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Aontú accountability

This government is incinerating your money. From the out-of-control spending on the National Children's Hospital which Fine Gael told us would be built 'short of an asteroid hitting the planet', to the Gucci bike shed at Leinster House, the wasteful nature of how your money is spent is a hallmark of this coalition.

120% increases in the cost of modular homes whilst the number of homeless rise is an affront to the suffering of children with scoliosis, those who cannot secure SNA's or even school transport for their children and all Ministers will offer is the tired phrase that 'lessons will be learned'

Aontú has consistently held this Government to account. We want ministers and those civil servants behind them who sign off on such outrageous spending decisions to be held directly accountable for their actions - and to lose their jobs if necessary. Without real accountability, there will be no change.

A vote for Aontú will help build a political system that is accountable to you.



That €336,000 bike shed

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.

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.

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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Cllr Sarah O'Reilly is well known as a steadfast and dedicated public representative, constantly striving to deliver for the people of Cavan-Monaghan. She recently topped the poll in her Bailieborough-Cootehill LEA with an increased mandate, testament to her diligent and unwavering work on the ground delivering real common-sense solutions to the issues her constituents face.

Sarah O'Reilly is best placed to win a seat from the political establishment.

In Cavan and Monaghan Sarah O'Reilly has led on the cost-of-living crisis and the housing crisis. Sarah was the only representative on the side of the people in the recent Family and Carer Referendums.

Sarah is a strong women's rights advocate and continues to fight back at the culture wars, she led a successful national campaign resisting government policy to replace gender term with terms that don't respect the role of women.

Nationally, Sarah led on the campaign to keep cash for key services and GAA matches. She has always stood firm with farmers along the North-South Interconnector route, regularly highlighting their demands.

Sarah is a member of the National Hospital Campaign and has fought for Cavan and Monaghan Hospitals.

The upcoming election is really important. Use your vote wisely. Cllr Sarah O'Reilly is by far, the best placed candidate to win a seat from this damaging government. **Vótáil Sarah O'Reilly No.1.**



Cllr Sarah O'REILLY Cavan-Monaghan

The government is increasing the cost of living

Irish families are still feeling the effects of the cost-of-living crisis. Aontú research has shown that last year, in the cost-of-living crisis, the government collected more tax on fuel than ever before. The government is giving tea and sympathy on the cost of living while at the same time hiking up taxes on fuel. It's time we valued the work of stay-at-home parents and bring the needs of families back into Irish politics.

One in five Irish people is struggling and two thirds are in the same financial position as they were at the height of the crisis early in 2023.

Aontú will:

- Cut fuel tax on petrol and diesel.
- Reduce VAT on hospitality.
- Intervene to assist renters and greatly increase the delivery of social housing.
- Direct the ESB to take a smaller profit and reduce the price of electricity.
- Reduce the cost of public transport.
- Fund child care to ensure its viability and to decrease costs on parents.
- Increase competition in the super market sector.

Aontú is a Human Rights party. We support the right to life of everyone. We believe that every mother should have the economic confidence to be able to choose life for her baby and raise them to their full potential.



Aontú Leader
Peadar Tóibín TD

A health service fit for purpose

Sarah is a leading member of the Cavan Hospital Campaign who are campaigning for better health services in Cavan and Monaghan. Over 8,000 men, women and children are currently waiting for treatment at Cavan General Hospital. This figure does not include those waiting for hospital services at Our Lady of Lourdes in Drogheda and at Navan Hospital. This figure has been made worse by the closure of Monaghan A&E by FF and FG.



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. 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.

We will: • 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. • Guarantee the future of Cavan A&E and seek the return of services to Monaghan Hospital. • We will demand the creation of a parallel mental health service accessible for all ages with a dedicated multi-year budget.

Accessible education for all

Sarah O'Reilly is aware of trials experienced by parents trying to access the most basic of services for their children.

Children with special needs and autism have been neglected by this government over countless years. The ongoing crisis in access to services like the assessment of need and vital therapies, including speech and language therapy, occupational therapy, and psychological support, has left many families in distress. The lengthy waiting lists mean that children are missing crucial early intervention opportunities, which can have long-lasting effects on their development and wellbeing.

While Budget 2025 might promise some increased funding, there's very little clarity on how it will address the structural issues within the system. Simply throwing money at the problem without tackling the bottlenecks in service delivery, recruitment, and retention of qualified staff won't provide the relief that families urgently need. The government needs to be held accountable for delivering real, timely change and ensuring that children with special needs are given the care and support they deserve.

Aontú would push for a complete overhaul of the current system. That means setting mandatory timelines for assessments and treatments, ensuring transparency in service delivery, and prioritizing the recruitment and retention of specialists to reduce waiting times.

School places for children with extra needs should not be a battle for parents. More long-term planning and investment in the creation of school places across more schools and recruitment of teachers and support staff is critical going forward.

Delivering law and order

Crime and anti-social behaviour is 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. There is now open drug dealing in every town and village in Cavan and Monaghan.

Every year that Fine Gael has held the Justice Ministry, the number of Gardaí has fallen, and the number of resignations from the force has skyrocketed. Rural Garda stations are relying on one – or no – officers to address rural crime, and elderly people are afraid to go onto the streets of communities they helped build because of the fear of being assaulted or worse.

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. • Demand an increase in Garda numbers and the reopening of some Garda stations in Cavan-Monaghan. • Invest in drug rehabilitation, mental health service and youth services in both counties.

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. This is a bigger number than the total populations of the towns of Cavan or Monaghan

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.

We will: • 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).

Standing by farmers and producers

Aontú is the only party that recognises that, if there are no farmers, there is no food and there is no future. Our food producers are being squeezed constantly by more regulation both from the Green Party, the Government and Brussels.

Aontú opposed the Mercosur trade deal which would force Irish producers to compete with lower standard imports, and we oppose the EU Nature Restoration deal which would mean an area the size of County Cork being re-wetted and therefore unavailable for farming.

We have brought legislation to the Dáil that would put a floor under the price of beef to stop the exploitation of farmers by factories and supermarkets and we will continue to defend our farming sector at all costs.

We will: • Demand fair price for farm produce and reduce the power of factories and supermarkets. • Oppose Green Party attempts to undermine the family farm. • Oppose the Mercosur Trade Deal. • Protect the Nitrates Derogation. • Support farmer demands for punctual payments, less bureaucracy, fairer measuring of emissions and reinstatement of the original VAT rebate scheme.

