



*Sinn Féin*



**SINN FÉIN 2013**

**MID-ULSTER ELECTION MANIFESTO**

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# MESSAGE FROM GERRY ADAMS

Francie Molloy is a life-long Republican whose involvement in politics stems from the Civil Rights Movement, through the worst of the conflict, as a leader in the peace process and the political institutions, and now into the process of reconciliation and uniting Ireland.

As a Councillor and MLA Francie has worked hard for the people of Mid Ulster; to create employment, oppose austerity and defend the rights of citizens.

Sinn Féin has a vision for a new Ireland built upon equality and tolerance and Francie Molloy has lead from the front in working to bring this vision about.

Martin McGuinness was a first class representative for Mid Ulster and Francie Molloy will make an excellent successor.

As MP for Mid Ulster he will be part of a strong Sinn Féin experienced team of elected representatives across this island in local government, in the Dáil and Seanad, in the Assembly and in Europe, and at Westminster, who will advocate on behalf of the people of Mid Ulster.

Sinn Féin is an Irish republican party. We are a United Ireland party. We believe in equality and sovereignty, independence and freedom.

We have a proven record of delivering for citizens.

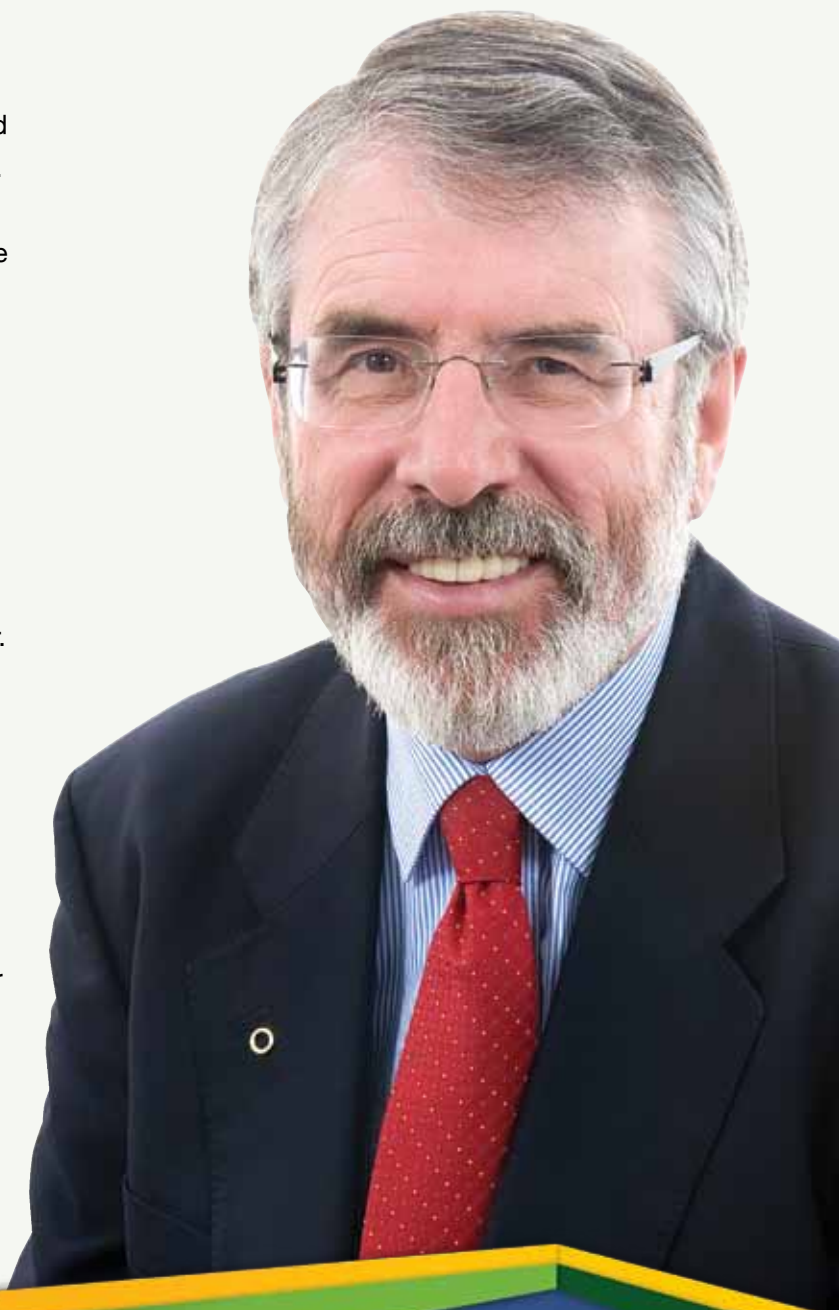
Today Irish Republicanism on this island has never been so strong, so organized and so capable of achieving its objectives.

This generation of republicans is laying the

foundations for a New Republic — a 32 County republic with social justice and equality at its core.

Join with us as we move forward.

Vote Francie Molloy on March 7th.



# MESSAGE FROM FRANCIE MOLLOY

Sinn Féin's peace and political strategy has forced the old Orange State to collapse under a swelling tide of all-Ireland institutions, power-sharing, equality and human rights laws. Nothing will ever be the same. There will never be any going back.

However, across this island, and especially this constituency, young people are being denied their hopes for a job, a home, and a life in their own communities. Dozens of people are literally losing their homes through repossession.

