

Hi, I'm Cllr. Eoin Hayes

I am a Dublin City Councillor for the Kimmage-Rathmines area of Dublin.

I'm a **life-long renter** and aspiring homeowner. I know the housing crisis personally and the devastating impact it has on families and young people across the city, and it's **why I am standing for election to Dáil Éireann.**

I live locally with my partner and work as a consultant **helping small businesses to grow.** I'm a graduate of London Business School and am **passionate about creating economic opportunities for everyone.**

Ireland is a great country with great people, but **Irish politics needs to be more courageous.** I believe there is a better way of leading the country to solve its most pressing problems, and our people deserve a standard of life consistent with any other European country – **great public services, affordable childcare and education, proper well-maintained modern infrastructure, thriving indigenous economy, and a safe city.**

To achieve this we need a better form of government where we plan and **invest for the long term,** not just electoral cycles, and ensure **efficient use of taxpayer money** to deliver value for money.

Go raibh maith agat.



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I am asking for your number 1 Vote

In politics, we speak mostly about problems, but I have been struck, after speaking with thousands of people in our community, by **the hopefulness in our country.**

I believe Ireland can be the place we deserve if we build it. That will take time and effort; but it will also take **electing politicians that do the hard work** of understanding our problems and have a **sense of urgency to deliver real solutions.**

That's the TD I will be, if you would honour me with your #1 Vote. I hope you'll give me that chance.

I stand for:

- Delivery of homes for people, not funds
- Investment in 21st century infrastructure, public services and improving the safety of our city
- Prioritising the care economy – universal healthcare, mental health services, and disability services
- Improving the safety of our city
- Delivering a "New Deal" for families
- Investing in a resilient economy for the future



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Cllr. Eoin
HAYES

Your General Election Candidate for
Dublin Bay South

Prioritising the Care Economy

The Ireland I know wants everyone to get the care they deserve when they need it.

If in government, we will fully fund and implement Sláintecare, delivering:

- **Universal healthcare** where people can attend the doctor free of charge
- Increased funding for vital **mental health services** to 10% of the healthcare budget
- Access to **homecare and community care**

Disability services are a human right and we will accelerate investment to address huge capacity constraints and **ratify the Optional Protocol of the UNCRPD.**

Infrastructure and a City for the 21st Century

We must be more ambitious for our country for the 21st century. If my party is in the next government, I'm committing to:

- Creating a **€5 billion climate transformation fund** aimed at making Ireland energy-independent in the next decade and fully funding a **flood defence strategy for Dublin's coastline**
- Accelerating investment in **rail and metro services**, including a South West **Metrolink through Harold's Cross and Terenure** as part of an expanded Dublin rail network to the airport
- **Ensuring a safe city for all:** increase community policing, combat rising racism, anti-semitism and islamophobia, tackle antisocial behaviour
- A **directly-elected mayor** for Dublin



Deliver Homes for People, Not Funds

Home ownership is at an all-time low. The lack of affordable housing is devastating families, renters and has left people with little option but to live in their childhood homes. We face shortages of teachers, healthcare workers, and Gardaí. Even big companies in Dublin are struggling to recruit highly-paid staff.

I believe the approach to housing by this government has failed too many, and we in the Social Democrats have a plan to:

- **Unleash the State's capacity** to build tens of thousands of genuinely affordable homes every year and reduce homelessness with social housing
- Bring empty homes and lands back into use by **increasing the vacant homes tax and dereliction levies**
- **End the domination of 'luxury-only' build-to-rent** construction in Dublin city and the relentless speculative profiteering in housing at the expense of communities



Ireland's annual budget has nearly doubled from €56B (2012) to €110B this year. Do you feel like taxpayers get value for money?



A "New Deal" for Families

Raising a family in Dublin is becoming increasingly difficult and expensive.

We believe in making Ireland the best country in the world to raise children by:

- **Increasing paid parents' leave** to include the first 12 months of a child's life
- Establishing a **public model of childcare** by directly building additional childcare settings, including on the grounds of local schools; and capping childcare at €250 per month
- **Making education truly free:** funding schoolbooks and classroom resources, increased capitation grants, abolishing 'voluntary contributions'
- Publicly funding and ensuring accessible **sports and leisure facilities**, open to all in our area



Ireland's ranking on basic infrastructure is 29th, behind most European countries. Social democracies like Denmark lead the pack.



A Resilient Economy

Ireland's economy faces growing risks, and as great as the multinationals have been for Ireland, **we need to increase our focus on Ireland's indigenous economy:** small businesses, startups, and scale-ups. This also means **developing our innovative capacity** in research and development in our universities and industry.

Our workforce is among the most productive in the world. **We need to retain our best with better protections:** a real Living Wage reflecting the cost of living, a statutory right to union recognition and collective bargaining, and ending exploitative and precarious working practices by extending bans on zero-hour/if-and-when contracts.

