liz Saville Roberts.

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and the growing momentum around the campaign for a new Ireland.

“People on our island are increasingly demanding that decisions about their lives and their futures be made at home, in Ireland.

“All sections of society are now actively engaged and discussing the huge opportunities which lie ahead to attract investment, create better jobs and strengthen public services.

“With a general election just around the corner, the incoming Irish government must make planning and preparation for constitutional change a priority.

“Under a Sinn Féin-led government, we would publish a green paper on Irish unity, establish an inclusive and welcoming Citizens’ Assembly and create a Minister for Reunification at the Department of An Taoiseach.

“The time to plan and prepare has come. This is the decade of opportunity and we must grasp it with both hands.”



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