

Newsletter

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Look Back in Anger - Look Forward with Hope

**Their future.
Is anybody listening?**

They need to look forward with hope.



Like so many people in contact with me in recent times, I am angry. Angry about the catastrophic decisions made by the incompetent Fianna Fail / Green Party Government and its predecessor. Angry about the property bubble and the many thousands affected by negative equity. Angry that so many families and individuals who have led responsible lives now find themselves in financial trouble because of the unexpected loss of a job, collapse of a business or devaluation of pension and retirement funds. Angry that 450,000 of our people are unemployed and that estimated net emigration in 2010 exceeded 60,000. Angry at our loss of independence and at our governments reckless commitment of over €100 Billion of State resources to bank bailouts. Angry that, as our taxes increase and our standard of living drops, our suicide rate is rising and unexpected tragedy is impacting on blameless families.

But being angry will not solve our problems. Yes, those responsible in Government and the banks must be held to account and greedy developers stopped from dishonestly evading their debts. But we must not be paralysed by what has happened. As a country and a community we must look forward with hope. From the depths of the current Government's failure we must now re-build our future, get people back to work, stabilise our economy and restructure our banks. We must also radically reform our political institutions and provide a more user friendly, transparent and cost effective public service.

It is impossible to describe adequately the frustrations of being an opposition Fine Gael TD since 2007 watching an incompetent and arrogant Government use its Dail majority to reject every constructive Fine Gael idea and proposal and consistently make bad decisions and wrong choices. As a consequence of Fianna Fail's dominance of government over the past 24 years and the conduct of the Fianna Fail/Green Party alliance, our political system is broken and requires radical surgery and repair. Fine Gael will Reinvent Government and make it fully accountable to a radically reformed Dail. We will restore people's faith in politics and pride in our country. We will re-negotiate with the IMF/ECB a more credible and fairer agreement that is better for Ireland and Europe and make growth and jobs a central part of economic strategy. We will fundamentally reform our Health and Childcare Services; and, whilst reducing our State's public expenditure, protect the most vulnerable.

The 2011 General Election is a vital opportunity for a new beginning. With your support we will get our country back on its feet and form a government that will tell the truth and in which you can fully trust. Your No.1 VOTE is of crucial importance to me on polling day to secure my re-election and to enable me to fully contribute to the important work of the new Dail. I am asking YOU, YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS to vote for the revolutionary democratic change needed to enable a Fine Gael government restore our country's political independence and our people's faith in politics. With your help Fine Gael will get Ireland working, implement real change and long overdue reform and lay the foundation stones for a better future.



Working on National and Local Issues

In the Dail I have been working on both national and local issues and I hope fully representing the views and concerns of the overwhelming majority of Dublin South residents. I detail below some of the many issues raised by me that affect people both in Dublin South and nationally. As Fine Gael's Children's Spokesperson I played a central role in drafting the proposed Children's Rights Constitutional Amendment. Having been appointed Fine Gael's Spokesperson on Justice & Law Reform last July, I have formulated a broad range of badly needed reforming initiatives to benefit the community and to tackle rising crime. For more information please visit my website www.alanshatter.ie which contains video extracts from some important Dail debates. Please contact me on any issue of interest or concern.

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Headline Stories

- **"NAMA - The Gamble of the Century"** 17 Aug 09
- **"Cost of Thornton Hall Prison already €42 million and not a block has been laid"** 27 Jul 10
- **"Government responsible for greatest economic disaster since Independence"** 29 Apr 09
- **"Shatter Criticises Delay in Prosecuting Rogue Bankers"** 10th Nov 10
- **"HSE accused of covering up grotesque failures of Child Protection Service"** 23 Apr 10
- **"Government intent on keeping the public in the dark on financial crisis"** 18 Nov 10

Independent.ie

2010 "Opposition Frontbencher of the Year..for his work in the area of children's rights where, unlike most TDs, he does rather than talks, Alan Shatter wins this year's award."

SUNDAY Mirror

2010 "Campaigning Politician of the Year: Alan Shatter....for his work in taking on the HSE and exposing the scandalous treatment of vulnerable children in care."



If you are interested in helping Fine Gael to win the 2011 General Election there are lots of different ways to help:

- Leaflet Delivery
- Door to Door Canvassing
- Hosting a coffee morning or get-together in your home
- Encouraging family, friends and neighbours to give their No.1 vote to Alan Shatter and pass their next preferences on to the rest of the Fine Gael team

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