

ONLY PARTY TO OPPOSE HUGE 7.97% COUNCIL RATES HIKE DURING THIS COST-OF-LIVING CRISIS



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LIMAVADY

John Boyle is the owner of a small business and has been active in politics for the past 10 years. After joining Aontú in 2019 and witnessing first-hand the excellent work done by Aontú representatives, he believes that if elected, he too can help make local politics work for local people.

Many families are struggling with the cost-of-living crisis, and the recent decision by the Council to increase rates by 7.95% is adding more fuel to the fire. As your local Councillor, John would fight against any further rate hikes and seek a return to the normal, lower level. From his experience in business, John is focused on promoting economic development, helping local businesses, and job creation in Limavady DEA. He believes that a thriving economy is essential for creating stable, prosperous communities. John also advocates for greater investment in education and healthcare, as he believes that access to these services is crucial for a healthy society.

If elected, John Boyle will work tirelessly to represent the interests of the people in Limavady DEA and create a better future for Causeway Coast & Glens.



Aontú leader
Peadar Tóibín TD

AONTÚ: NEW ALL-IRELAND MOVEMENT

Aontú is a new All Ireland movement. In the last election, Aontú won 55,000 votes. 1,300 people have joined up as members and we have 60 Cumann right around Ireland who are working hard for their communities.

We already have elected reps from Wexford to Derry. We support the unity of Ireland. We want to build Wolfe Tone's Ireland, where Catholic, Protestant and Dissenter can live in peace and prosperity. We support economic justice. We are the only nationalist party that supports the right to life of everyone.

We are a common sense, practical party of reform seeking to shake up the constant deadlock of the political establishment.

HEALTH

There are 11-year waiting lists for hip replacements. The North's bowel and cervical screening programme is also lagging worryingly behind. In comparison to Britain, whereby screening is offered to younger people and a more sensitive smear test is used, the North is in a dangerous position.

Aontú believes that additional "Home Care" services, together with more nursing home capacity, would deliver a more balanced and cost-effective healthcare. Aontú is also fighting for an All-Ireland Mental Health strategy to combat suicide, depression, addiction, and other mental health issues nationally. We recently organised protests outside 17 hospitals, this was the largest hospital protest that this country has ever seen. We will never give up the fight for decent health care.

GOING CASHLESS

I would urge businesses, and call on the GAA in particular, to think of those people who like to use cash, and who have done so all their lives, please keep a cash payment option for them. Not everyone feels comfortable, dealing with cards and the internet. In all honesty they shouldn't have to - cash is legal tender.

COST OF LIVING

The North is gripped in the worst cost-of-living crisis in living memory. Recent studies show that 76.3% of families in the North of Ireland will struggle to make ends meet in 2023. The cost of 500 litres of home heating oil jumped by 83% from £265 in January to £485 in 2022. Petrol and diesel costs have increased at a frightening rate. Stormont's inaction, when so many families are being pushed up against a wall, is unacceptable.

CRIME / ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

Limavady experienced 456 incidents of anti-social behaviour in 2022, as well as 490 incidents of violence and sexual assault. Local councils must invest further in community centres, sports facilities, mentoring programmes and similar initiatives. Investments in these areas will play a key role in curbing anti-social behaviour and keeping our young people away from crime.

MLAs have now been paid half a million pounds for doing nothing.

**STOP MLAS' SALARIES IF THEY DON'T DO THEIR JOBS**

Aontú is calling for MLA salaries to be cut to the minimum wage if they won't do their job. Many MLAs are detached from real people's experience. Experiencing life on an income similar to many of their constituents would focus their minds.

SUICIDE & MENTAL HEALTH

Our community is suffering from the lack of supports for people with mental health problems. Tragically, this is an ever-growing problem. The age-standardised suicide rate in the North increased from 12.4 deaths per 100,000 in 2019 to 13.3 deaths per 100,000 in 2020. We need to tackle this problem head on. This issue does not recognise borders. I believe there must be an all-Ireland mental health strategy put in place.

LOCAL PARKS & AMENITIES

Aontú is particularly passionate about increasing investment in our youth. It's important that this is done both at a national and local level. Local councils must increase investment in local community centres. This is an essential step to curbing rising anti-social behaviour in our community.

HOUSING

Since January 2020, the average house price in the North has increased by over £25,000. That's more than some people earn in a year. This represents a 10% increase in little over a year. Across the North, there are over 43,000 people on social housing waiting lists but over two thirds of those on waiting lists are statutorily in housing distress.

Meanwhile, over 4,200 people are homeless on our streets. The Stormont Executive is failing in its duty of care to our people. Aontú is fighting for the delivery of at least 3,500 social and affordable homes per annum. We want an increased tax on homes that are empty for over 2 years without good reason and a grant to get them back into use. We demand that central government significantly increase investment in the building of social and affordable homes. We are also calling for an increased social housing responsibility for private developers.

LEGACY

Aontú is committed to opposing the British Legacy Bill. By offering participants in the commission freedom from legal prosecution, the British government has effectively given them amnesty for the crimes they committed. This cuts victims and survivors off from accessing justice and has intensified their pain and suffering.

It would be a gross injustice for these families if the perpetrators of these murders die in anonymity. Aontú has committed to naming the Bloody Sunday murderers in Leinster House if the British Government passes this bill.



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