



AONTÚ

Rosarie O'Leary has been selected as the Aontú representative for the Macroom LEA. She is the eldest of seven and lives in the beautiful Lee Valley, between the villages of Inchigeelagh and Béal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh where she grew up.

Rosarie worked as a Legal Secretary for twenty years and in recent years has taken up a new position in education. Outside of work, she enjoys meeting and talking to people, music, theatre, history, the occasional evening course and travel.

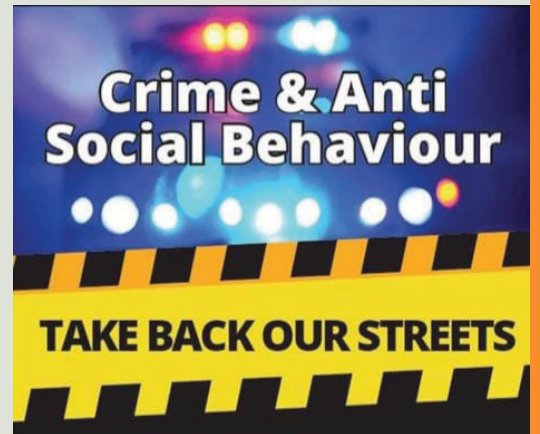
Rosarie O'LEARY Macroom

TIME FOR COMMON SENSE ON CRIME

The need for a visible, well-resourced local Garda presence is a priority for the local community. The number of Gardaí has fallen for every year of this government. This is leading directly to the increase in crime and antisocial behaviour. Tragically we have seen a large increase in road deaths in large part due to the collapse in Gardaí numbers and enforcement.

A recent report shows that more than 50% of juvenile crime can be attributed to drug addiction. Rosarie is committed to a stronger response in terms of addiction and mental health services, youth facilities and a better resourced Gardaí force.

Aontú is committed to dealing with repeat offending. Criminals with multiple offences feel immune from custodial sentences. To protect Gardaí Aontú has created a Bill that would provide a mandatory custodial sentence for any criminal who intentionally injures a Garda.



AONTÚ SUPPORTS RURAL IRELAND

The area around Macroom is rural and agricultural. The local village was once the epicentre of life and over time this moved to the nearest town. It is vital that local communities support their local shops and businesses, however Rosarie would also like to see greater supports for small businesses and farmers in the mid-Cork area.



**Aontú Leader
PEADAR TÓIBÍN TD**

Pat McCormack of the ICMSA addressed the 2023 Aontú Ard Fheis on the recent changes to farming. Incredibly 35% of farmers in this country are making a loss. Another 33% only make a living because they are also working a second job outside the farm. Aontú has introduced the Equitable Beef Price Bill, which if introduced will protect farmer's incomes.

Many of the villages around Macroom that used to be hubs of activity are struggling to keep going. Pubs, Garda stations and Post offices have been closed, leading to further rural isolation.

There is an epidemic of loneliness and the intergenerational society we knew is fragmenting but there is no substitute for human connection and this government has done nothing to strengthen the bonds that hold us together.

We need to renew and rebuild social capital and invest in those building blocks that make a strong society.

GOVERNMENT CULTURE WARS

Rosarie is alarmed at where this government are taking us. We are already seeing the introduction of gender ideology into our schools. Many SPHE textbooks do not contain

material that is factual or scientifically based. Indeed other European countries are moving away from this ideological approach as it has been proven to cause significant damage in particular to vulnerable children.

Explicit content has been included in some school books which is simply not age appropriate, and this is extremely disturbing when waiting lists for CAMHS are growing longer every day. This government has also consistently and abysmally failed children and adults with disabilities, and their families, many of whom are at breaking point.

Is Éireannaigh sinn agus maidir le cúrsaí teanga, tá cultúr agus spraid na hÉireann á chothú fós i bpócaí timpeall na tíre le ceol, craic agus

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scéalaíocht, ach tá níos mó tacaíocht agus spreagadh ag teastáil go háitiúil, agus ins na scoileanna ach go háirithe.

Mar adúirt an Píarsach, tír gan teanga, tír gan anam, agus caithfidh gach iarracht a dhéanamh chun an Gaeilge a spreagadh, agus seo rud atá ag éirí práinneach.

AGRICULTURE

Aontú is the only political party which voted against the Climate Action Bill in the Dáil. We did so because we knew that it would lead to Carbon Tax and unfair penalisation of ordinary hard-working farmers in rural Ireland.

The government's approach to climate change is flawed. The government are actually replacing Irish agricultural production with foreign products that have a higher environmental cost. They want to stop turf-cutting here but are importing peat from Latvia.

The Mercosur Trade Agreement is the nail in the coffin for the Irish beef farmer. Brazilian beef is replacing Irish beef in the EU market – produced by way of wildfires, deforestation, and over-grazing, not to mention the emissions associated with the transportation of the beef to Europe.

Aontú has introduced legislation in the Dáil which would ban the below cost sale of beef and force the supermarkets, the factories by law to give the farmer a fair price per animal.

GOVERNMENT POLICY IS BAD FOR YOUR HEALTH

Aontú has found out that almost 500,000 people have been injured in the Irish Health Service since 2018. Shockingly, 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.

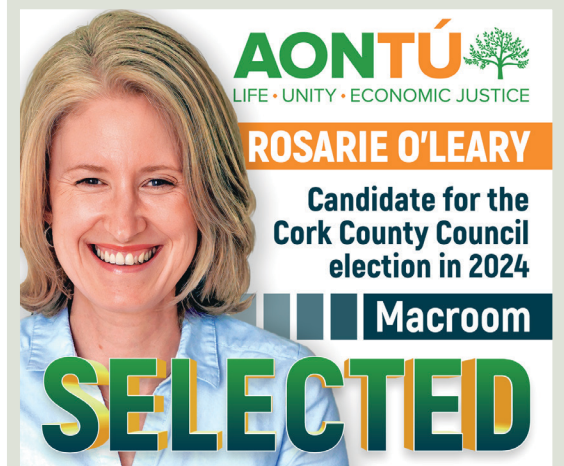


The HSE is top heavy with management, yet it can't make a decision. It swallows public money without increasing services to patients. Rosarie O'Leary will continue to fight for the reform and proper funding of the Health Service.



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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