

2019 DUBLIN FINGAL BY-ELECTION

INDEPENDENTS  CHANGE

DEAN MULLIGAN

VOTE NO. 1

Councillor Dean Mulligan is Clare Daly's candidate in the By-Election caused by her election to the European Parliament. Clare's seat was won through struggle against water charges and bin charges, for sustainable development and workers rights. Campaigns fought against Fianna Fail, Fine Gael, Labour and the Greens in various Governments.

Dean is the best candidate to hold the Government to account. On November 29th vote for young people and the future, and the person who best embodies Clare Daly's tradition in our community.

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WATER



Despite two thirds of people in the Fingal area voting for parties who promised to abolish water charges, Fine Gael, Fianna Fail and Labour have coordinated to ensure the charges return in a few months, under the guise of 'excessive usage' charges. Be under no illusion, if they have their way, water charges will return in 2020.

I STAND FOR

1. Substantial investment in our water infrastructure funded through progressive general taxation, no water charges
2. A referendum which would prevent the privatisation of our water infrastructure in the future.

HEALTH



October 2019 saw record numbers of patients on hospital trolleys throughout the country. Hundreds of thousands are languishing on hospital waiting lists and many are dying preventable deaths due to the crumbling healthcare system. I oppose the two-tier health system promoted by successive governments and believe that healthcare is a human right.

I STAND FOR

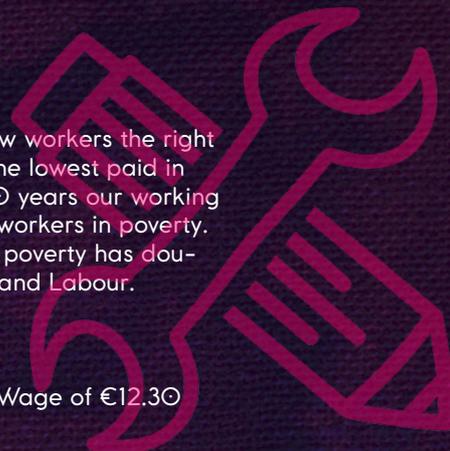
1. Full implementation of a one-tier healthcare system free at the point of use
2. The abolition of all prescription charges, GP fees and A&E charges.

WORK

During more than 70 years in government, the establishment parties have refused to allow workers the right to be represented by a trade union of their choice. As a result, Irish workers are among the lowest paid in the EU with Ireland having the highest prevalence of low pay in the EU15. Over the last 10 years our working poor has increased from 91,407 to more than 109,000 today – almost 20,000 more workers in poverty. More than 230,000 children currently live in poverty and the number of lone parents in poverty has doubled during the last 5 years. This is the legacy of Fianna Fail, Fine Gael, the Green Party and Labour.

I STAND FOR

1. All workers having the right to representation
2. Working with trade unions to campaign for a "Fair Work Act" and a statutory Living Wage of €12.30
3. For dignity and respect in the workplace.



HOUSING



Rents and house prices have sky-rocketed to record levels making it impossible for many to put a roof over their head. This year, yet again, 4,000 children will spend Christmas in hotels and B&Bs. The over-reliance of the established parties on a 'free-market' housing system is destroying living standards of people all across our constituency. There are thousands of young adults like me all across the Fingal area who are forced to live with our parents because of the lack of social & affordable housing. We are the hidden homeless.

I STAND FOR

1. Rent controls and state intervention in the housing crisis
2. The demands of "Raise The Roof", 10,000 social housing units to be built per year



CLIMATE JUSTICE

Tackling climate change is the key issue facing our generation. The governments of Fianna Fail and the Green Party and then Fine Gael and Labour made ordinary people pay for a banking crisis that was not of our making. They now plan on making us pay for a climate crisis not of our making. If we are serious about tackling emissions then we have to tackle big business and agriculture, and not just penalise consumers.

I STAND FOR

1. A 'Just Transition' demanding big corporations, and the wealthiest people in our economy pay an appropriate contribution so that we can protect low and middle income households.
2. The roll out of a national retrofitting scheme which would lower household bills, reduce emissions and create tens of thousands of jobs.

