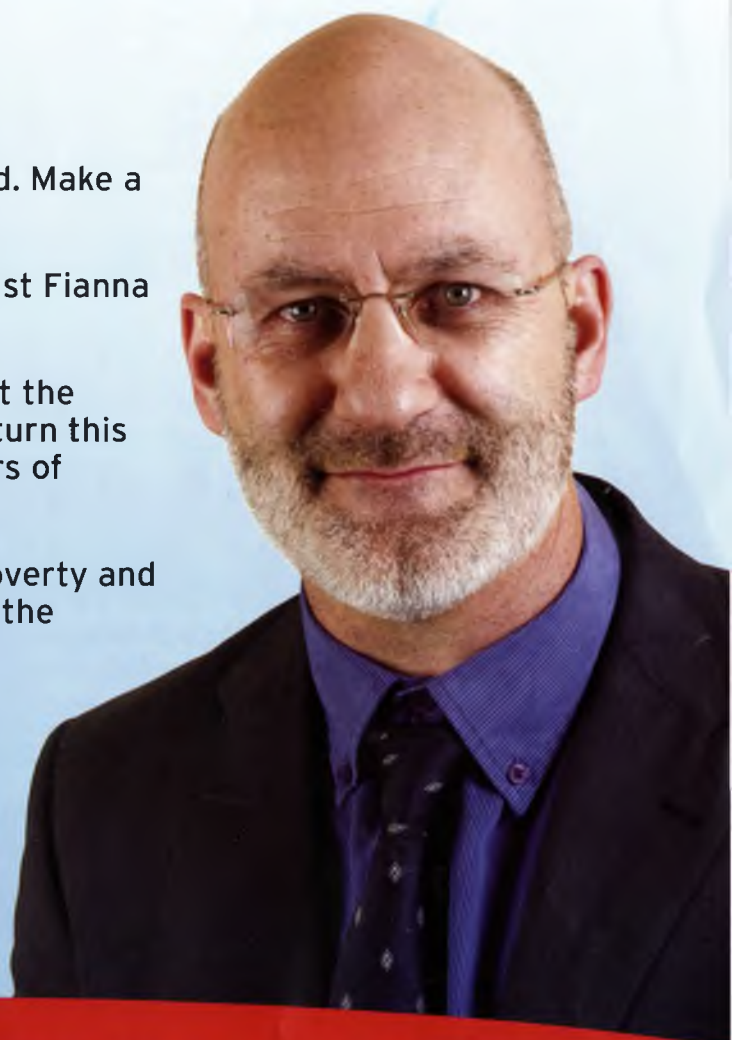


# The **alternative** to cuts & crisis

- **No to EU/IMF austerity cuts and bailout**
- **Better to 'burn' the bondholders than impoverish the innocent**

- The attack on living standards is unprecedented. Make a stand to defend your future.
- Use this election to strike a decisive blow against Fianna Fail and their coalition partners, the Greens.
- Reject Fine Gael and Labour who will implement the EU/IMF austerity, cynically lying that they can turn this rotten deal into a good one through their powers of negotiation.
- This austerity deal will make unemployment, poverty and the debt much worse and is guaranteed to sink the economy.
- With twenty candidates, the Socialist Party/United Left Alliance is offering a real alternative in this election.
- Use your vote to elect people who will fight for you and to start a new mass party and movement to challenge the system.



**VOTE  
NO.**

**OR HIGHEST  
POSSIBLE  
PREFERENCE**

**1**

**Mick MURPHY**

**Socialist Party/United Left Alliance**

# To create jobs & defend living standards we can't pay the bank debts!

The only way to overcome the crisis of deficits, debt and unemployment is through economic growth, but slashing spending will make the crisis, the budget deficit and the debts much worse.

The idea that Ireland would be unable to access credit and would collapse if we don't pay is wrong. Other countries, which were also unfairly saddled with debts, burned bondholders and were able to access credit and resources internationally or from within their own economies. Not paying these debts releases a vice grip that



is choking the economy (interest payments alone will be €10 billion in 2014, 20% of all tax revenue). That, linked to taking key aspects of the

economy into public ownership would give the opportunity for serious investment, economic growth and jobs for the unemployed.

## WE SAY:

- Resist the attacks on living standards, fight for jobs. Don't pay the bankers' debts and reject the EU/IMF austerity dictates.

## FIGHT FOR JOBS! FIGHT THE CUTS!

### 1 Create tens of thousands of jobs now

There are 100,000 unemployed building workers as well as a need for vital infrastructure like proper public transport, modern water infrastructure, broadband, health facilities and new schools while billions are being wasted on bankers and speculators (€4.8 billion paid in interest on the debt alone in 2010).

- Create tens of thousands of jobs by investing in building and staffing essential infrastructure and the public services we require



### 2 Reverse the cuts in pay & services

People's rights to healthcare and education should not be relegated behind parasitic speculators "right" to make super profits. These cuts will result in a downward economic spiral of more unemployment, more indebtedness and more cuts.

### 3 Take control of the banks Reduce mortgage repayments

With the bad debts scrapped, the banking system should be nationalised but not as this government has done, where they refuse to lend to ordinary people or small businesses, but publicly controlled and used for the benefit of society.

- Nationalise all the banks and run them democratically under public control and management.
- Reduce the principal on mortgages & repayments to affordable levels. Outlaw repossessions. Turn the vacant properties into public housing stock & provide homes at affordable prices in communities fully resourced with public services.

