

A message from Gerry Adams MLA, MP



A Chara,

Equality is at the heart of Sinn Féin's agenda for government. We believe that everyone should have equal access to the highest quality healthcare and education, we believe in the constitutional right to a home, we believe in building the economy and using the wealth created for the public good.

Over the past decade, republicans have proven our ability not just to negotiate successfully to advance the peace process but also to show leadership by taking major and sometimes difficult decisions in the national interest. Dramatic progress has been made. Sinn Féin and the DUP are going to head the power-sharing government in the north and Sinn Féin's five Government Ministers will work hard in the interests of everyone on this island.

Sinn Féin is ready for government, north and south. Má aontaíonn tú le Sinn Féin bígí linn ar son Comhionannas in Éirinn agus vótáil Sinn Féin. If you share our vision of an Ireland of Equals, help make it happen by voting Sinn Féin number one.

Gerry Adams
President of Sinn Féin



Joanne Spain

Joanne Spain is the Sinn Féin general election candidate for Dublin Mid West. She is a 27-year-old politics graduate from Trinity College and currently lives with her husband and baby daughter in West Dublin. Joanne has worked for Sinn Féin and in the community for the past six years.

Since her candidate selection in January 2006, Joanne has been working hard across Dublin Mid West. She has canvassed thousands of houses and is now in election mode - knocking on every door in the constituency asking for people's number one vote.

Joanne is a young, passionate, dedicated representative. She has taken Mary Harney to task on the health issue on several occasions. Joanne has joined Sinn Féin's battle to save Crumlin and Tallaght hospitals from closure. She has also highlighted the need for extra schools in Mid West.

Joanne was part of the Sinn Féin delegation to St. Andrew's in Scotland last October, has met with Government officials in Leinster House and was also present in Stormont for the historic meeting between Gerry Adams and Ian Paisley in March.

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Sinn Féin's vision for Dublin

Building for Dublin's Future

There are over 40,000 families on the local authority waiting lists and house prices are so high in Dublin that thousands of the city's citizens are unable to purchase their own home. This government has no housing strategy. Out of almost 100,000 homes built last year, only 2,700 were 'social and affordable'.

Ag cruthú an thodhchaí i mBaile Átha Cliath

Ta níos mó na 40,000 clann ar an liosta feithimh údarás áitiúil agus de thairbhe praghasanna tí níl na mílte saoránaí sa chathair ábalta a dteach féin a cheannach. Níl straitéis thithíocht ag an rialtas reatha seo. Amach as 100,000 teach tógtha anuraidh, ní raibh ann ach 2,700 acu "sóisialta agus réasúnta".

In Government Sinn Féin will

- Build at least 14,000 social housing units for every year of the next government and set timeframes to clear 70% of the housing waiting lists within two years
- Increase Mortgage Interest Relief to help first time buyers and principle home owners – the only people who will benefit from changes to stamp duty are property developers
- Amend the Planning and Development Act to remove the 'get-out clauses' for developers on delivering social and affordable housing to Dublin
- Eliminate street homelessness by 2010



Healthcare in a City of Equals

Sinn Féin believes that healthcare is a right. We want a universal public health system that provides care to all free at the point of delivery, on the basis of need alone.

In Government Sinn Féin will

- Get rid of the current government private-for-profit hospital co-location plan for hospitals including Beaumont & St. James and invest all health funding in the public system
- Proceed with the new National Children's Hospital at the Mater Hospital site and retain the children's hospitals at Tallaght and Crumlin
- Deliver the additional 3,000 acute hospital beds required
- Bring forward a comprehensive, properly resourced suicide prevention strategy
- Provide a medical card for all children under the age of 18



An Integrated Transport System for Dublin

Decades of under-funding in Dublin Bus and poor planning by successive governments has resulted in traffic chaos in our capital. Investment is urgently required in our public transport system.

In Government Sinn Féin will

- Deliver 500 extra publicly funded buses for Dublin Bus
- Increase the quality and standard of Quality Bus Corridors (QBCs) to make it more attractive to travel by bus
- Make all public transport accessible to passengers with impaired mobility
- Ensure that public transportation is incorporated into all large development in Dublin from the earliest stage



Reaching Our City's Full Potential

Sinn Féin's top education priorities are reducing class sizes, tackling educational disadvantage and providing sufficient school places in decent school buildings.

Cur leis an acmhainn atá ann dár gcathair

Tosaíochtaí Shinn Féin don oideachas; déanfar sár-iarracht chun méideanna ranga a laghdú, Dul i ngleic le míbhuntáiste oideachais agus go solátharfar go leor áiteanna scoile i bhfoirgnimh scoile cuíosach.

In Government Sinn Féin will

- Upgrade substandard schools and end the use of prefab classrooms within the lifetime of the next Dáil
- Reduce class sizes to 20:1 for all children under 9 and extend to all primary classes as quickly as possible
- Provide sufficient special needs assistants in primary schools
- Greater support for naiscoileanna and Gaelscoileanna



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Tackling Gender Inequality

Building an Ireland of equals is one of Sinn Féin's core objectives. Equality for women in pay, access to health services, education and in public life are issues that can and must be tackled.

Ag dul i ngleic le neamh-chomhionannas inscne

Is páirtí poblachtánach Éireannach é Sinn Féin a bhfuil mar aidhm aige Éire chomhionannach a thógáil. Is féidir le fadhbanna maidir le comhionannas do mná i gcás páigh agus teacht ar seirbhísi sláinte 's oideachas a bhieth réitithe.

In Government Sinn Féin will

- Take action on equal pay and increase the minimum wage; affordable and accessible childcare; an end to the means test for the Carers Allowance
- Free breast and cervical screening programmes throughout Dublin
- A safety and sanctions policy to deal with violence against women



A Clean Environment for Dublin

Everyone in Dublin has the right to a safe and clean environment. Much can be done at a local and city wide level. We are committed to environmental policies that reject incineration and support a waste management strategy of reduce, reuse and recycle.

In Government Sinn Féin will

- Cancel plans for an incinerator on the Poolbeg Peninsula
- Promote the use of recycling centres on a community and commercial basis creating local employment
- Reverse the privatisation of local authority refuse services and oppose bin charges
- Agree a minimum target of 50% recycling for the city and a total ban on disposal of compostable waste in landfills by 2010



Community Safety

The current government's record on justice and community safety has been woeful. The drugs crisis continues to plague our city and there are growing concerns about crime. Every person in this city has the equal right to safety at home and in their communities.

In Government Sinn Féin will

- Provide more community Gardaí
- Increase the provision of residential detox beds
- Provide greater support for drugs task forces and families of drug addicts
- Provide more resources to take on drug barons and stricter sentencing when they are brought before the courts