Newsletter

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Ivana Bacik TD

Dublin Bay South

Dear Friend,

As your local TD, I am honoured to represent you in Dáil Éireann and enclose an update on some of the work that I have been doing on your behalf.

I would be glad to invite you to visit Leinster House for a tour over the coming term; please email me on ivana.bacik@oireachtas.ie if you would like to arrange a visit.





With Labour Senator Annie Hoey

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As your local TD, I have been working hard on your behalf in the Dáil on a range of issues, including:

- ENVIRONMENT: As a regular sea swimmer, I have introduced my Dublin Bay Bill to create a new agency to enhance our marine biodiversity and coastal amenities. I have proposed a new 'climate ticket' to give unlimited public transport journeys across Ireland for just €9 per month.
- **COMMUNITIES:** I have been working to create more accessible sports facilities for our children and young people, and to preserve face-to-face services in our urban centres.
- HOUSING: I have been pressing for urgent commencement of a massive house-building programme and have launched a Bill for Renters' Rights.
- **TRANSPORT:** I have been made aware of dangerous crossings around the constituency and have been making representations to Dublin City Council to make them safer. If there is a junction or crossway near you which is of concern, do send me an email.
- CHILDCARE: Parents across Dublin Bay South have to contend with an acute shortage of childcare places, as well as expensive fees. The Government appears set on reneging on its commitment to reduce fees by 50% by 2024. We in Labour have proposed capping fees at €200 per month through the National Childcare Scheme and rolling out a new system of universal, public childcare.

Are you registered to vote?

Changes have been made to the electoral registration process in Ireland. This means:

- You can now update your record at any time up to 15 days before an election or referendum.
- You can register to vote online using your PPSN or by using your MyGovID account.
- Young people 16 or older can pre-register to vote and you will be automatically registered on your 18th birthday.

To be eligible to register

- You must be resident in the State full-time.
- You must register at the address at which you are 'ordinarily resident' i.e. where you live.
- Irish citizens are eligible to vote in all elections and referendums.
- EU citizens are eligible to vote in European and local elections.
- British citizens are eligible to vote in Dáil and local elections.
- Citizens of other countries are eligible to vote in local elections.

Check the register by visiting www.voter.ie. If you do not have a PPSN or a verified MyGovID account, you can still register to vote. Go online to voter.ie to download the appropriate form. After completing the form, present it at your local Garda station with photo ID for signature and send to Dublin City Council, Franchise Section, Block 4, Floor 4 Civic offices, Wood Quay, Dublin 8, D08 RF3F.

HOMES FOR PEOPLE

Yet thousands of people are homeless, while thousands of homes remain vacant - across Dublin and Ireland.

Vacancy and dereliction are a scourge on our communities.

This Government's housing strategy has failed.

We need urgent action to tackle dereliction and bring vacant homes back into use.

We in Labour have a plan to increase housing supply, reinvigorate our urban centres, and meet our climate targets.



Conflict in the Middle East

We in Labour have called for an immediate ceasefire, an end to the horrific bombardment and killings of civilians and the release of all hostages held in Gaza. While we condemned the brutal 7th October attack by Hamas, we believe that Israel's grotesque retaliation has amounted to a breach of international law, and we are deeply distressed by the rising death toll in Gaza.

We support the imposition of sanctions upon Israel and demand a stop to the Israeli attack upon the people of Gaza and to Israel's illegal occupation of Palestinian land; we will continue to work for a two-state resolution to achieve a lasting peace in the region.

YOUR LABOUR TEAM IN

DUBLIN BAY SOUTH





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If you have any questions about my work, or if there is ever any way that I can be of assistance to you or your household, please do get in touch.

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