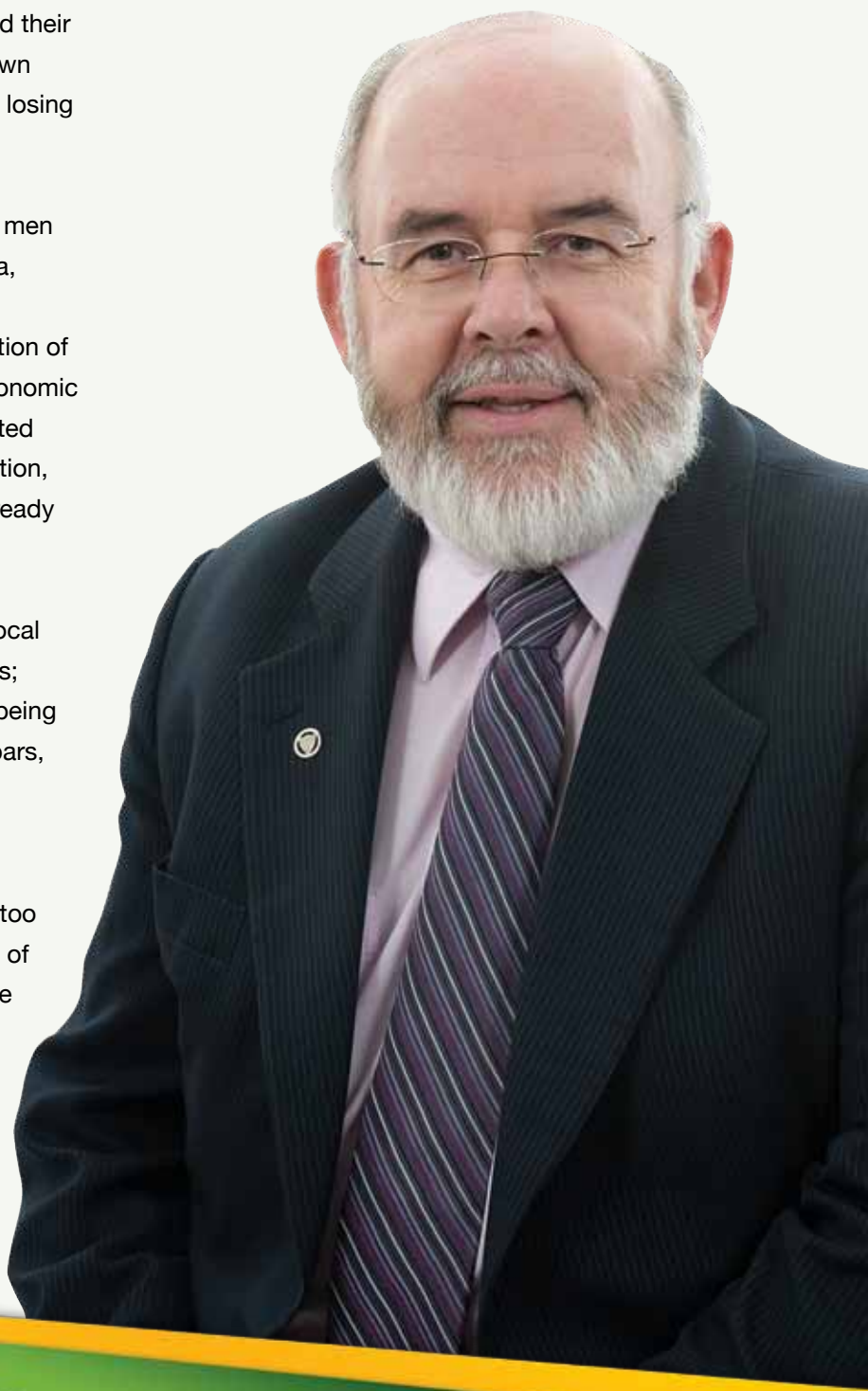
GAA clubs are being decimated with young men and women forced to emigrate – to Australia, Canada, the United States, England, and elsewhere. We are not only losing a generation of youth, we are losing the engine of future economic progress. I know of scores of families affected like this throughout Mid-Ulster. In one situation, three children from the same family have already emigrated.

Skilled trades-people; innovative thinkers; local entrepreneurs; social economy opportunities; youth and energy and future-spend, are all being lost – and may never return. Local shops, bars, food-outlets, garages and amenities are all suffering greatly as a result.

