

# Put **Paul** back in the Dáil.

Only your **No. 1** vote will ensure this happens.

## **Straight Talking**

Paul has a reputation for telling it like it is and not standing on ceremony. Sometimes it has got him in trouble, but mostly he has been spot-on.

## **Hard Working**

Even Paul Gogarty's opponents recognise his track record of work at local and national level. He avoids cynical photo opportunities and hob-nobbing in favour of trying to get things done in the constituency and in the Dáil.

## **Fresh Thinking**

Paul has proposed many new ideas in areas such as Education and political reform. He is a modern politician, savvy in new technology, but also possesses considerable experience as a TD in both Government and Opposition.



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# About Paul Gogarty

Paul Gogarty lives in Lucan, Co Dublin. He is married with two young children.

Growing up in west Dublin Paul saw the impact of dodgy rezoning decisions, where housing was often erected with no facilities and inadequate planning and transport. This encouraged him to get involved in politics and he joined the Green Party while still a student. He is recognised for his key role in fighting bad rezonings.

He was first elected as a Green Party candidate in 1999, topping the poll in the Local Elections.

In 2002 he was elected as a TD in the new Dublin Mid West Dáil constituency, the only Green TD ever to be elected in what was then



a three-seater.

Recognised for his work rate on the ground and his straight-talking, no-nonsense style, Paul Gogarty was re-elected in 2007, taking the second seat.

Paul supported entering Government in 2007 in line with the Party's stated policy of ruling no coalition partner in or out and stated publicly that he saw no difference between Fianna Fáil or Fine Gael as both

parties continued to take money from vested interests.

Upon entering Government and in recognition of his work on developing Education Policy, particularly the well-received "50 Steps to a Better Education System", Paul was appointed Chairperson of the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Education and Science.

His record on this committee shows a fair-

minded approach to working with all parties and a proactive role in dealing with education issues that arose. He immediately resigned as Chair of this Committee after the Green Party announced on November 22nd that it would be shortly leaving Government.

His key role at national level was to successfully ensure that education spending was prioritised at a time when all budgets were being cut. With €4 billion cuts in 2009 and €6 billion cuts in 2010, Education was recognised as having fared the best. He also fought to stop third level tuition fees being reintroduced and minimised proposed increases in registration fees in this year's budget.

## Paul's personal priorities for the next Dáil



**1. Protect investment in Education.** It will save money in the long run and help create new jobs.

**2. Jobs - Use our vacant industrial units as incubator zones** to stimulate new enterprise. Use vacant units for arts groups short of facilities. Continue investment in areas where we hold a competitive advantage such as in software development, tourism, food and renewable energy.

**3. Reform the political and electoral system** to make it better to serve the modern age. Less TDs with more real say for the Dáil as a parliament with free votes on many issues. A reformed Seanad directly elected by the people to scrutinise legislation. An end to the link between politicians and those who donate money to serve their own commercial interests.

**4. Invest massively in producing our own home-grown renewable energy.** This is where any additional borrowings should go, not into artificially boosting our standard of living. In the coming few years oil and then gas will rocket massively in price, due to rising demand and inability to produce extra supply. We need to save money on imports and become exporters of excess electrical capacity to Europe. Producing three times our needs would fuel our cars through stored hydrogen and electric batteries, it would heat our homes and it would give the country an additional income. This process has begun, but needs to be intensified. This will create jobs and play our part in minimising global warming. Mostly it will preserve our relative prosperity.

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# A track record second to none..

Paul has been proactive at national level while in Government and also during his previous term in Opposition:



- He made the tough, necessary and often unpopular decisions in the national interest on financial and budgetary matters.

- He has a record second to none in calling for pay cuts to TDs and the introduction of vouched expenses.

- Paul and his Green Party colleagues stood alone in opposing bad rezonings nationwide that caused the property bubble and made our recession worse. Unlike other parties, we have

never taken a cent from vested interests such as developers, trade unions and banks.

- He successfully protected education funding and prevented the reintroduction of third level tuition fees and 500 cuts in SNAs.

- As Chair of the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Education and Skills, Paul Gogarty prioritised areas such as school buildings and special educational needs.

- Paul made proposals regarding job creation such as using derelict/empty sites as hubs for enterprise development.

**Paul has also been proactive in the community. Over the last 10 years Paul has:**

- Worked hard to oppose the proposed incinerator in Rathcoole in 2008. The Green Party made the most comprehensive sub-mission of any political party and Paul Gogarty was present or officially represented at every stage of the three week Bord Pleanala hearing process.

- Paul lodged submission in relation to proposed developments on the SIAC site in Clondalkin.

- He raised issues regarding health and safety with pylons and masts in the Ronanstown area and tabled Dáil questions.

- Fought for Mountain Bike Garda units in the constituency.

- Highlighted impact of community sector cuts in Dáil.

- Proactive on the issue of bank holiday bin collections, organising a petition to put pressure on Council/unions.

- Fought for good planning in Newcastle, Hazelhatch and Saggart.

- Raised the issue of illegal waste disposal in Newcastle/Saggart/Brittas /Rathcoole area.

## What it says in the papers:

“He has had a completely disproportionate influence on Government policy”

“During last year’s programme for government negotiations on education Gogarty punched well above his weight”

“Gogarty is an outspoken TD for Dublin Mid West who has been criticised for having more influence than is his due, but supporters find him refreshingly honest for a politician”

- *The Irish Times, Nov 2010*



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## I need your support

"Dear voter,

Those who know my record will testify that I have worked honestly, diligently and at all times in the best interests of our community and our country. If you recognise this and believe I have more to contribute, then I would be very grateful for your **No. 1** vote on election day."

## *Which political party?...*

- Did not inflate the property bubble by supporting reckless rezoning?
- Has consistently opposed the corrupting influence of corporate donations, never accepted any such donations and is seeking a ban on such donations?
- From the beginning actively sought a national government to deal with the economic crisis?
- Was the driving force for the creation of 20,000 jobs in the Green Economy over the last three and a half years by promoting the green sector of the economy?
- Did the most to consistently protect education from cuts?
- In government, changed planning laws to eliminate corrupt rezoning?
- Tripled Irish broadband coverage to bring it above the EU average?
- Doubled the provision of wind energy as oil prices rise?
- Promotes environmentally and socially sustainable economics?
- Puts quality of life for people and environmental protection at the centre of all its policies?
- Thinks beyond the next election to the needs and rights of our children, and our childrens' children?

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