

Newsletter

Winter/Spring 2025



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THANK YOU!

Dear Resident,

I want to take the chance to wish you all a very happy New Year 2025.

As we begin a new Dáil term, I want to express my sincere thanks and deep appreciation to you for putting your trust in me. I am thrilled and honoured to have been re-elected to serve as your local TD in Dublin Bay South, the community where I grew up and where I live with my family.

I am also delighted that the General Election in November saw the return of a strengthened parliamentary party for Labour; we saw 11 Labour TDs elected, including 7 new deputies.

Our new Labour team is working hard to deliver on the urgent needs of our communities, to achieve an active state that works for all.

In this constituency, and nationally, we face many challenges that must be addressed with urgency by this new Dáil: a lack of affordable homes; chronic shortages of school and childcare places, particularly for those with additional needs; the erosion of public and community services; the climate emergency; and much more.

As always, if there is ever any way that I can be of assistance to you or your household on any matter, please do contact my office and I will be glad to offer help and support.

If you are interested in going on a tour of Leinster House, please get in contact.

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Priorities for the new Dáil term



Celebrating re-election as TD for Dublin Bay South at the RDS Count Centre in December 2024.

Housing

Housing is the civil rights issue of our generation. Rents continue to rise at an unsustainable rate; homelessness figures consistently break records month on month; and far too many are simply unable to access affordable homes.

People in Ireland need an active state that is ambitious about the construction of housing and eradicating homelessness through public investment. Only with radical action can we solve the housing crisis.

Labour will continue to press the Government to deliver affordable homes for people, tackle the scourge of vacancy and dereliction, and advocate for our *Renters' Rights* and *Homeless Families Bills*.

Climate and transport

As a keen cyclist and environmentalist, I am passionate about delivering safer cycling and walking infrastructure and better public transport for our communities.

As your TD, I will continue to campaign for the provision of more cycle lanes, public transport options, bike parking facilities and EV charging points, as well as supporting biodiversity initiatives in our city. My Dublin Bay Bill before the Dáil would improve water quality, protect nature, and restore amenities along the coastline. Enacting this is a priority for me.

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Save our services

Despite record tax receipts and budget surpluses, the erosion of our public services continues. I have taken a strong stance in support of local post office and community services, particularly to keep the iconic and historic Rathmines Post Office in public use. These services are lifelines for our communities.

Solidarity with Gaza, Ukraine, and with all those enduring war and conflict

As the new Dáil sits, it is imperative that the Occupied Territories Bill is enacted without delay. For too long, this legislation has been stayed, even while Gaza remained under brutal bombardment from Israel.

Meanwhile, three years since the initial invasion, the people of Ukraine are still enduring Russia's barbaric war.

Labour will continue to offer a strong voice in solidarity with all those facing war, violence and persecution across the globe.

Closer to home, I am proud to have worked with local residents to set up the *Dublin 6* and *Dublin 4 for All* groups to ensure a positive welcome for new arrivals in our communities.



Demonstrating in support of the people of Gaza with Irish Healthcare Workers for Palestine.

Education and children's rights

As your TD, I will continue to work with parents to address the chronic shortages in childcare spaces in our community, as well as putting pressure on the Government to reduce costs for families. We in Labour believe that every child deserves the right to an early years place. I am also continuing to engage with parents to advocate for more school spaces for children with additional needs and tackle the shocking waiting lists for autism assessments; as well as addressing teacher shortages in our city.



Festive fun at Christmas Makers Market at the Evergreen Centre, Terenure.

YOUR LABOUR TEAM IN DUBLIN BAY SOUTH









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way that I can be of assistance to you or your household, please do get in touch. Scan to sign up to my mailing list to receive email updates!