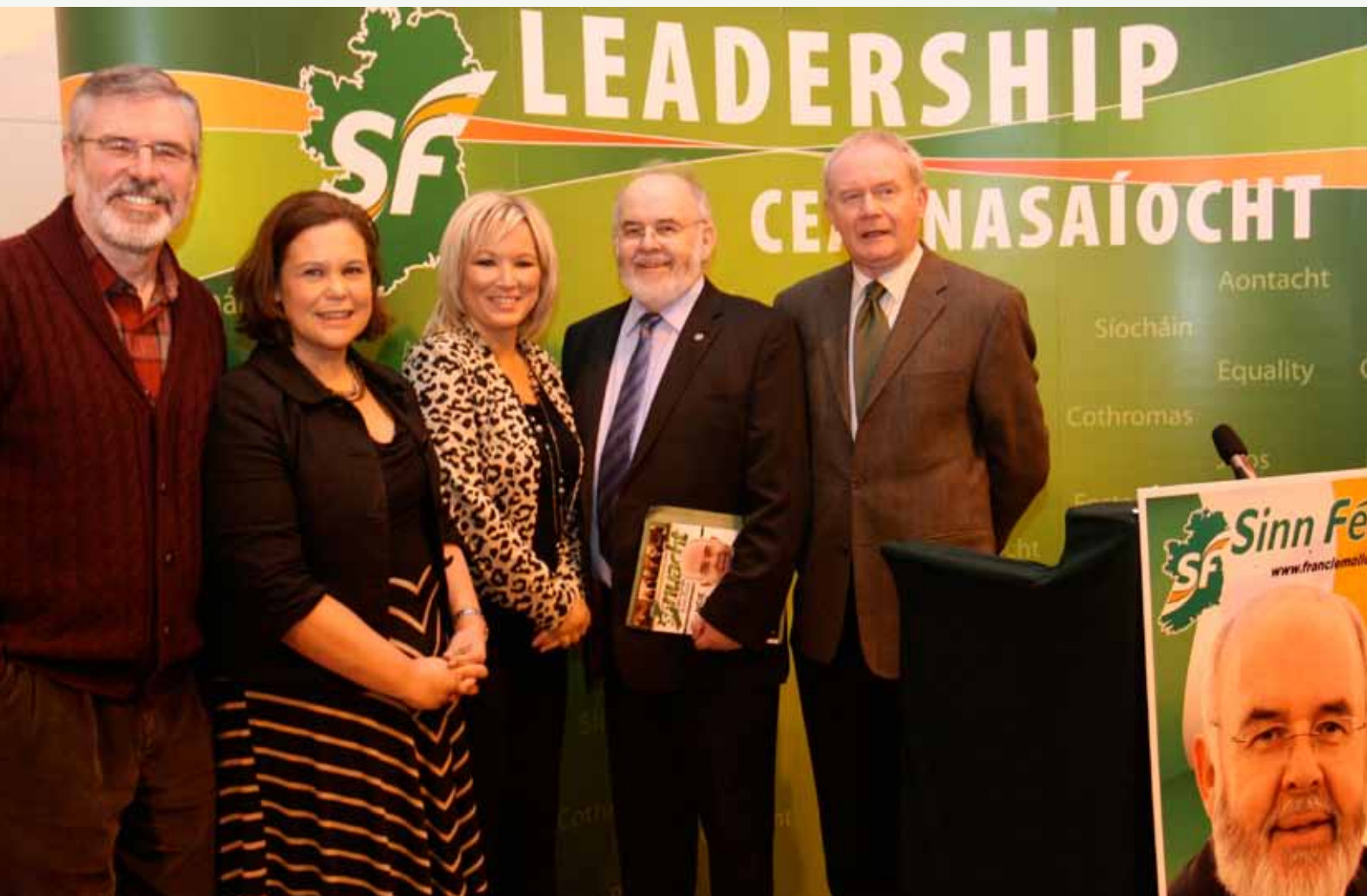
And as people are leaving communities, so too pounds are leaving the economy. That kind of economic model, which values nothing more than quick profit for a small few, can no longer be tolerated. It is not sustainable. We must end this cycle. We can end this cycle. We will end this cycle.

The development of the economy must go hand-in-glove with the development of equality – both for citizens and for communities, like Mid-Ulster.

That will be my priority in the years ahead.







## PEACE PROCESS

### Through the political and peace process, Sinn Féin has:

- » Advanced the cause of Irish reunification and establishment of an Ireland of Equals
- » Secured inclusive, power-sharing government in the Assembly and Executive, and developed all-Ireland political institutions
- » Put equality, human rights and accountable non-partisan community policing centre-stage
- » Led the way in promoting a process of national reconciliation

### We will:

- » Campaign for a referendum on Irish unity to be held simultaneously, North and South.
- » Champion the right to vote in presidential elections for citizens in the Six Counties
- » Enhance and develop equality and human rights protections on an all-Ireland basis for the protection of all minority groups
- » Demand the transfer of all outstanding powers, particularly fiscal and tax-varying powers, away from Westminster



## ECONOMY

### Sinn Féin has:

- » Championed Mid-Ulster as the world's leading provider of quarry and sand machinery and a global leader in engineering
- » Delivered specialist European recognition for the Lough Neagh eel, and strongly defended the indigenous eel fishing industry
- » Spearheaded planning approval for a range of local job creation enterprises throughout Mid-Ulster

### We will:

- » Champion a programme of economic equality and sustainable economic redistribution
- » Work for a sustainable economic programme aimed at ensuring everyone has reasonable opportunities and outcomes
- » Bring forward sensible and focused proposals for the future of social and economic development, in partnership with communities, business, civic society and the education sector
- » Work to establish a specialist engineering training centre to meet the long-term needs of Mid-Ulster





## AGRICULTURE

### Sinn Féin has:

- » Delivered an additional £15 million into farmers' pockets by not implementing voluntary modulation
- » Invested £8.7 million into the rural economy in Mid Ulster and Fermanagh through the Rural Development Programme
- » Invested over £860,000 in the Tyrone GAA at its new Centre of Participation at Garvaghey

### We will:

- » Invest a further £11.8 million in Mid-Ulster and Fermanagh by 2015 through the Rural Development Programme
- » Invest £5 million in rural broadband targeted at rural areas of multiple deprivation such as Mid Ulster
- » protect indigenous industries including the Toome eel fishery
- » work towards bringing the Lough back into public ownership



## WELFARE RIGHTS

### **Sinn Féin has:**

- » provided a first class advice service in our offices across Mid-Ulster
- » stood up to severe welfare cuts imposed by Westminster
- » opposed changes of welfare payments to single family members
- » created an Ad-Hoc Committee to look at human rights and equality compliance of the Bill

### **We will:**

- » oppose the so-called 'bedroom' tax
- » assert the primacy of medical evidence in all relevant welfare decisions
- » challenge the discredited work eligibility assessment, and new sanctions regime
- » critically challenge the Welfare Reform Bill





