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***A Strong Local Voice For Change***



# Joanna TUFFY: Snapshot Diary of Your T.D.

## Here for you



Some of the issues I have worked on with individuals and groups of residents recently: School places, job/training opportunities, rights and entitlements, resources for community groups, residents' associations, managing debt, traffic, anti-social behaviour, lighting, third-level grants, housing, transport, waste services, services for children, disabled rights, grants for new businesses, and many more.



At opening of Clondalkin Rugby Club club, meeting constituents Liffey Valley S.C. with Eamon Gilmore, At Ruaille Buaille Children's Art Festival, At Lucan Festival, with Cllr. Robert Dowds and members of Newcastle, Rathcoole and Saggart Labour.



Chairing Dublin Mid West Seminar 'The Economy - Where to from here?' in the Spa Hotel, with Joan Burton and Eamon Gilmore, canvassing in Rathcoole, at Lucan Sarsfields with Cllr. Jones, Cllr. Duff and Cllr. Tuffy, with local school kids, canvassing John Baker with Labour Member Michael Brennan in Palmerstown.

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# Joanna TUFFY T.D.

## A Strong Local Voice For Change

### COMMUNITIES FOR PEOPLE

Caring communities matter more than ever.

Government policy must be about protecting our people and communities.

You can protect and empower people and communities during difficult economic times.

Active retirement groups, sports groups, parent & child groups, need to be supported as part of building a caring community.

#### My community campaigns include:

Funding for sports organisations; premises for local groups; children's/ youth facilities (e.g. Lucan Youth Café); accessibility for all; active retirement.



Liaising with Environmental NGOs; working with local councillors for a better environment.

### HOMES NOT HOUSES

I've met hardworking constituents who have mortgage arrears, usually because either a husband or wife has lost a job. 35,000 are in arrears. I've seen the human side of this.

We need:

- A 2 year moratorium on home repossessions for those making a real effort to repay their mortgage.
- A mediation service to help establish a sustainable amount for the borrower to repay each month.

### PROTECT EDUCATION

Education has to be prioritised so that local schools and education services can thrive. It takes years to approve and even longer to build schools even when there is chronic shortage of places. This is unacceptable. Building schools here is investment in physical and social infrastructure which creates jobs, stimulates the local and national economy, and can be handed on to the next generation. Everyone benefits.

My campaigns include:

- Local primary and second-level schools and places for our children.
- Permanent classrooms, not prefabs (790 prefabs rented in 2009!)
- Wider access to third level.

Dear Resident,

Having grown up here, where I am now rearing my own family, I believe I understand your concerns about what the future holds for you, your family, community and country.

Despite the damage done to our economy and society, I believe that with vision and the right policies we can hand down a valuable legacy to the next generation. It is my hope that our children and grandchildren will be proud of how we managed this crisis.

We hear a lot these days about numbers and statistics. We are not numbers, we are people. Developing sustainable social and physical infrastructure - resources for communities, local job/ training initiatives - will get this country back to work (for more on this connect with me at [www.joannatuffy.ie](http://www.joannatuffy.ie)).

If you share my views and values please support me on Election Day and we can work to get this country back to growth and build a secure future for our families and communities.

We need politicians who know what our lives are like, who connect with and understand our issues, who engage with and involve us, and who really care. We need more than slogans and publicity blitzes. We need real change that we can trust. I believe that I can represent your voice in government.

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### CREATE JOBS

Much more needs to be done for those who have lost their jobs. If we don't act, the recent prediction that unemployment will stay the same or worsen until at least 2020 will become reality. We need:

- A job stimulus initiative.
- Support for those who have lost jobs.
- Support for new entrants to the labour market (e.g. graduates).
- More VTOS, VEC, PLC places.
- Subsidised education fees for unemployed.
- More support for small businesses.
- Review of schemes for start ups.

Following my representations in the Dail, I secured a commitment that there will be no reduction in the numbers on Clondalkin CE and FAS schemes. For information on jobs/ training schemes see [www.joannatuffy.ie](http://www.joannatuffy.ie).



As your TD I have regularly highlighted the need for Government to act to create jobs.

### GET TRAFFIC MOVING

We need more quality travel options including:

- More buses for Clondalkin, Lucan, Palmerstown.
- Ongoing consultation with you about routes and timetables.
- Better bus services for Brittas, Newcastle, Rathcoole, Saggart.
- Open the new rail stations and extend the services from Heuston to the City Centre.

### A BETTER HEALTH SERVICE

A better health service would improve quality of life for the vast majority of us.

Two successive FF-led Governments have succeeded in embedding a two-tier health system. People, even with health insurance rely on the goodwill of health staff working in an increasingly under-resourced and overburdened system.

Labour will replace our two-tier health system with a universal health insurance system that will benefit everyone in our society.



Ireland needs to prepare better for extreme weather like our recent cold spells.

### PRESERVING OUR LOCAL HERITAGE

The Liffey Valley is a key green lung for our community. Since I was a teenager, I have campaigned to save the Liffey Valley from developers and to have it as a protected amenity for the community. The support of Labour on South Dublin County Council has been crucial to the success of this campaign to date.

I protested to Green Minister John Gormley at the cut in the Heritage Council's Budget by 30% in 2010 and 47% in 2011. This will affect crucial heritage work such as school heritage projects, village design statements, conservation and protecting historic buildings. It will impair Ireland's ability to meet EU wildlife directives on biodiversity. As well as being essential for tourism, local heritage is a valuable community resource.

### OUR ENVIRONMENT

We need Government that can cope with the impacts of climate change. Extreme weather has hit our community hard but the Government has not been prepared. The days of referring to exceptional weather conditions are over. As Labour spokesperson on Environment I have proposed practical and cost-effective solutions that tackle water shortages, flooding, waste and climate change.



Keeping in touch with constituents helps me in my work as legislator.

# Real Change That You Can Trust