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The next chapter in the history of Ireland

A Letter from Ireland

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Happy New Year! It is a beautiful, cold, and clear day in Ireland. In tune with the season, it feels fresh.

At this time everyone turns to prepare for the coming year. I am the same, although I don't make predictions or resolutions.

I am old enough to accept that nothing goes according to plan, but with the right attitude and approach, things tend to work out.

As Irish Republican activists, our culture is not to sit and speculate. Our job is to shape the future.

We face uncertainties as a new Administration and Congress is convened. However, there has always been deep and enduring bipartisan support for peace and progress in Ireland. Long may that continue. In a world beset by conflict, Ireland remains a beacon of hope and an American foreign policy success.

This will also be an election year in Canada with a new Government likely formed. The Tory party leading in the polls is untested on the issue of Ireland, but has always operated in support of peace.

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injustices of their past during the years of conflict. They have a super majority and look likely to continue in office.

We are still without a government in Dublin as Fianna Fáil and Fine Gael continue their slow courtship with a coalition of so-called independents. Meanwhile, housing costs continue to soar and a generation heads back to Australia, Canada, Britain, and the US after a Christmas in Ireland.

These uncertainties represent risks but also opportunities.

Behind the political scorecard, there is a growing debate about the future and potential to build a new and united Ireland. The young people leaving want to return to an Ireland which matches the opportunities of their new homes. A reason and attainable goal.

While we have work to progress Irish Unity at home, the diaspora will have a role in shaping the US, Canadian, British, and in particular Irish Government policy. The Good Friday Agreement is the pathway to Irish Unity.

The Irish Government should include in its, "Programme for Government", the appointment of a Minister with the responsibility to plan and prepare for Unity, convene a Citizens Assembly, and begin the discussion with the British Government on the date and details of holding the promised Irish Unity Referendums.

It is what a Sinn Féin government would do. It is what an Irish government worthy of that title should do.

The next chapter in the history of Ireland, the peaceful and democratic reunification of the nation is being written. It's time for the Irish Government to sign on.

Have a great weekend and again Happy New Year!

Ciarán

Ciarán Quinn is the Sinn Féin Representative to North America

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2025: A year to advance the Republican vision for Ireland's future – Mary Lou McDonald TD

Mary Lou McDonald TD has stated that “In 2025, Sinn Féin will work relentlessly with determination and ambition to advance the Republican vision for Ireland's future. We will work to build an Ireland that is fairer, united, and more equal; to achieve a new era where workers, families and communities come first.”

Ms McDonald said that Sinn Féin's all-Ireland team is on the side of ordinary people and will continue to build the momentum for political change right across Ireland.

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Ireland. We will be their voice; we will represent them, and we will work to make their lives better. We will hold the incoming government to account with purpose, energy, and passion.

“2025 must be the year in which we see real progress for workers and families. We cannot afford another five years of Fianna Fáil-Fine Gael crises in housing, health, childcare, the cost of living and their scandalous waste of public money.

“Sinn Féin will continue to advance our groundbreaking plans to end the housing crisis, transform our health services, deliver affordable childcare, and reduce living costs in the long term. We will champion a future of economic growth, the strengthening of workers’ rights, social progress and prosperity – a future in which we strive for climate justice and energy independence, where we uphold the right of our young people to have their opportunity to build a good future in Ireland and ensure that there is a route home for those who have left.

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Irish Unity People's Assembly: Diaspora

New York & DC

Join us in [Washington, DC on January 27th](#) and in [New York on January 30th](#) for the next meetings of the Irish Unity People's Assembly: Diaspora.

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

The event is free to attend, and registration is required. Registration 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.



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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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A New Year's Message from Michelle O'Neill

2024 marked the return of the political institutions, bringing with it a new horizon and immense opportunities for people here.

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The return of the Assembly and Executive marked a moment of possibility.

People wanted the Assembly and Executive back because they wanted real change in their lives.

They rightly wanted political parties back around the table, working together for them and their families.

Our greatest strength lies firmly in our people, and by empowering them, we can seize the incredible opportunities that lie ahead.

Whether you're from Pomeroy or Portaferry, the Shankill Road or Ballymurphy, as First Minister for all, I am committed to representing you and delivering hope and opportunity for you and your family.

My guiding principle is to serve everyone equally across our community, working relentlessly to make a real and positive change in people's lives.

We've made significant progress on key issues that affect people right across society. One of the Executive's first acts was to award public sector workers the fair pay increase they absolutely deserved.