## WE SAY:

- Reverse cuts in health and education. Restore pay rates & the Minimum Wage. Scrap the Universal Social Charge & Water & Home Taxes

# MAKE THE RICH PAY FOR **THEIR** CRISIS

## 4 Tax big business and the super rich

Ireland's millionaires have approximately €120 billion. The top 10% have 25% of total income, 11 times that of the bottom 10%. €110 billion was removed from Irish bank accounts in 2010, €18.5 billion belonging to the rich Irish. The idea that multi-national corporations will run at the hint that Corporation Tax will go up is an attempt to intimidate people. Investment by MNCs first grew massively in the late 80s when the tax rate was much higher! Taxing the rich, combined with real economic growth would bridge the budget deficit. Attempts to siphon wealth out of Ireland to evade tax must be stopped, if necessary with capital controls.

- **Increase tax on the super rich. For example, a levy of 10% on millionaires could yield €10 billion. Corporation Tax at the Austrian level of 25% (below the EU average) & scrapping of tax reliefs to the rich could raise in the region of €10 billion.**

## 5 Develop an economy based on working people

Jobs are the key issue. The idea that private foreign or Irish investors will get us out of the crisis and create jobs is fantasy. There has been a 70% drop in investment over the last three years and that is likely to continue.

The only chance of developing productive manufacturing industry and overcoming mass unemployment is through major investment, including in Research and Development.

That will only happen if the major economic resources, including gas and oil resources off the west coast (worth in excess of €500 billion), are taken into democratic public ownership and management and used in a planned way for people's needs not short term profits.

- **End the abuse of wealth by the capitalist establishment. Take the economy and natural resources into democratic public ownership & plan the development a real manufacturing base, sustainable jobs and a secure future for all.**



## FOR A SOCIALIST ALTERNATIVE!

## 6 End the Mercs, Perks & high salaries of politicians

TDs, Ministers and Senators get huge salaries and "grave train" expenses, retiring Ministers hit the jackpot. Most of these and their parties are all completely divorced from the lives of ordinary people. Increasingly decisions at central and local government level reflect the interests of big business and are rammed through.

- **Abolish the Senate & end exorbitant salaries & pensions of TDs & Ministers. Pay them the average industrial wage & verifiable expenses only.**

## 7 Establish a new party for working class people

Labour, set up by Connolly and Larkin, now accepts the market. None of the Dáil parties represent working class people, including Sinn Féin which is implementing huge cutbacks in the North. Vote United Left Alliance & you can start the founding of a new mass party to represent working class people.

- **Elect Socialist Party/ULA TDs so we can launch a new party to organise working class people**

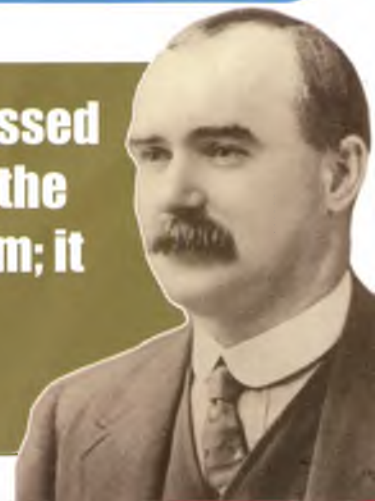
## 8 A government for people's needs, not profit

We need a real alternative. With the establishment of a new mass party the struggle for an alternative government for working people becomes real, and that combined with reclaiming the unions and turning them into fighting organisations can create a movement that would be powerful enough to transform society.

- **For a government of working people that implements socialist policies & puts people before profit.**

**"The day has passed for patching up the capitalist system; it must go."**

**James Connolly**



**VOTE  
NUMBER**

**1**

# MICK MURPHY

**SOCIALIST PARTY  
UNITED LEFT ALLIANCE**

- Mick Murphy is the Socialist Party/ ULA candidate for Dublin South West. Mick has been an active campaigner in Tallaght and South West for 20 years and has led many successful campaigns.
- Mick was jailed for three weeks in 2003 for his active opposition to the Bin Tax. Mick led the campaign in South Dublin and recently has confirmed the support of the Socialist Party for the industrial action that the Bin Men have voted on to



prevent the Council privatising the service.

- Mick Murphy carried out the investigation which led to the outing of the Turkish construction company GAMA in the Dail by Joe Higgins in 2005 for paying thousands of Turkish workers €2.20 an hour on building projects all over the Country. The methods used to crack this company where the Trade Union officials, other politicians and journalists failed are described in Mick's

Diary of the Campaign which is posted on his Facebook page.

- Mick was the lone voice on the Council against the Tallaght Town Centre Plan which allows for the development of projects which are topped off by apartments all over the centre of Tallaght. That plan was proposed and seconded by Labour Party Councillors who are now both Dail Candidates. Mick led the opposition and was the only one to vote against.
- Mick is active in the Tallaght Hospital Action Group.

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**Building unity against the attacks the Executive is imposing on the working class is the basis for a solution in the North, not sectarian politicians**



**The state must invest to ensure that by 2020 more than 50% of Ireland's energy is from renewable sources**



**The real role of the EU as a facilitator of big business interests against workers rights has been shown in the bail-out**



**Socialist Party joined students to show their opposition to fees & all cuts at primary, secondary & third level**



**For a publicly owned health service, funded through a progressive tax system to provide prompt healthcare for all**



**Women, like the Laura Ashley strikers bear the brunt of the crisis. Unions must seriously mobilise to fight for women workers**

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