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The Housing, Health, Cost of Living and Crime crises are hammering families right across the country. These crises may seem intractable, but there are practical solutions to the problems we face.

The first, is a return to common sense politics. Much of the political establishment live in a bubble and do not understand the concerns of real people. However Anna Daly has been working for the last 17 years in our community, dedicated mainly to the Volunteer sector. She believes this experience uniquely equips her to stand up for and speak for our community.

Anna's involvement in the Community sector has given her a deep understanding of lives of real people and what is needed fix the problems they face. With 17 years of dedicated service in the Community and Voluntary sector, Anna will bring a wealth of experience from having worked with ex-offenders and recovering addicts, linking with homelessness groups and other aid agencies.

Anna has been an Aontú rep for four years, in that time she has campaigned and advocated for the people of Cork South Central.

Anna DALY Cork South Central

COST OF LIVING

The cost-of-living crisis is causing huge distress and suffering throughout the country. Nearly 20% of our population is now living on the margins. We have the highest cost of electricity in Europe at double the per unit rate of the EU average. The Greens are happy to keep prices high to reduce consumption, but they are not providing alternatives for struggling families.

Statistics released to Aontú show that last year, the Government took more money from your pockets in on tax on fuel than ever before. In a Cost of Living Crisis this unacceptable. Rich Ministers are making decisions that are hurting families.

Aontú will cut VAT, Excise and Carbon tax on fuel and energy during the Cost of Living Crisis.

GOVERNMENT INCREASING ENERGY COSTS



1 Jun 2023
Petrol +6c
Diesel +5c

1 Sep 2023
Petrol +7c
Diesel +5c

11 Oct 2023
Petrol +3c
Diesel +3c



DEMANDING ACTION ON HOUSING

Cork City Council currently own 350

houses which are now vacant. Cork County Council own a further 184 vacant houses. The greatest hoarder of vacant properties in this country is the State itself. In the jaws of a housing crisis, this is a disgrace. These homes should immediately be brought back into use.

The average length of time to turn around, and to relet these vacant Local Authority homes is 8 months. This is far too long. The average length of turn around for a private rental home is 3 weeks. As your Councillor Anna will not tolerate this and will fight tooth and nail to ensure Local Authority Homes houses are turned around in 4 weeks or less.

Aontú will build more Local Authority homes. We will reform the planning system. We will ban Air BnB short term lets in urban areas. Tourists are staying in homes and families are forced to remain in hotels for years. This makes no sense.



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GOVERNMENT POLICY IS BAD FOR YOUR HEALTH

3,142 people have died as a result of these mistakes. Staffing levels have collapsed in the Health service and so much pressure is being put on the remaining staff that its harming patient and staff welfare.

Incredibly last year 115,000 patients across the country left A&Es without being seen. That's 115,000 people who were sick enough to warrant going to the A&E but were forced to wait so long that they walked out without treatment. Many ambulances are being forced to wait for hours to deliver their patients to A&Es because of overcrowding. This has led to an increase in 22% in just 3 years of the number of patients who were dead before the arrival of the ambulance.

HSE is top heavy with management, yet it can't make a decision. It is swallowing public money without increasing services to patients. Anna Daly is the member of the National Hospital Campaign and will continue to fight for the reform and proper funding of the Health Service.

CRIME AND ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR ON THE INCREASE

Many citizens are in fear not just at night-time, but even in the middle of the day. Restaurants are closing earlier in the evening for the fear of attacks and violence. Children are being mugged for money and their phones on the way home from school. Lanes off main streets are off limits due to open drinking and drug-taking.

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TAKE BACK OUR STREETS

Communities, especially in working class areas feel under siege due to the increase in crime and anti-social behaviour. Sexual assault has doubled in 10 years. Rape has doubled in 10 years. Serious unprovoked attacks are now commonplace. Yet until recently this crisis did not feature at all on the government's radar. Every year that Helen McEntee has been the Minister for Justice, the number of Gardaí has fallen.

Indeed, we have one of the lowest numbers of police per capita in EU. Every year hundreds of Garda are being attacked. Every year hundreds of Gardaí are resigning and retiring. Garda morale is on the floor. Recruitment to Templemore has collapsed.

Aontú has raised with the Government time and again the need for more Garda officers to be retained. We have introduced legislation to protect Garda welfare. Our legislation would ensure an automatic custodial sentence for anyone assaulting a Garda or emergency services personnel.

FIGHTING BACK AGAINST THE CULTURE WARS

Aontú campaigned to ensure that women were not written out of the Work Life Balance Bill which reduced women to 'persons' in relation to maternity protections. The Bill would have removed the terms 'women', 'female' and 'mother' in maternity legislation.

We are the only party that brought this issue successfully to Councils seeking to ensure that women would not be written out of future legislation. We have also pushed back against Government efforts to put gender ideology into SPHE classes in school.



Anna believes that parents must be listened to when it comes to their children's education. SPHE classes should be based on science and fact and not on political ideology.



Patrick Murphy is the Aontú EU Election Candidate. He is also CEO of the Irish South and West Fish Producers Organisation. He negotiates at European level to protect the interests of Irish Fishers.

The damage done to the fishing industry is now being repeated in farming. Patrick helped organise the Irish fishing flotilla that moved the Russian warships from our waters. He will fight your corner in Europe.



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