## HEALTH

### **Sinn Féin has:**

- » campaigned against the removal of acute services from Mid-Ulster Hospital
- » campaigned for improved recognition of autism as a social and communication disability
- » championed an all-Ireland suicide prevention strategy, and worked closely with local groups to promote improved mental health

### **We will:**

- » campaign for a bus route from rural areas to Antrim Area Hospital
- » campaign for adequate respite care for those families in need
- » continue to promote suicide awareness and challenge mental health stigma
- » increasingly target root causes of ill-health across all Departments, particularly the inequalities faced by those living in greatest objective need



## PLANNING

### **Sinn Féin has:**

- » prioritised the rights of rural dwellers, in terms of their home and business needs
- » successfully challenged Planning Service for many people of all ages to obtain permission within the countryside
- » campaigned on the issue of unapproved roads, and been successful from Gortview in Coalisland, to Cove Close in Ballyronan, to The Hawthorns in Maghera
- » lobbied for the A6 inquiry that has now agreed with Sinn Féin's suggestion of an alternative route for the link-road

### **We will:**

- » prioritise the demand that planning decisions must serve the needs of citizens and communities, not simply lines on a map
- » challenge planning decisions which stand in the way of sustainable economic business growth
- » continue to promote the social, economic and environmental benefits of Lough Neagh





## CULTURE & SPORTS

### Sinn Féin has:

- » over the last five years, as a result of our defence of the GAA, helped ensure over £5million of public money has gone to local GAA clubs in Tyrone and Derry
- » developed new public contract measures to target opportunities at long-term unemployed, apprentices and sub-contractors from areas of greatest need
- » brought forward a new boxing strategy worth an initial £3.2 million to local clubs
- » championed the Irish language through Minister Carál Ní Chuilín's Líofoa campaign

### We will:

- » continue to promote public resources towards the GAA to redress decades of discrimination, not least across Mid-Ulster
- » raise the Líofoa campaign to a new level, with a target of 5,000 new fluent Irish speakers from every walk of life in the North by 2015
- » bring forward a new Irish language strategy and work to deliver on an Irish Language Act





## POLICING / COMMUNITY SAFETY

### **Sinn Féin has:**

- » defended and supported the rights of bereaved families to secure human rights-compliant inquests into state killings
- » identified the issue of tackling rural crime as a key priority
- » exposed and undermined the 'retiring/rehiring' scandal in the PSNI
- » blocked British plans to try and re-create unaccountable policing, under the National Crime Agency proposals

### **We will:**

- » continue to hold the PSNI and Department of Justice to account through the Policing Board and Assembly
- » support the Attorney General's decision to re-open inquests into state killings, and the Police Ombudsman's independent investigations of past police wrong-doing
- » implement a strategy to make the composition of the PSNI fully representative of society
- » ensure even greater transparency in the administration, policy and practices of the North's criminal justice system



## EDUCATION

### **Sinn Féin has:**

- » retained the Educational Maintenance Allowance payment of £30 per week to young people in greatest need
- » secured investment for new school builds in the Mid Ulster area, including Gaelscoil Uí Néill, Holy Trinity Cookstown and Edendork Primary School
- » guaranteed pre-school places for every child
- » promoted Irish language activities through Extended Schools funding

### **We will:**

- » champion educational excellence and equality, over unfair academic selection
- » support the sustainable and strategic development of Irish medium education
- » bring forward the review of schools funding, with a priority on targeting resources at sectors and students of greatest objective need.

# TEACHTAIREACHT Ó GERRY ADAMS

Poblachtach ar feadh a shaoil is ea Francie Molloy, fear arb as Gluaiseacht na gCearta Sibhialta, buaic-bhlíanta na coimhlinte, tréimhse ina cheannaire le linn an phróisis síochána agus phróiseas athmhuintearais an lae inniu araon, a ghintear an bhaint atá aige le cúrsaí polaitíochta.

Idir chruthú fostaíochta, chur in aghaidh na déine agus sheasamh an fhóid ar son chearta an duine, is le teann díograise a d'oibrigh Francie air féin thear ceann an phobail Lár-Uladh i gcónaí, bíodh sé ina chomhairleoir nó ina CTR.

Tá fíis úrnua ag Sinn Féin i leith na hÉireann, fíis a bhfuil cothrom na féinne agus an chaoimhlaingte fite fuaite inti. Is ar thús cadhnaíochta atá Francie Molloy sa phróiseas leis an bhfíis seo a thabhairt chun críche.

B'ionadaí den chéad scoth é Máirtín Mac Aonghusa don phobal Lár-Uladh agus is cinnte gurb amhlaidh a bhéas ina chomharba.

Beidh Francie Molloy ina dhlúthchuid de fhoireann mheáite Uile-Éireann Shinn Féin agus é ina FP do Lár-Ulaidh. Foireann is ea í féin a bhfuil ionadaithe tofa ó gach uile chúinne den oileán le fáil ann idir an Dáil, an Seanad, an Tionól, Parlaimint na hEorpa agus Westminster.

