

# LABOUR

## Building an Equal Society

The Labour Party manifesto 2020

Easy to Read Summary





There is a General Election on February 8<sup>th</sup>.



The General Election will see 160 TDs elected to Dáil Éireann.

This document tells you our main ideas and why you should vote for us in the General Election.



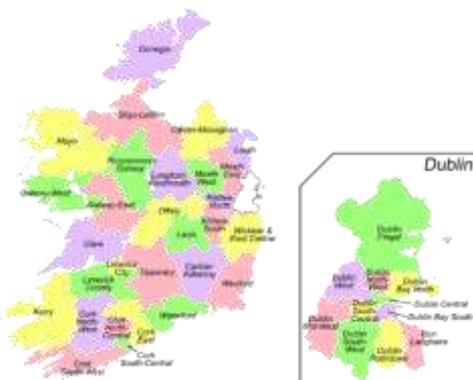
There is also a full manifesto, which has all of our ideas.

The Labour party leader is Brendan Howlin.



He says that Labour wants Ireland to be more like other European countries and

Irish Constituencies



- Build enough homes.
- Provide good quality healthcare for everyone.
- Put an end to the waste of public money.

Labour will be running candidates in many constituencies.

If they are elected, Labour TDs will work hard for the people of Ireland.

The Labour Party has 5 main policies.



These policies are our ideas to make Ireland a better country for everyone.

The Labour party will not go into government or support another party unless they agree to our 5 main policies.



The 5 main policies are



1) We'll build homes



2) Equality in healthcare



3) Better pay and job security



4) A fair start for every child



5) Climate justice

## We'll build homes



In Ireland, we have relied on the private housing market and this has not worked.

Instead of building new homes, the Government is giving money to landlords to house people.

Developers have built accommodation that makes a big profit, instead of building affordable homes.

Houses in housing estates have been bought and then rented out. This means that some people can never buy a home in their community.

Labour believe that the housing crisis could be brought to an end by freezing and capping rents until enough homes are built.

Capping rents means that rents cannot be put up.

Labour will direct state agencies to build 80,000 homes on public land over the next five years.

We would also make sure that enough other services are in place such as transport and jobs where houses are built.

# Equality in Healthcare



Ireland is spending more money than ever on healthcare.

Despite this, hospitals are overcrowded and waiting times are very long.



Fine Gael has overspent money on things like the National Children's Hospital.

Labour will make changes to improve our healthcare system such as:

**Sláintecare.**



Bring in the SláinteCare report which will change our healthcare system.

Fund more hospital beds and hospital staff.

Make sure that funding goes to areas of need.



Fund more local health services.

# Equality in Healthcare



Access to nurses, home help workers, physiotherapists, occupational therapists and counsellors in local communities.



Home care so that more people can stay in their own homes.

Increased respite places.



Providing free GP care to under 18s and people with disabilities.

Making changes to encourage an increase in GPs.



Making sure that rural areas and poorer urban areas have access to a G.P.

## Better Pay and job security

Labour think that people need a pay rise.



More needs to be done to make sure people can balance their job and their home life.

Labour will make changes such as:



We will make sure that everyone can get the support of a trade union at work.

A trade union is an organisation formed to protect the rights and interests of the members.



We will raise the minimum wage to be a real living wage.

This means that people can have a decent standard of living.



Labour will tackle the gig economy.

The gig economy are jobs with short term contracts or no set working week.



Labour will keep the State Pension age at 66.

## A fair start for every child



Labour wants to make sure that no child is left behind.

Ireland is more diverse and we need to make changes to make sure everyone is included.

Labour will:



Make primary education genuinely free-of-charge with no hidden costs like school books.



Develop a childcare scheme for working parents.



Bring in safeguards to protect young people from abuse and discrimination, including online.



Never put up with racism.

Bring in a new policy to welcome 'New Irish' people.



Improve child and adolescent mental health services.

## Climate Justice



Time is running out, so we must act now on climate.

Labour will:



Give funding locally so that people can insulate their homes and save energy.

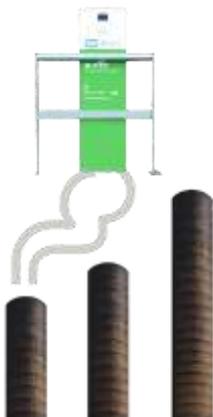


Make new green jobs for workers in the ESB, Coillte and Bord na Móna.



Support the campaign on climate change that also protects worker's rights.

Put in place better public transport and cycling paths.



Give electric vehicle grants to those who need them.

Reduce greenhouse gases by half in ten years.

### **About this Easy to Read Guide:**

The Labour party has produced a full manifesto which sets out in detail our positions for Election 2020.

You can find out more on Labour's website [www.labour.ie](http://www.labour.ie)

You can phone Labour on 01 6784700

This document is an easy to read version of the Labour Party's 5 core policies for Election 2020. It has been developed for people with literacy difficulties and intellectual disabilities.

The document was produced by Easy to Read Ireland ([www.easytoread.ie](http://www.easytoread.ie)) for the Labour Party and has been proof-read for its accessibility by a person for whom it is designed to be used.

There is also a plain English guide to the Labour Party's core policy asks.

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