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Cost of living nightmare must be fixed

We are coming across very distressing levels of need within our communities - cramped accommodation, homelessness, delays in access to health services and domestic violence.

Far too many workers face exorbitant rents. It's shameful that any child in this city is experiencing poverty.

The over-riding priority must be to **permanently reduce the cost of living**.

- **Housing:** bigger focus on **building on public land** and active tackling of **long term vacancy**.
- **Energy bills:** temporary supports must be provided alongside street by street retrofitting with solar panels.
- **Childcare:** fix the huge gap in **childcare places** so parents can go out and work, reduce fees and provide better supports to low income families.



It is shameful the EU dithers about ending the Israel/EU Trade Agreement while the Israeli government continue their annihilation of the Palestinian people.

Great credit to all those taking action; to the local pharmacies sourcing alternatives to TEVA products, to healthcare workers calling for the same approach in hospitals, to the GAA players and managers calling out the Allianz sponsorship with the organisation.

Read inside for local news on schools, health services, housing, public transport & changes to waste collection ➔

A chara,

Every day I work to try and make our communities fairer and healthier.

There are many frustrations around us, but we know that when people come together to force positive change, things are possible.

We have seen that with the school secretaries' strike, in standing against racism, climate action and the war on Gaza.

We have to turn the tide on the growing fear and racism and it's important to say that there is wonderful work being done across our communities.

From **East Wall Here For All** to the garden sharing initiative in **Cabra - Community Roots** to the **Diamond Project in Killarney Street** which works to turn around the lives of young offenders, great work is being done on the ground. And that's only a tiny fraction of all the work!

At international level, the EU is failing so shamefully on Gaza and the new "trade deal" with Trump is a disaster for our climate goals. But we will continue to fight!

Le chéile, is féidir linn pobail níos láidre agus níos cothroime a chruthú.

Le meas,

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Transport

Brilliant news on Cabra train station

- Planning application due in 2026.
- Construction to commence in 2028 and should take 18 months.
- Located at the corner of Cabra Road and Carnlough Road. Cabra will be connected to Dart South West and national services.

Expansion of Bike Bunkers - finally!

- 300 new locations
- Bleeper has signed a contract with City Council to administer the scheme
- Expressions of interest in new sites will be sought. Then Bleeper will decide the locations.
- €100 per year (dearer than a paid parking permit for a car!)

Bus Connects updates

Ballymun/Finglas to City Centre – at tender stage. Works to start at end of 2025. The new F spine bus routes will commence Oct 21st.

Blanchardstown to City Centre – delayed. Decision due in October on High Court challenge by petrol station on Old Cabra Road.

New O Orbital route – (planned to run along the NCR and replace the 11 and 46A) - really frustrating that the new route has been delayed to 2026

Swords/Drumcondra to city centre – A spine route due Autumn next year. Works on the bus corridor will happen on 2027.

New commercial drone policy prioritises industry over community

Drones will become hugely important for transporting goods over future years. However, there are very real concerns about the frequency, the noise, privacy and security.

For the past two and a half years, Government has delayed issuing guidelines on protecting communities while promoting the establishment of the sector here. Manna is planning to establish a base in Glasnevin Industrial estate over the next 6-12 months. I've been informed that drones will not be flying over most of Glasnevin & Drumcondra, for now.

Great news for Summerhill's GP care for all

After months of raising it in the Dáil and in the media, I am relieved to see an agreement was reached to ensure this desperately needed service can stay open and continue to provide services to its 2,600 patients in Dublin 1.

Cabra to get a Family Resource Centre!

Cabra will become one of just five new family resource centres announced for the country. Huge credit to all involved in the community in making this happen.

The centre is very much needed in Cabra and it will work to support and empower parents and children through difficult times. It will be located on the Rataoth road in the Marion college building and they hope to open early in the new year.

My first bill in the Dáil: equal access to GP services across communities

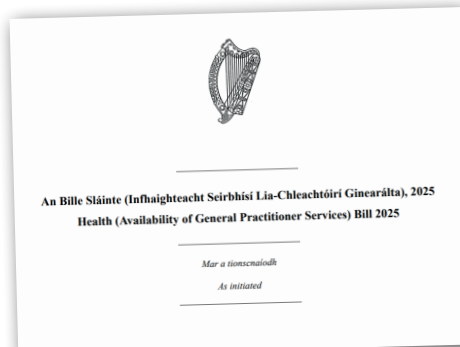
Too many people wait far too long for a GP appointment. Many others can't even get a GP. There is a frightening inequality of access to GP care across our communities. Residents in the Inner city or the Cabra area have less than half the national average of GP's to population.

National Average: One GP to 1,231 people

North Inner City - One GP to 3,525 people.