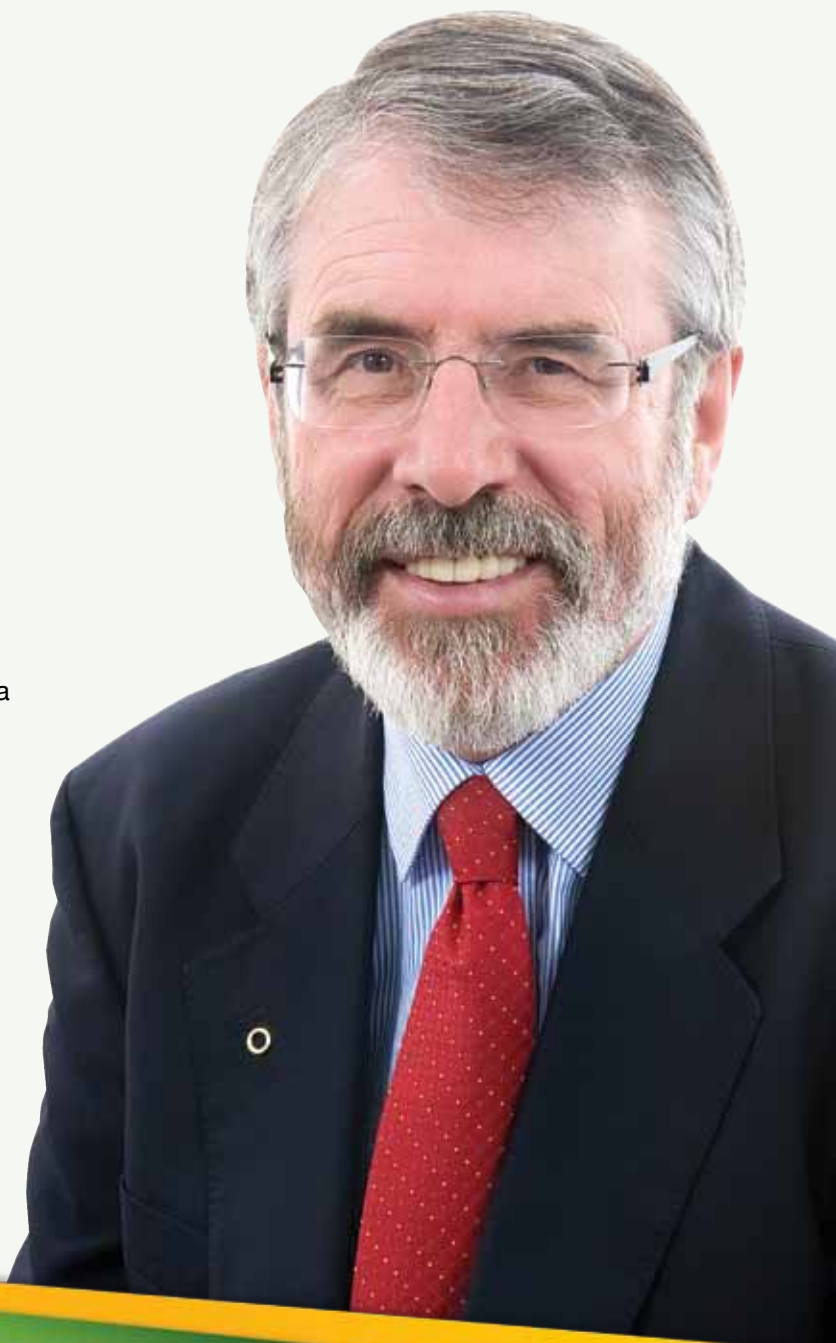
Is páirtí Poblachtánach Éireannach é Sinn Féin. Páirtí atá ionainn a fheidhmíonn ar son Aontú na hÉireann. Creideann muid sa chomhionannas agus san fhlaithneas, sa neamhspleáchas agus sa tsaoirse.

Is téagartha a bhfuil bainte amach againn le haghaidh an phobail.

Is mó i bhfad láidreacht, eagrú agus cumas an phoblachtánachais Éireannaigh san am i láthair ná mar a bhí riamh. Tá an ghlúin seo ag treabhadh gort úr i dtreo na poblachta nua – Poblacht 32-Contae a mbeidh ceartas sóisialta agus comhionannas fíor-lárnach ann.

Bígí linn agus muid ag leanacht orainn.

Vótáil Francie Molloy ar an 7ú Márta.





# TEACHTAIREACHT Ó FRANCIE MOLLOY

Tá an sean-Stát oráisteach ag titim faoi bhorradh agus bhiseach institiúidí uile-Éireann, cumhacht-roinnt, comhionannas agus dlíthe chearta daonna – agus seo de thairbhe straitéisí polaitiúla agus síochána Shinn Féin. Ní bheidh rud ar bith mar a bhí. Ní bheidh athchas ann.