Projects that were stalled for years due to the absence of an Executive are now coming to fruition. Major developments, like the A5 and Strule campus, are progressing, while Belfast's state-of-the-art transport hub is now open—bringing us one step closer to a cleaner, greener society.

Finance Minister Caoimhe Archibald secured vital additional funding for essential services like health and education, while childcare costs have been subsidised, putting more money back in families' pockets as we continue working on long-term strategies to reduce costs further.

Momentum is also building behind the expansion of Magee University, with progress continuing towards delivering 10,000 students at the campus.

Despite the challenges of 14 years of British government austerity, the Executive has come together to agree budgets and launch our draft Programme for Government,

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Video Update: Elections & 2025 Preview

In our final video update of 2024, we discuss the General Election results, a visit to Capitol Hill, look back at a very busy and eventful 2024, and talk about plans for 2025.

We also take a moment to thank you - our readers and viewers. Without your support, none of this would be possible, and we are very grateful for every donation, share, meeting, and more. Thank you!



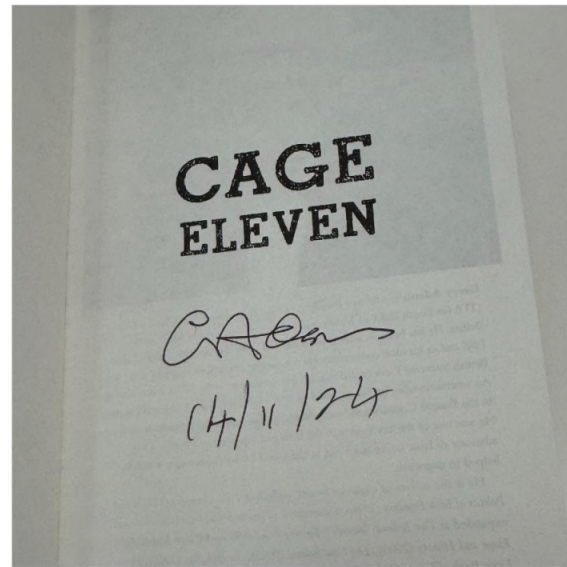
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Sinn Féin nominate six candidates – including Conor Murphy MLA – to contest Seanad Éireann elections

This week Sinn Féin nominated six candidates to contest the elections to Seanad Éireann. Party Leader Mary Lou McDonald said “This is a strong national team who if elected will join 39 TDs in the Dáil as a significant, very potent force in Irish political life. Central to their agenda will be advancing the planning and preparations for Irish re-unification.”

- Industrial and commercial panel – Conor Murphy MLA
- Cultural and educational panel – Pauline Tully
- Agricultural panel – Joanne Collins
- Labour panel – Chris Andrews and Maria McCormack
- Administrative panel – Nicole Ryan

She added, “Today we nominated six candidates to contest the elections to Seanad Éireann. This is a strong national team who if elected will join 39 TDs in the Dáil as a significant, very potent force in Irish political life.”

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must change. People who want to see the housing crisis sorted, an end to the trolley crisis, support for families under pressure with the cost of living, hope and opportunity for our young people who are leaving our shores for a better future.

“They will also be a strong and consistent voice for Irish reunification in the Oireachtas as we prepare for the constitutional change.



It is critical that we plan for and manage the change that is coming and the Seanad can play a leading role in that work.”

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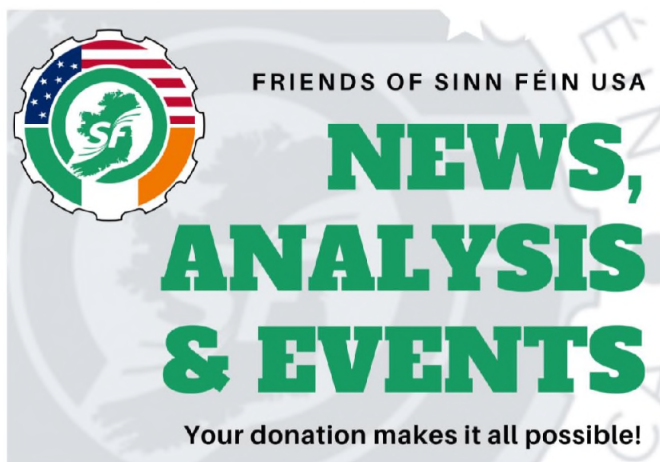
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