Cabra - One GP to 3,060 people.

Clontarf - One GP to 1,090 people.



My bill would mandate the HSE to ensure a fair distribution of GPs. We need to improve GP access and health outcomes across Ireland, especially in disadvantaged areas.



September is Recovery Month for those experiencing addiction. I was delighted to join Eddie Mullins, CEO of Merchants Quay Ireland on his daily run to raise awareness and we bumped into Sadhbh Nic Ionraic on the school secretaries picket.

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Dublin 1 needs a special school!



Far too many children in our area with significant additional needs struggle to get an appropriate school place. This inequality has got to change.

Children in Dublin 1 experience a double disadvantage: the dire shortage of places, and never being top of the list as they are outside the catchment area for any places.

The North Inner City is one of very few areas across the country that does not have a special school.

Please sign our Equality in Education petition.



Another devastating delay for the Gaelscoil Choláiste Mhuire new school building

It is outrageous that the school community and families are left in the dark about the future of their new school building. The project was stalled earlier this year.

Geallaim go ndéanfaidh mé mo dhícheall brú a chur ar an rialtas an scoil a thógáil.



Waste collection: changes on the way for some areas

It feels like the scourge of illegal dumping and litter in our communities is getting worse not better.

Dublin City Council is planning some significant changes:

Expansion of city core to include Lower Dorset Street and Gardiner Street- 24 hour cleaning schedule.

North East Inner city (outside of city core) will get second daily cleaning shift 2pm - 10pm and additional staff.

North West Inner city from Berkeley Road, Smithfield to Ballymun - at a future stage areas to be divided and resourced.

Ban on bin bags - to be reinstated in city core. Compactors to be installed.

For areas such as Stoneybatter, North Strand, Ballybough and inner city communities, Dublin City Council are planning to end bag collection by the end 2026. However it will depend on waste management companies putting forward an alternative.

Climate action is going backwards under this Government.



Household heating

- **costs** have jumped by a **whopping 75%** in the past five years and high prices are here to stay.

- **third largest carbon emitter** in the country and emissions are going up, not down.

- take up of **State retrofitting grants is very low** as they are beyond the reach of many.

We need to join the dots!

To **reduce household energy bills, cut emissions and slash the cost of retrofitting**, the State needs to get directly involved. We need to see **street by street installation of solar panels** across the thousands of terraced houses in our communities.

Standing up to racism in our communities



Future of Phibsborough Post Office still uncertain

We were told that the closure was imminent in August. Now staff have been told it could be the new year. The reality is that An Post can't find anyone to take on the contract.

The big question for us is that **if An Post now say their profits are up and they are doing well, how can they justify shutting Phibsborough?** With a bit of imagination, that building could be a great asset and service to Phibsborough.



Happy 20th anniversary to Bradóg Youth services!

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The Tricolour belongs to us all.

Some people might want you to see the flag and feel intimidated and unwelcome in your community. Our flag is the very antithesis of that.

It was first flown in 1848 as a powerful symbol of peace (white) and reconciliation on the island of Ireland between nationalist and unionist communities.

Almost 180 years on, those values are as important and relevant as ever across our communities.

If you have an issue, local or national, please reach out.

In the community:

Every Friday, we will be knocking on doors in different parts of the constituency so keep an eye out for us!

Walk in Clinics:

Last Monday of every month

Ballybough: Community Centre, 12 midday.

East Wall: Sean O' Casey Community Centre, 1.15p.m.

Stoneybatter: Holy Family Parish Centre, Prussia Street, 3 p.m.

Cabra: Deaf Village, Rataoth Road, 4.15p.m.



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Dublin's homelessness numbers climb above 16,000: No money from Government for vital housing schemes

Since March of this year, Dublin City Council has been shamefully left with:

***no money for the tenant-in-situ scheme,
no money to compulsorily purchase derelict buildings and
no money for their scheme to allow older persons
downsizing to sell to the council.***

Homelessness is set to get worse when the rent cap is lifted for most renters next March.

Frustratingly, developers are sitting on 40,000 uncommenced planning permissions across Dublin and most of what is being built at scale in the area is "build to rent" only with no option to buy. The Land Development Agency agency has identified sites capable of building 4,500 homes across Dublin 1 and 7 but progress is at a snail's pace.

Solidarity with School secretaries & caretakers



Huge credit to all who were on strike for seven days and to their union FORSA. It is shocking that there is a two tier system within schools with regard to pensions and other basic public sector work rights. Too many people have retired after years of service and no pension.



It was great to join in with staff and parents from St Paul's primary school on Brunswick Street in their 12 hour Brunner to Barcelona fundraiser cycle.

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