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Fighting for a Fairer Dublin



Phibsborough & Stoneybatter Newsletter Spring 2025

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

Contact us!

The fastest way is to ring my office 01 6184564 or email marie@mariesherlock.ie

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.



To get regular updates on what is happening across our communities or to join my newsletter, click on the QR code.

Updates on Phibsborough & Stoneybatter and the wider constituency – overleaf ➡

Thank You

A chara,

It is a great honour to have been elected T.D. to represent the people of Dublin Central.

I want to say a heartfelt thank you to all who put their confidence in me and I will work every single day to represent all of the people across our communities.

Mar Teachta Dála don Baile Átha Cliath Láir is mór an onór dom bheith tofa chuig an toghcheantar is éagsúla sa tír- toghcheantar lán le dúthshlán mór a sharú ach cultúr bróidiul aici.

There is enormous frustration and despair about housing in our communities, about the lack of childcare, healthcare and safety on our streets.

I will work really hard to hold government to account and to bring forward ideas. None of our problems are insurmountable but we need the political will to change.

Help me make the difference for our communities. If there are issues in your area, please do get in touch. My details are below.

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Vital need for more health services in the Community

As Health spokesperson for the Labour Party, I am acutely conscious of the major gaps in our local health service with regard to primary care, hospital care, mental health and disability.

Some of the key priorities for me are:

- More GP care in our communities
- Eliminate CDNT and primary care wait times for children with additional and complex needs.
- More mental health beds and community services.

There has to be a serious review of the training, recruitment, retention and pay for those working in these services.

Summerhill's GP Care for All must not be allowed collapse



This GP practice serves over 2,600 patients in Dublin 1 and is threatened with closure. Tax changes introduced in 2023 effectively prevent not-for-profit medical charities from operating. I'm fighting to ensure this model of GP care can continue and expand.

Shameful lack of access to special needs support and education

Across our two primary care centres and three CDNTs in Dublin Central, wait times to access assessment of need is approx. 3-4 years with another wait of 2-3 years for access to in-person therapies and support. These delays are imposing a huge toll on children and their families. Recruitment and retention of staff are critical issues that have to be fixed.



Marie with Side by Side founder Rachel Kane, Niamh McDonald, Imelda Whelan and other public representatives at a public meeting in Belvedere Youth Club.

Supporting Local Early Years services

I'm hugely aware of the major impact the shortage of available and affordable childcare places is having on families. We need to support existing services and crucially ensure the expansion of ECCE, early years and after school places.

This is a cost of living issue, a child support issue and a workers' rights issue for working parents and particularly working mothers.



Marie with staff and parents outside Rainbow Community Playgroup in Stoneybatter. We are working with parents and staff to ensure the continuation of two ECCE sessions in the building.

Housing

This remains the single biggest issue in our constituency with a dire lack of affordable housing and growing numbers unable to rent or buy.

- **19 and 21 Connaught Street:** it was 2009 when these were first put on the derelict site register. The new structural issues means the whole project has to go back out to tender.
- **Old Des Kelly site on the NCR:** works have finally begun and Lidl supermarket will go in at the ground floor.
- **Stanley Street, Stoneybatter:** 167 social housing units to be built. Currently at tender stage. Completion expected by 2027.
- **O'Devaney Gardens:** 233 affordable purchase units to be ready in 2026 with social housing and cost rental units to be ready in 2027.

Phibsborough Post Office

There is no news yet!

In early 2024, An Post informed us that it intended to close its directly operated post office in Phibsborough, outsource the post office to another operator elsewhere in the area and sell the building. We contact An Post on a regular basis for an update and to date no new operator has been found.

Bus Connects Update:



End of 46A and introduction of 11 bus: we have been engaging with Dublin Bus and the NTA since January about the new inferior bus service. Ultimately, the NTA hold all the power with regard to bus service changes (big and small) and we will apply pressure on them to respond.

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