



Brendan Ryan

Senator

Representing the people of Dublin North

Newsletter



ONLY LABOUR CAN DELIVER REAL CHANGE ...Gilmore

Fianna Fáil has tried to divide this country. They and other vested interests have tried to turn public sector against private sector, those in employment against those without work. It is a hopeless strategy of divide and rule. It has to be brought to an end.

"Labour has innovative, practical solutions to the jobs crisis. The creation of jobs is vital to our economic renewal. We have argued for that constantly. Compare that with a Government that is wedded to a failed Thatcherite obsession with slashing public spending alone. Labour is determined to create the conditions where enterprise, innovation and job creation can thrive.

"Labour is also determined to be to the forefront in proposing real reform in both the public and private sectors. Our political system needs to be fit for purpose,

our health service urgently needs reform to eliminate the two-tier apartheid that still exists, and our private sector needs to change so that crony capitalism can't flourish.

"Underlining this agenda for change is the idea of fairness. Reform and renewal can only work if it is fair, and seen to be fair. Low and middle income earners together with social welfare recipients can't be expected to pay for the greed and avarice of a wealthy few.

"Politics in Ireland is now a three-way contest. Together with the PLP and our growing Party I am determined to build on our successes. Ireland needs radical change, not just a change of faces around a cabinet table. Labour is the only Party ready to deliver that change so that this country can recover and we can build a better future for all our people," Eamon concluded.

CAMPAIGN FOR DIRECT BUS SERVICE FROM FINGAL TO BEAUMONT HOSPITAL

Senator Brendan Ryan is campaigning for a direct bus service from Fingal to Beaumont Hospital and has made representations to Dublin Bus on the matter.

"Swords and most of the Fingal area is within the catchment area for Beaumont Hospital and therefore it is vital to provide a direct service from Fingal to the Hospital. To get from Swords to Beaumont Hospital by bus requires two bus journeys: one bus from Swords to Collins Avenue and a second from Collins Avenue to the hospital. This entails people waiting at a bus stop, often in the howling wind and rain, for a connection.

"During the past months I have spoken to constituents on the doorsteps, many of whom have had no alternative but to hire a taxi to attend for a hospital appointment or visit because of the lack of a direct bus service to the hospital. It is totally unacceptable that a person, perhaps the holder of a bus pass, should be obliged to take a taxi from Swords to Beaumont hospital when there is an obvious demand for a direct bus service to be provided.

Support the campaign by signing the on-line petition at:

www.PetitionOnline.com/Beaumont/petition.html

If you do not have access to the internet then give us a call to register your support.



JOBS - ROAD TO RECOVERY

Politics has been dominated by the Banking Crisis and the public debt. However unless we can put people back to work, there will be no recovery. We can fix the banks but at such enormous cost that we break the economy. Government must be forced to address the dole queues.

For a dozen years the economy boomed from the mid 1990s. In the first half of that period the boom was driven by exports. In the second half property and construction took over. The property bubble hid the declining export performance. A country can't earn its living selling houses to one another. When the crash came in 2008, this crucial weakness was exposed.

Government made the wrong decisions. Government failed to make the necessary interventions. The State's watchdogs didn't bark. The Euro opened up access to cheap money. The Banks over borrowed and shovelled it out to developers. The Financial Regulator turned a blind eye. The Department of Finance lacked the skills to arrest the looming disaster. The Developers built 15,000 hotel rooms that we didn't need and countless housing estates where there are no people.

NOT FIT FOR PURPOSE

Bankers and Government Ministers have properly been indicted. But what about the Central Bank, The Financial Regulator and the Department of Finance? Did they turn a blind eye because of political pressure?

Or are they not fit for purpose? The Government blocked a Labour Party Bill for a Public Dail Inquiry. There must be accountability. And we must know precisely why our institutions failed so comprehensively so that we can put them right.

At the same time we must start getting people back to work. The Public Capital Programme, the vehicle to invest in schools, roads, broadband, housing, hospitals and other public infrastructure has been cut back. Meanwhile the Government plans to put the equivalent of seven years of capital spending (Public Capital Programme 2010-16 is €39 Billion) into a Bank* that doesn't trade – Anglo-Irish Bank. Let us start the recovery by winding down the cesspit that is Anglo-Irish Bank and put whatever investment that is saved into measures for the retention and creation of jobs.**

* (The Minister for Finance has committed €22.3 Billion in recapitalisation to Anglo-Irish and €18 Billion to buy its toxic loan book)

** Labour has published detailed proposals for job creation in our policy document entitled "**Jobs and Recovery**" which is available at www.labour.ie or on request from my office.

Bed Closures at Beaumont

Senator Brendan Ryan called on Mary Harney TD, Minister for Health and Children to personally intervene to prevent the closure of 52 beds in Beaumont Hospital. He called for an improvement in treatment of patients in A&E in Beaumont, not the deterioration that these planned cutbacks will cause.

Speaking in the Seanad, Senator Ryan said: "We have all heard the shocking news that 52 beds are to close in Beaumont.

"People are being held up in A&E because of lack of bed availability and that is before these proposed cuts kick in. I have been contacted by nurses in Beaumont telling me that these cuts will devastate A&E in the hospital and we know that there are often 40/50 people on trolleys and chairs before these latest savage cuts. A health strategy which is based on: starvation of resources; slash and burn; and sink or swim; is totally unacceptable. It shows no regard whatsoever for the individual who has to go through this scandalous ordeal in A&E.



