

# VOTE

# BRID SMITH



## FOR EUROPE

**BRID SMITH is the People Before Profit candidate for the euro elections in the Dublin constituency. If elected, she will stand up to the EU bureaucracy and fight for the following policies:**

**NO WATER CHARGES** The EU has ordered the Irish government to impose water charges of about €300 a year. Brid Smith is totally opposed to these charges. Instead of wasting money on meters, we should be investing in the water infrastructure to reduce waste. A vote for Brid Smith is a vote for outright resistance to the water taxes.

**DEFEND PUBLIC SERVICES –**

**STOP PRIVATISATION** The EU bureaucracy pushes privatisation and wants to cut back on public spending. Brid Smith says tax the rich to fund our schools and hospitals.

**CANCEL THE NATIONAL DEBT** The European Central Bank and their Irish allies made us responsible for the private gambling debts of bankers. A vote for Brid Smith is a signal that the Irish people want to unilaterally cancel EU imposed debt.

**WORKERS RIGHTS** The EU works mainly in the interest of big business but occasionally they pass legislation in favour of workers. The Irish government tries to get out of implementing this legislation. Brid Smith stands for: an automatic legal right to union recognition; full pension rights and security for workers.

**NO TO RACISM – EQUAL RIGHTS FOR ALL**

The far right and their friends in the media try to scapegoat migrant workers. They want us to turn on each other rather than fight the wealthy elite who caused the economic crisis. Brid Smith stands

for: full rights for migrant workers; proper treatment of asylum seekers; a woman's right to choose; marriage equality for gay people.

**END THE RULE OF THE CORPORATE LOBBYISTS - FOR REAL DEMOCRACY**

There are 15,000 lobbyists in Brussels who spend €1 billion a year promoting their corporate interests. If elected Brid Smith will shine a light on their activities and seek to drive them out.

The EU is an undemocratic institution far removed from most people. Instead of bureaucratic control from Brussels, we need a Europe that is built on solidarity.

*Send a working class fighter to the EU parliament so that they get the message:*

*We are not taking it anymore.*

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**Bernadette McAliskey says:**

*People before Profit are a class campaign. Brid Smith is a class candidate. She is not seeking to be another career politician. She is campaigning, organising and building for a Republic where people matter more than greed, profits and property. The very smallest thing you can do to effect change is vote for Brid Smith. It would be even better if you could get involved in building the alternative to austerity.*

**If you would like to assist in Brid's campaign email: [brid.smith@dublincity.ie](mailto:brid.smith@dublincity.ie).**