

# Vótáil

# AONTÚ 1

A mother and hospital pharmacist working in Mental Health Services for the HSE, I am your strong and positive voice in Dún Laoghaire. Previously, I owned and managed two community pharmacies so I am familiar with the challenges faced by small businesses. I also worked as an Inspector of the Pharmaceutical Society of Ireland.

I am a Peace Commissioner and have volunteered for local sports clubs as well as being a trishaw pilot for Cycling Without Age locally. Healthcare and mental well-being are areas of particular interest to me. As a founding member of Aontú, I have been involved in political activism since the party's inception in 2019.

The upcoming election is really important. We have seen the government squander your hard-earned money between bike sheds and security huts and most blatantly in the recent budget.

Don't squander your vote. **Vótáil Mairéad Tóibín No.1**



## Mairéad TÓIBÍN

## Dún Laoghaire

### A health system fit for purpose

Our health service is over-managed, under-resourced and crippled with red tape. The latest HSE recruitment freeze has only recently ended and we know from hospital campaigns run by Aontú that nurses and doctors have been crying out for help, whilst A&E departments are on their knees. In a modern European country, the sight of ambulances waiting hours to unload sick patients into hospitals is a disgrace.

We now know that the HSE recruitment embargo has been replaced with a 'Pay and Numbers' strategy, making it next to impossible to fill positions vacant for months, resulting in devastating gaps in service.

Primary care services are on the brink of collapse. It is becoming increasingly difficult to get an appointment with a GP. Mental health services, when they are available, are an Eircode lottery, especially CAMH services. Aontú will protect essential services and invest in the long-term viability of our health service.

### RÉITIGH AONTÚ - I will work

**to:** ● Increase the number 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. ● Demand the creation of a parallel mental health service accessible for all ages with a dedicated multi-year budget.



**Aontú Leader  
Peadar Tóibín TD**

## Housing for all

This government has destroyed the ambition of millions of people to be able to own their own home. The myth of an affordable home has been the lie that they have built their disastrous housing policy on, whilst thousands of Irish people remain homeless. For the 51 affordable purchase houses in Shanganagh Castle, the starting price for a two-bed is €334,600 – anything but affordable.

If we are to address our catastrophic housing shortage and restore the hopes of young people and families up and down this country, we need to revolutionise how we deliver housing. We need to put the power to build social homes back into the hands of the public service. We need to provide new types of financing - not the model put in place by this government that benefits corporations and vulture funds.

### RÉITIGH AONTÚ - *I will work to:*

- 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).
- End Airbnb in large towns and cities.



## 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 this government to account. Most of the immigration information in the public domain has been uncovered by Aontú. Aontú revealed that 85% of deportation orders were not enforced. We found out that 5,000 people came through Dublin Airport without a passport. These are damning indictments of this government's record.

**RÉITIGH AONTÚ - *I will work to:***

- Prioritise the creation of a new Irish Border Agency that will properly manage immigration.
- Reintroduce the planning permission system for asylum accommodation.
- Ensure that communities that agree to host migrants see a community dividend.
- Ensure that asylum applications are completed within 4 months, and if refused - the applicant is sent home within 6 months.
- Ensure that those who destroy travel documents are immediately sent home.
- Ensure that housing and other amenities made available to migrants are available to Irish people in need.
- Ensure that migrants with a criminal record are not allowed into the country.
- Ensure that deportation orders are 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.

## Roads, cycleways & access for all

The Dún Laoghaire constituency is a densely populated area with many apartment developments currently in the process of being built. While the proposed new DART station in Woodbrook, Shankill should help, there are still valid concerns about adding more traffic to already congested roads.

Public transport must be prioritised, with frequent and reliable bus services. Too often we see buses vanish from the timetables as we stand waiting - like the disappearing 45A. I am calling on the NTA to ensure contractors live up to the service obligation of their tender. I want more feeder buses for DART and LUAS services. As buses can be used by people of all physical abilities, priority must be given to bus routes over cycleways. Blue badge users must have access to all roads.

**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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