

# Vótáil

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## Change for the best in Dublin West

Ellen Troy has been a longstanding community activist, supporting countless local initiatives across the wider Dublin 15 area. She was recently elected to Fingal County Council on her first attempt, with her colleague Gerard Sheehan in Ongar, this demonstrates the work Aontú has been engaging in and their unwavering work on the ground in these communities.

Ellen has a strong sense of social justice and is dedicated to serving the people of Dublin West in the face of a government that has ravaged public services and stripped communities of their ambitions for the future.

She will be a fresh voice for Dublin West, advocating for common sense solutions and seeking to give our young people and their families a reason to stay in the country and use their talents and skills to build a better future for all.



## Clr Ellen TROY

## Dublin West

*Ag obair as son ár bpopal.*

### Demanding real change in housing

The government has destroyed the ambition of millions of people to be able to own their own home. Affordable homes no longer exist in Ireland. 14,303 people are homeless in Ireland. Incredibly, every year dozens of people are dying in homelessness on our streets. All of this is leading to our young people taking to emigration again.

We are losing a generation of youth (doctors, nurses, teachers, builders, farmers) to countries like Canada and Australia where their worth is valued, they are fairly remunerated and welcomed with open arms.

**Aontú Solutions:**

- Reform and speed up the planning permission process.
- Build more social & private housing.
- Properly fund the return of vacant houses back to use.
- End land bank speculation.
- Incentivise the return of Irish construction workers from abroad.
- Increase the number of construction apprenticeships.
- End tax advantages for predatory Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs)

Only recently did a HSE recruitment freeze end. Conditions are so poor in the Irish health service that hundreds of doctors and nurses are emigrating every year. Primary care services are on the brink of collapse, and it is becoming increasingly difficult to get an appointment with your GP.

### A health service fit for purpose

Mental health services, when they are available, are an Eircode lottery, especially CAMH services, while respite for parents with children with special needs is non-existent.

**Aontú Solutions:**

- Increase the amount of frontline health workers.
- Provide decent pay and conditions to keep Irish doctors and nurses at home.
- Decrease bureaucracy.
- Protect regional GP services from closure.
- We will demand the creation of a parallel mental health service accessible for all ages with a dedicated multi-year budget.
- Guarantee the future of A&E services.



**Aontú Leader**  
**Peadar Tóibín TD**

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## Common sense on immigration

This government has created chaos with its immigration policy. By its refusal to engage with communities it has sown anger, confusion and suspicion about the status of those entering the country.

Aontú has been to the fore in holding the government to account. Most of the information in the public domain on immigration has been achieved by Aontú. Aontú uncovered that 85% of deportation orders were not enforced. We found out that 5,000 people came through Dublin Airport without a passport. This is a damning indictment of the Government's record. Living in this country is a privilege, not a right and we will clearly deny anyone with a criminal record in any other country from entering.

**Aontú will:**

- Prioritize the creation of a new Irish Border Agency that will actually enforce the law.
- Ensure that communities have a right over how their areas develop by reintroducing the planning permission system for asylum accommodation.
- Ensure communities who agree to host migrants, see a community dividend.
- Ensure asylum applications are completed within 4 months and, if refused, the applicant will be sent home within 6 months.
- Ensure those who purposefully destroy their travel documents should be immediately sent home.
- Ensure housing and other amenities made available to migrants must also be available to Irish people in need.
- Ensure that anyone coming here with a criminal record should not be given access to the country.
- Ensure that deportation orders must be enforced by the Gardaí.

There are many good people living in Ireland who have come from other countries. Many do important and valuable work. Aontú believes in equality and respect for all those who are legally contributing to Irish society.

## Delivering law and order

Crime and anti-social behaviour are out of control under this government. It has lost control of law and order in the capital, characterized at present by riots, civil unrest and fatal attacks on locals and tourists alike.

Every year that Fine Gael have held the Justice Ministry, the number of gardaí has fallen, and the number of resignations from the force has skyrocketed. Elderly people are afraid to go onto the streets of communities they helped build because of the fear of being assaulted or worse.

### AONTÚ SOLUTIONS TO THE CRIME AND ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR CRISIS:

**Aontú will:**

- Advocate for an immediate independent review of pay and conditions for our Garda officers.
- Seek minimum prison sentencing for violent physical and sexual assault to ensure violent crime means jail.
- Invest in drug rehabilitation, mental health service and youth services.

*The government squanders your money, don't squander your vote.*

## Crèche and early education access

There is a clear need for a government funded system of early childhood education that is accessible to all.

This will increase available places, will be affordable and will be compatible with existing providers. Ireland is out of step with many European countries on this issue. Our current system is seriously underfunded.

## Waiting time for children with additional and special needs

There is a critical shortage of supports for children with special and additional needs in Dublin 15. The waiting time for assessments for these children in some parts of Dublin 15 is up

to seven and half years. This is totally unacceptable. The required resources, personnel and supports must be put in place immediately for these children and their families

## School places Shortage

This is a major issue for many families. Local representatives and schools must work more closely with the Department of Education in planning to ensure that there is a school place for every child at all stages of their education.

Aontú supports the unity of the Irish people, the human right to life of everyone, born and unborn, and economic justice so that all families can confidently raise their children to their full potential.

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