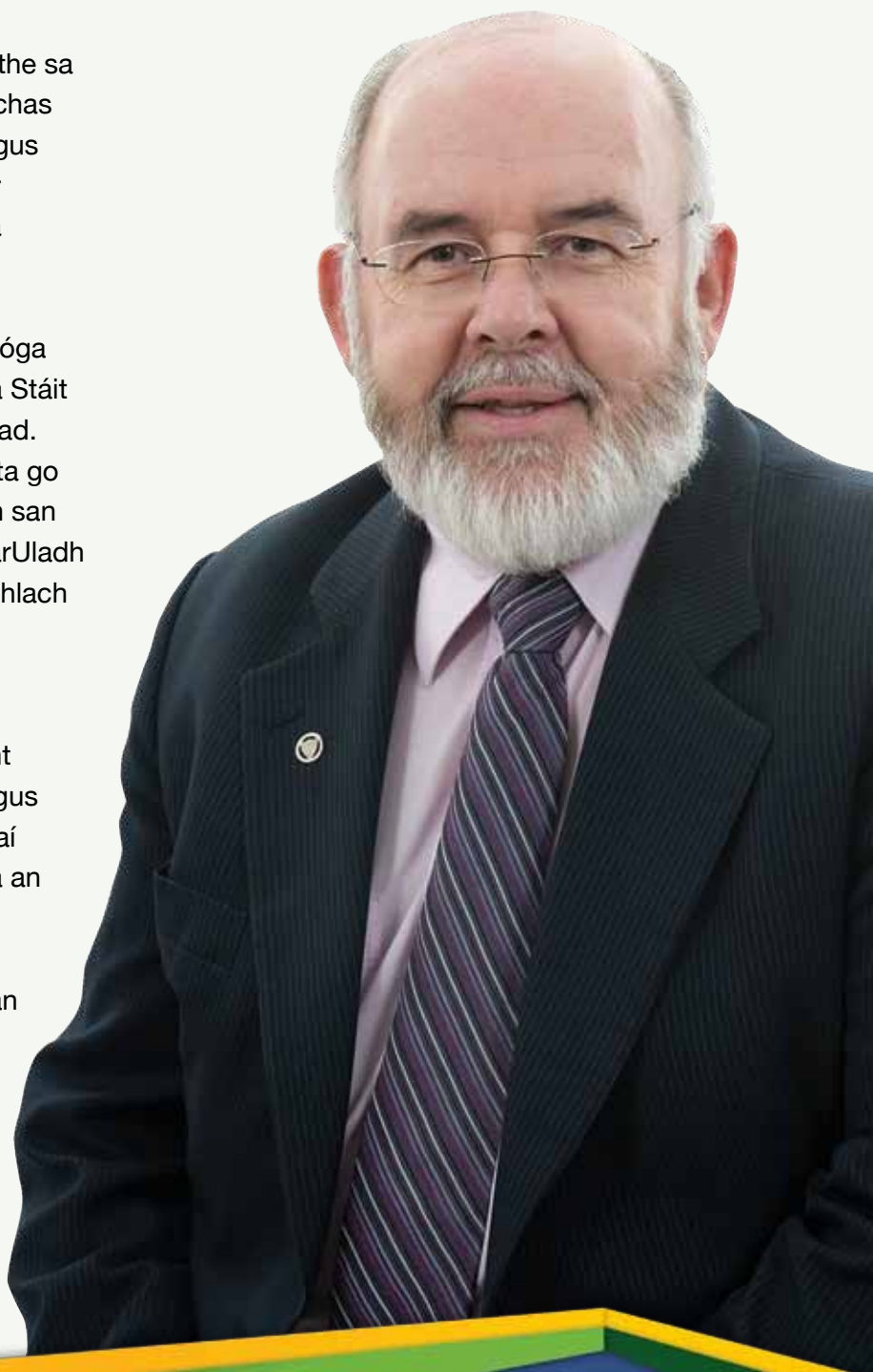
Ach, ar fud an oileáin seo, agus go háirithe sa dailcheantar seo, tá daoine óga gan dóchas go mbeidh fostaíocht, teach cónaithe agus saol acu leis a bpobal féin. Tá moll mór daoine ag cailleadh a dtíthe de dheasca athsheilbhe.

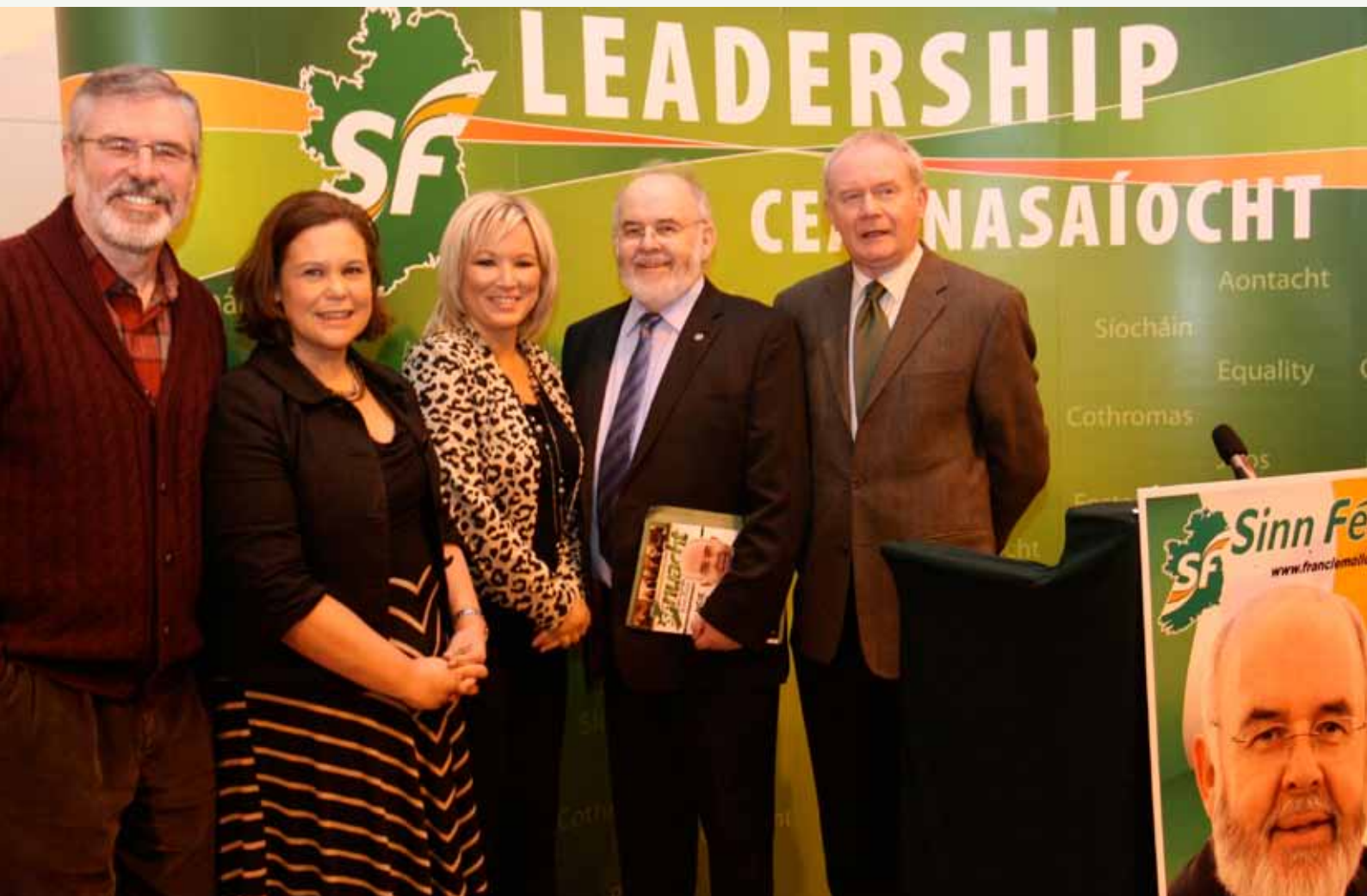
Tá CLG i gcruachas agus fir agus mná óga ar imirce – chun Astráil, go Ceanada, na Stáit Aontaithe, Sasana agus áiteanna nach iad. Ní amháin go gcailltear an Óige ach fosta go gcailltear féidearthacht an dul chun cinn san am atá le teacht. Tá scór teaghlaigh i lárUladh mar seo. I gcás amháin tá triúir ón teaghlach amháin ar imirce cheana.

