

# KENNY

General Election Candidate  
Dublin Mid West

## Gino



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PEOPLE BEFORE PROFIT ALLIANCE

A Voice for People, Community & Environment



## Gino KENNY - Your Candidate

In an era of unprecedented wealth... for the rich in Ireland, we now find ourselves in the run up to one of the most important elections in a generation.

Since 1997, the Fianna Fail/PD coalition has presided over levels of inequality never before seen in Ireland, where a **golden circle** of businessmen, developers and corrupt politicians have snatched the cream from the Celtic Tiger.

The Ireland they have shaped is an Ireland of **two tiers**, whether it is in Education, Health, Justice or Social Inequality.

The People of this area know all about "brown envelope planning", and the **corrupt gangster politicians** who conned their way to power. Its legacy is the development of the Liffey Valley Shopping Centre, the promised "town centre for Clondalkin", is now the M50 shopping paradise.

Yet, the flipside to all this corruption is that a simple amenity like a library, which has been **promised to the people** of North Clondalkin has never been built; **Planning corruption is not a victimless crime.**

I ran in the 2004 Local Election, and narrowly missed out on being elected, with very limited resources we almost achieved the impossible.

Now in 2007, I'm appealing to people to get involved in our campaign, whether that be delivering leaflets, or canvassing door to door. We may not agree on everything, but we agree on something, we need a new movement, we need new ideas, and most importantly, we need you, **UNITY IS STRENGTH**

### About Gino KENNY

Gino grew up originally in Neilstown having moved there in 1979. He is presently living in Cherrywood in Clondalkin. He is working in St. James' Hospital as a health care worker.

He is Branch Secretary of the Socialist Workers Party in Clondalkin, and has been involved in many campaigns from the **Bin Tax campaign**, Community Employment campaign, Anti War movement, the **Shell To Sea campaign**, and in raising awareness of the Palestinian cause.

Gino was behind setting up public meetings on the issues of, the privatisation of Ireland's Health Service, playgrounds and the North Clondalkin library.

**If Gino gets elected, he will take the average industrial wage.**

## What Gino stands for locally:

- Halt the traffic madness. We need a **proper public transport system** with fleets of low-fare buses. National Toll Roads should not get €600m of Irish taxpayers money - it should instead be invested in public transport in this area.
- Abolish the hated bin tax. Stop the new moves to bring water charges. No to stealth taxes.
- Proposed town centre in Balgaddy/South Lucan, to be **community led**, not developer led. The Liffey Valley Park is a public amenity. Hands off our green spaces!
- A major increase in the provision of quality **social and affordable housing.**
- Recycling in this constituency is a joke. We need proper public facilities on every estate.
- A radical strategy for the causes of drug abuse and suicide prevention.
- Real democracy with **genuine public participation** to decide effective use of surrounding public lands.
- Where are the libraries for North Clondalkin and Palmerstown.
- More funding for youth diversion projects. **ASBOs are not the answer.**

### State Of Our Health Service

Healthcare is one of the cornerstones of any society. Yet the Irish health service is a shambles. Mary Harney, the Minister for Wealth is introducing a type of American health care culture.

She wants to turn private hospitals into a boom industry by giving massive tax breaks to the rich.

We currently have some of the most dedicated and hard working health care staff in our hospitals, but staff shortages and Mary Harney's Free Market ideology, will further erode our health system.

I believe in free, universal health care. Health care is a right, not a luxury.

**Vote Gino Kenny to keep our health service out of private hands.**

# Why we need an alternative

The last ten years has seen the greatest economic boom in this country's history.

Developers, speculators and a wealthy elite have done well but what have the rest of us got?

## Crisis in our Health Service

- 256 people, on average, on hospital trolleys every day in the the first two weeks of February this year.
- 15,000 adults on hospital waiting lists.
- 3,000 children on waiting lists for mental health services.
- Government plans to hand-over publicly owned Hospital land to private developers.
- Ireland spends one of the lowest proportions of national wealth on the public health service of any European country.

## Overcrowded and under funded Schools

- Over 100,000 primary school children in classes of 30 or more.
- School children and their families forced to collect tokens to pay for school computers.

## Housing Crisis

- Never has there been so much house construction, and yet thousands of people remain on the housing list.
- Mortgage debt in Ireland increasing at almost **three** times the EU average with Irish people now owing twice as much on their mortgages as their European counterparts.

## Rip-Off Stealth Taxes

- Unfair Bin taxes that hurt the less well-off and plans to privatise essential public services.
- ESB prices increased by 50 percent in the last five years.
- Gas prices increased by 40 per cent in the last year alone and set to increase further this year.

## The Corporate take over

- Across the Country public land and open space is being handed over to private developers.
- There is the increasing privatisation of our daily lives, multinationals must be answerable to the people.

## Traffic gridlock and global warming

- Traffic congestion has reached gridlock and Ireland's CO<sub>2</sub> emissions have risen dramatically.
- Ireland gives the lowest level of subsidy to public transport of any European country and is failing to invest seriously in developing sustainable energy.

## People Before Profit Alliance – A Real Alternative

The People Before Profit Alliance is a new alliance of community activists, grass-roots campaigners, trade unionists and socialists. We will be standing a number of candidates across Dublin and elsewhere in the country. We are linking up with other independent and left candidates to provide a real alternative in the next general election.

## Nationally we stand for:

### Free, Quality, Healthcare for All

- \*No to privatisation and a two-tier health system.
- \*Reverse the bed closures and cut backs in local hospitals.
- \*Decent pay for Nurses.

### A Fair Tax System

- \*A fair taxation system to fund public services based on ability to pay, not bin taxes and stealth taxes that hurt the less well off.

### Housing and Amenities for all

- \*An emergency government programme to provide social and affordable housing and public amenities to all that need them.

### Decent Public Transport

- \*Cheaper fares, extra buses and major investment in an integrated public transport system to reduce congestion and pollution.

### Education and Childcare

- \*Reduce all primary school class sizes to below 20 per class.
- \*~~Immediate increase in education spending to average OECD levels~~
- \*Local authorities to provide free creches and childcare in every area.

### Workers Rights

- \*Full union rights and equal conditions for all workers and an end to outsourcing and exploitation of immigrant workers.
- \*No forced decentralisation of public service workers from Dublin.
- \*Against all forms of discrimination.

### Real Local Democracy

- \*Proper funding for local government and genuine public participation, transparency and accountability in planning and development issues.

### Protect our Environment

- \*Major investment in sustainable energy, public transport and public recycling infrastructure to deal with global warming and pollution.
- \*Real protection for our natural and coastal environment

### Using Ireland's Natural Resources to Benefit the People

- \*Corrib Gas and other vital natural resources to be taken into public ownership and used for the benefit of the people.

### Keep Ireland out of Bush's War.

- \*Hundreds of thousands killed in War on Iraq, Irish Neutrality is a sham. FF/PDs joined Bush's 'Coalition of the Willing' by allowing US Military use of Shannon airport. Silence is Complicity.

### People Power

- \*Active support for grass-roots community and social movements to bring about real change.



Gino protesting at the recent Fianna Fail Ard Fheis, against the use of Shannon airport by US Troops in the War in Iraq

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## We need your help!

The big political parties do very little for the people but they spend vast sums of money getting themselves elected. Don't let these people buy the election with money and false promises.

We need your help to distribute leaflets, canvass your friends and raise campaign funds. If you want to see an alternative that puts people before big money and profit get involved and help our campaign. (Fill in the coupon below)

Coupon: Return to, 62 Cherrywood Avenue, Clondalkin D22

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- I want to join People Before Profit
- I will help distribute leaflets