## **Raymond WHITEHEAD** No.1



Raymond Whitehead is the founder of the Direct Democracy movement in Ireland. He successfully campaigned to save Temple Bar from destruction starting the first meetings of the residents and business association there to have historic Temple Bar preserved for future generations. Raymond lived in Switzerland, a country that is a Direct Democracy, where the people are empowered and engaged in Government, locally and nationally, and Ireland, where the people have virtually no say between elections and are largely ignored, even when they protest. He feels that most of the problems we face as a country stems from the people not being consulted and being ignored in relation to all major decisions, Locally and Nationally on issues such as NAMA, the bailout of Casino Banks, the destruction of national monuments and the selling off of National resources etc.

Direct democracy is a system of government that gives citizens the ability to have a say in government decisions, and offers the opportunity for people to live in a fairer society by participating in the decision making process on an ongoing basis, rather than ticking a box every four or five years.





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Would You Have Voted :

## NO To Budget Cuts ? NO To NAMA ? NO To Bank Bailouts ?

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