Imíonn daoine a bhfuil scileanna agus smaointe nua acu; cailltear féidearthacht eacnamaíoch, óige agus fuinneamh – agus seans nach dtiocfaidh siad ar ais. Siopaí áitiúla, tithe leana, bialanna, gáráistí – tá an saol gann orthu.

Agus daoine ag imeacht ón phobal, tá an t-airgead ag imeacht leo. Ní thig linn glacadh níos mó le córas mar seo; brabach gasta do ghrúpaí beaga – ní cóir dó bheith buan. Caithfidh muid deireadh a chur leis. Is féidir linn deireadh a chur leis. Cuirfidh muid deireadh leis.

Forbairt eacnamaíochta agus forbairt chomhionannais – don saoranach agus don phobal ina leithéid de lárUladh. Is é sin cuspóir s'agam san am chun tosaigh.





## PRÓISEAS SÍOCHÁNA

### Mar gheall ar an Phróiseas Síochána tá bainte amach ag Sinn Féin:

- » Córas ceartais choiriúil in Éirinn agus cúis Éireann Aontaithe curtha chun cinn.
- » Tionól ina bhfuil cumhacht-roinnt agus cuimsiú; institiúidí uile-Éireann.
- » Comhionannas, cearta daonna, seirbhís phóilíneachta an phobail atá neamhchlaon sa phríomháit.
- » Próiseas athmhuintearais náisiúnta curtha chun cinn

### Le déanamh againn:

- » Dul ar fheachtas reifreann bheith ann, Thuaidh agus Theas, chun Éire Aontaithe a thabhairt i gcrích.
- » Cead a fháil do mhuintir na Sé Chontae guth a bheith acu le hUachtarán na hÉireann a thoghadh.
- » Cur le cearta sibhialta agus saoirsí gach duine sa phobal ar fud na hÉireann.
- » Cumhacht a éileamh ó Westminster maidir le cúrsaí buiséid, airgid, canach





## EACNAMAÍOCHT

### Déanta againn:

- » LárUladh foilsithe mar phríomháit domhanda innealra cairéil agus gainnimh agus innealtóireachta.
- » Aitheantas fáite san Eoraip do eascann Loch nEachach agus iascaireacht eascanna an cheantair cosanta.
- » Cead pleanáil fáite d'fheachtais fhostaíochta i lárUladh

### Le déanamh:

- » Clár comhionannas eacnamaíochta a bhfuil teacht aniar air a fheidhmiú.
- » Clár eacnamaíochta a chur chun cinn le deis réasúnta a thabhairt don phobal uile.
- » Tairiscintí céillí a thabhairt maidir le forbairt soisialta agus eacnamaíochta, i gcomhar le pobail, le muintir ghnó, le sochaí shaoranach agus leis an Roinn Oideachais.
- » Ionad traenáil innealtóireachta a bhunú i lárUladh





## TALMHAÍOCHT

### Déanta againn:

- » £15 milliún airgead fuillimh breise fáite ag feirmeoirí nuair nár cuireadh ‘voluntary modulation’ i gcrích.
- » £8.7 milliún i gcúrsaí eacnamaíochta i lárUladh agus Fir Manach fríd an Chlár Forbartha Tuaithe.
- » £860,000 don Ionad nua CLG ag Garvaghey

### Le déanamh:

- » £11.8 milliún breise a chur i lárUladh agus Fear Manach le linn 2013-2015 fríd an Chlár Forbartha Tuaithe.
- » £5 milliún a chaitheadh in áiteanna (lárUladh san áireamh) le cur le seirbhísí Broadband fan tuaithe.
- » Cosaint ar thionscal na háite, iascach eascainn an Tuaim san áireamh.
- » Oibriú le Loch nEachach a thabhairt ar ais faoi bhráid an phobail



## CEARTA SÓISIALACHA

### Déanta againn:

- » Seirbhísí comhairle eagraithe i n-oifigí ar fud lárUladh.
- » Dul in éadan laghdú chearta leasa Westminster.
- » Dul in éadan athraithe íocaíochta do bhaill shingil theaghlach.
- » Coiste ad-hoc eagraithe le h-amharc ar chomhlíonadh an Bhille maidir le cearta daonna agus comhionannas

