

A FIGHTER FOR ORDINARY PEOPLE

◀ **Joan** has a record second to none as a campaigner and organiser of 'people power' on behalf of working people.

◀ She led the mass **Anti Bin Tax** campaign in Dublin 12 and will **oppose water charges and taxes on family homes.**

◀ She has called for **NAMA properties** to be given to the city council to solve the city's **housing crisis.** It is a scandal that NAMA properties lie empty while thousands are on the housing waiting list.

◀ Joan will fight for a reversal of the cuts in **social welfare** and the **minimum wage.** She will demand abolition of the **Universal Social Charge** for those on low incomes



YES, There is an Alternative – Put People Before Profit!

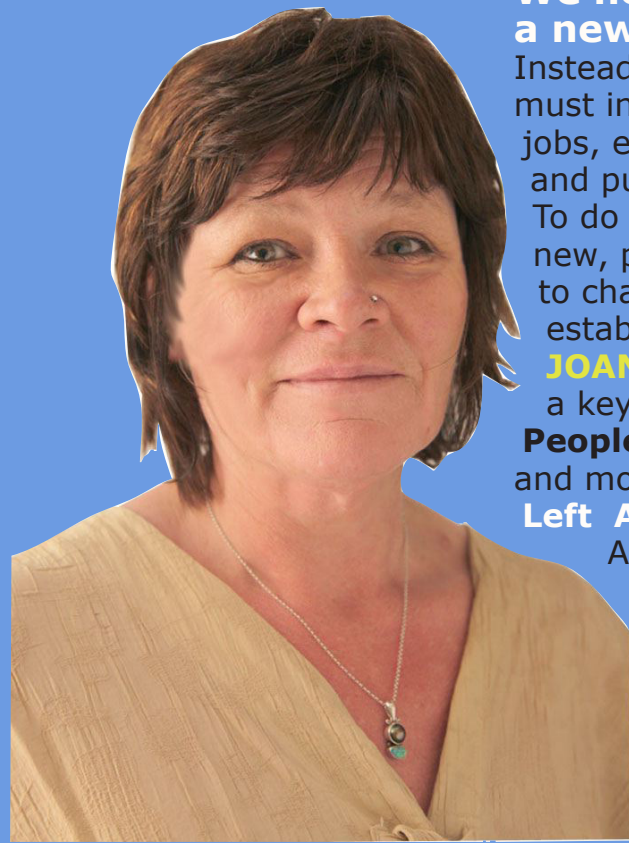
We need real change and a new beginning now.

Instead of bailing out bankers we must invest our resources into jobs, enterprise, infrastructure and public services.

To do this, we need to build a new, principled, left alternative to challenge the cosy political establishment.

JOAN COLLINS has played a key role in establishing the **People Before Profit Alliance** and more recently the **United Left Alliance.**

Along with **Joe Higgins** we are working for a different kind of society where the needs of people and the environment come before the greed of bankers and super-wealthy elites.



Vote No 1

Joan

COLLINS

Your Candidate:

◀ Joan was first elected to **Dublin City Council** in 2004, and re-elected in 2009. She lives in Inchicore and works in An Post. She has earned a well deserved reputation as a hard working, capable and experienced public representative.

◀ Joan initiated the campaign which stopped the closure of **Crumlin swimming pool.** She has campaigned to stop the closure of the **Children's Hospital in Crumlin** and **Cherry Orchard Hospital in Ballyfermot.**

◀ Joan has campaigned, along with fellow People Before Profit Councillor **Brid Smith**, on a wide range of issues affecting ordinary people in Dublin South Central, including organising with local people to **stop inappropriate and high-rise development.**

My Pledge

"TDs and ministers are paid far too much. If elected as a TD I will only take the average industrial wage, the remainder will be donated to campaigns and organisations that put people and communities first.

Vote No.1 JOAN

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Bail Out the People Not the Bankers

Economic Crisis – Make the Bankers Pay:

Scrap the EU/IMF deal. Why should those most in need pay for the greed of bankers and bondholders?

- End the bail out of bankers and speculators.
- Take the financial system into democratic public ownership.

Jobs, Jobs, Jobs:

Hundreds of thousands of workers and young people are on the dole or emigrating.

- Establish a public works programme to insulate houses, refurbish schools and hospitals, repair our water system and develop other vital infrastructure and amenities.
- Invest in public enterprise and strategic industry - sustainable power, generic medicine, IT, arts, tourism, agriculture and food and forestry.
- Provide support for small traders and introduce differential rates.

Quality Healthcare For All:

- Scrap the HSE bureaucracy.
- A one-tier National Health Service.
- End the hospital trolley scandal - open the currently vacant 1,660 beds.
- Full A&E services in all hospitals and no hospital closures.

Invest in Education and Re-training:

- Open up higher education through proper access courses.
- Scrap student fees and reverse grant cuts.
- Reduce class sizes and invest in proper infrastructure and support services.
- Abolish the cap on Classroom and Special Needs Assistants.



Pensioners protest against unjust cuts to their medical card entitlements

- Reverse cuts in library services.
- Scrap water charges for schools.

Reverse the Cuts:

- Restore the social welfare, child benefit and disability payments rates.
- Save our communities – restore community grants.

Housing is a Right:

End the scandal of 300,000 empty dwellings while there are 45,000 families on the social housing list and many more facing repossession.

- Bail-out mortgage holders in negative equity - No repossessions.
- End social housing waiting lists – open up vacant NAMA properties.

Protect Pensioners:

- Create an alternative State Retirement Fund insurance scheme to provide defined benefit pensions.

Natural Resources:

- Take all our natural resources, including Corrib Gas, back into public ownership. No

sell off of our resources or assets.

Water Charges & Stealth Taxes:

Vital services must be paid for through progressive income taxation which would see the super wealthy pay their share.

- No to Water charges & Home tax – abolish bin charges

Workers & Wages:

- Restore the €8.65 minimum wage.
- Abolish the Pension Levy and Universal Social Charge.
- Reverse pay cuts on low and middle income workers.
- Lift the recruitment embargo in the public sector.

Protect Our Environment:

- Invest in Public Transport and sustainable renewable energy.
- Restore the 200, recently cut, Dublin Buses.
- Invest in school and shuttle bus services.

How Will This be Paid For?

Low and middle income earners are bearing the brunt of this economic crisis. This is not only unfair but also economic madness and will lead to more job losses. We say the bankers and the super wealthy should pay their share:

- End the bailout of bondholders and banks – Create a viable public banking system.
- Take the assets of NAMA developers into public ownership. Use NAMA properties to house those in need of accommodation and cut the annual €500 million rental income bill.
- Impose a 5% wealth levy on the super-wealthy who still have an estimated €122 billion in wealth and assets.
- Increase taxes on the top 37,000 people who are paid an average of €300,000 a year.
- End tax loopholes for the very wealthy which costs up to €8 billion in lost revenue.
- Take the Corrib Gas Field and our natural resources back into public ownership.
- Introduce a salary cap of €100,000 for top civil servants, semi-state executives, judges.
- Abolish all junkets. Slash politicians pay, expenses and ministerial pensions.
- No sell off of state assets. Instead use them to stimulate the economy. For every €1 billion invested by the state 10,000 jobs are created and €60 million is saved on unemployment benefit.