Protest at 52 Bed Closure at Beaumont Hospital

"With these 52 beds proposed to be closed there will be 52 fewer beds available to relieve the situation. More and more of the same - Cut the budget with no concern for the effect on patients."

HEAD SHOPS



Brendan at Head Shop protest in Malahide

The recent mushrooming of Head Shops throughout the country has caused great concern in areas where they have been allowed to open. Despite the banning of various psychoactive

substances, the appearance of a new drug on the market highlights the difficulties in containing this problem. Reports from doctors and specialists have drawn attention to the very serious medical consequences of it for the users.

While the banning of named substances or groups of substances is a step in the right direction, those involved in the business will continue to find replacements and the problem will remain. Legislation published by the Labour Party proposes a mechanism for preventing the opening of any more such Head Shops, through the introduction of new planning laws. This would prevent a person from renting a shop premises and converting it immediately to a Head Shop. This legislation should be accepted by the Government as a matter of urgency. Head shops and the products that they are offering need to be banned now and we should not have to wait for any more damage to be done to the users of these products. Education programmes aimed at informing and advising have an important role to play but access to these products will continue to present problems.

BUS CUTS

The new Bus Network is being rolled out in five phases over the next year. The Dublin North area is included in different phases: Malahide/Kinsealy is included in the second phase of the scheme to be published at the end of this year, whereas Swords/Balbriggan is scheduled for Phase 5 which will be available in next Spring. Public consultation will follow publication of the phases.



As part of the review of Dublin Bus services, it is planned to make savings of €12 million. This will mean less bus drivers which will result in a reduced bus service. Although the new bus network will result in a number of efficiencies with more buses being deployed on Quality Bus Corridors (QBC), many areas that are not served by a QBC will suffer from a reduced bus service. Dublin Bus has also confirmed that the Real Time Passenger Information should be rolling out at the start of next year

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FINGAL UNEMPLOYMENT – At the end of May, the Live Register figures for the Swords Local Office, including Donabate and Portrane, shows that jobless numbers have jumped to 4,750, and to 4,867 in Balbriggan, which includes Skerries, Rush, Lusk, Ballyboughal, Garristown, Oldtown, the Naul, Balrothery and Balscadden. The Jobs Crisis is the single biggest issue facing our society and measures designed to retrain people in employment are not sufficiently high priority with Government. It is a real crisis when the number climb from 1,377 in Swords, in May 2007, to 4,750 by the end of May 2010, and from 1,377 in Balbriggan in May 2007 to the current 4,867. Jobs are being lost every day in the real economy and many of them are not coming to attention. The Government needs to shift its focus from the fiscal and banking crisis and address the haemorrhage of job losses.

WOMEN'S AID – Women affected by domestic violence may contact Women's Aid: Women's Aid, Everton House, 47 Old Cabra Road, Dublin 7 or Women's Aid Freephone Helpline 10am to 10pm 7 days a week 1800 341 900 www.womensaid.ie

MANAGEMENT COMPANIES BILL – For five years Labour has been pressing the Government to introduce legislation to regulate the operation of Management Companies. The Multi-unit Developments Bill is making slow progress having only recently begun the 2nd Stage in the Dáil. The amended Bill now covers houses in managed developments and compels builder to hand over extensive documentation concerning the managed development to the Owners Management Company. Please contact me if you would like any further information about this bill.

BACK TO SCHOOL CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR ALLOWANCE

This scheme is open from June 1st to September 30th. The allowance is provided to help meet the cost of uniforms and footwear for children attending school. A number of conditions apply to this grant:

1. You must be getting certain social welfare payments or payments for training, employment schemes or adult education;
2. Your total household income must be below a certain amount;
3. The child/student must be between 2 and 22 years before 1st October of the year you apply and must be in full-time education at a recognised school or college.

If you think you qualify and would like further information, please get in touch on brendan.ryan@oir.ie or 6183421.



Brendan campaigns with Eamon Gilmore and Joan Burton in Swords

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Images from Labour Conference 2010



EAMON GILMORE'S PARTY LEADER SPEECH



SENATOR BRENDAN RYAN ADDRESSING THE CONFERENCE



BRENDAN AND SENATOR PHIL PRENDERGAST SPEAK TO DELEGATES



BRENDAN WITH SDLP LEADER, MARGARET RICHIE, MP; SENATORS AND COUNCILLORS

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BRENDAN'S CLINICS

Balbriggan

Combined Clubs,

Dublin Street

Every Saturday

11.00 am

Skerries

Carnegie Library,

Strand Street

Every Saturday

12.00 am

Rush

Rush Community Centre,

Main Street

Every Thursday

7.00 pm

Lusk

Carnegie Library,

The Green

Every Thursday

8.00pm

Swords

Swords Senior Citizen Centre,

Chapel Lane

Every Friday

5.30 pm

Donabate

Donabate Parish Hall

Every Thursday

5.30 pm

Malahide

St. Sylvester's GAA

Clubhouse, Church Road

Every Monday

11.00 am

Other Areas by Appointment
(618 3421)

Your Labour Councillors in Dublin North

Balbriggan Ward



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