### Le déanamh:

- » Dul in éadan an chánach 'seomra leapa'.
- » Cur sa chéad áit fianaise doctúra i gcasanna leasa.
- » Dul in éadan measúnú (a bhfuil droch-chlú air) a bhaineann le habáltacht oibre agus córas na smachtbhanna nua.
- » Cur in aghaidh Bille Atheagrú Leasa





## SLÁINTE

### Déanta againn:

- » Troid in éadan druidim seirbhísí tionóisce agus éigeandála ón Otharlann LárUladh.
- » Curtha chun cinn eolas ar an ghalar 'autism' mar míchumas soisialta cumarsaide.
- » Curtha chun cinn straitéis in éadan féinmharú agus obair déanta le grúpaí áitiúla le feabhas a chur ar sheirbhísí leighis intinnigh

### Le déanamh:

- » Feachtas a reachtáil le seirbhísí busanna a fháil ó áiteanna iargúlta go hOtharlann Aontruime.
- » Oibriú le seirbhísí faoisimh a fháil do theaghlaigh a bhfuil siad de dhíth orthu.
- » Eolas ar fhéinmharú a cur chun cinn agus dul in éadan lorg an ghalar intinnigh.
- » Sna Ranna uile, díriú isteach ar cúiseanna dhrochshláinte, ach go háirithe na fadhbanna atá ag daoine in anás





## PLEANÁIL

### Déanta againn:

- » Cearta phleanáil na ndaoine a chónaíonn fan tuath, idir thithe agus ghnó, curtha chun cinn.
- » Cuid mhór daoine de gach aois cuidithe le cead pleanála fan tuath a fháil.
- » Sochrú déanta maidir le bóithre 'gan cead' – Gortview in Oileán an Ghuail, Cove Close in Baile Ronain, The Hawthorns in Machaire Rátha.
- » Tacaíocht le fiosrúchán A6 agus aontas bainte amach ar bhealach eile don nasc-bhóthar

### Le déanamh:

- » Éileamh a dhéanamh go gcaithfidh cinneadh phleanála bheith i bhfách le mianta saoránach agus pobal agus ní le línte ar léarscáil.
- » Dul in éadan cinneadh phleanála atá in aghaidh fáis agus forbartha an ghnó.
- » Cur chun cinn na buntáistí eacnamaíochta soisialta agus timpeallachta a bhaineann le Loch nEachach



## CULTÚR AGUS SPÓRT

### Déanta againn:

- » Le cúig bliana anuas, £5 milliún airgid poiblí cinntithe do CLG i dTír Eoghain agus i nDoire.
- » Forbairt deiseanna nua poiblí ar fáil do dhaoine dífhostaithe go fadtréimhseach, do phrintísigh agus do fhochoonraitheoirí, ó áiteanna in anás.
- » £3.2 milliún curtha ar fáil do chlubanna dornála.
- » Taca don fheachtas 'Líofa' leis an Ghaeilge a chur chun cinn

### Le déanamh:

- » Lean ar aghaidh le cuidiú airgeadais don CLG in dhiaidh na blianta leatroidhe, ach go háirithe i lárUladh.
- » An Feachtas 'Líofda' a fhorbairt – sprioc 5,000 Gaeilgeoirí úra ó gach ceantar sa Tuaisceart i 2015.
- » Straitéis úr don teanga a chur chun tosaigh agus Acht na Gaeilge a bhaint amach





# PÓILÍNIÚ AGUS SÁBHÁILTEACHT

## Déanta againn:

- » Taca do theaghlaigh mharbháin coiste cróinéara a fháil le scrúdú cóir a dhéanamh ar dhúnmharú an Stáit.
- » Príomháit tabhartha do dhéileáil go fiúntach le coir thuathúil.
- » Nochtú scannal sa PSNI a bhain le 'éirí as/athcheapú'.
- » Bac curtha ar phlean Briotanach 'Gníomhaireacht Coire Náisiúnta' a bhunadh – rud a dhéanfadh póilíní mí-fhreagrach

## Le déanamh:

- » Úsáid a bhaint as an Bhord Phóilíníú agus as an Tionól le srian a choinneáil ar an PSNI agus ar Roinn an Chirt.
- » Taca don Ard-Aighne a shocraigh go n-oscalfar coistí a bhaineann le dúnmharú an Stáit, agus do scrúdú Ombudsman na bPéas ar éagóir i measc na bPéas.
- » Straitéis a shocrú le go gceapfar na Péas ó gach aicme an phobail.
- » Soiléiriú riarachán, polasaí agus gnó chóras chóir an Tuaiscirt





## OIDEACHAS

### Déanta againn:

- » An deontas scoile £30 gach seachtain a coinneáil do dhaoine óga a bhfuil sé de dhíth orthu.
- » Airgead ar fáil le scoileanna nua a thógáil i lárUladh – san áireamh, Gaelscoil Úi Néill, An Trionóid Naofa, An Chorr Chríochach agus Bunscoil Edendork.
- » Áit i naíscoil geallta do gach páiste.
- » Imeachtaí curtha fá réir sa Gaeilge trí thaisce scoile

### Le Déanamh:

- » Príomháit a thabhairt d'Oideachas cothrom foirfe seachas toghadh acadúil.
- » Taca d'fhorbairt oideachas trí mheán na Gaeilge.
- » Athscrúdú ar chiste na scoileanna le cinntiú go bhfuil cothrom na Féinne ag scoileanna agus ag scóláirí atá in anás