



Brid Smith is not the usual politician

She is an activist in the UNITE trade union and in her role as a tutor, trains shop stewards to represent workers.

This is her record:

- 1981:** Elected to the National Committee of the H Blocks Hunger Strike campaign.
- 1983:** First female shop steward in Dublin Bus.
- 1984-87:** Organised solidarity pickets for the Dunnes Stores strike against Apartheid.
- 1992:** Played a key role in the struggle for abortion rights around the X Case
- 2001:** Led the Anti-Bin Tax campaign and was jailed in Mountjoy along with other activists.
- 2003:** Worked alongside Richard Boyd Barrett TD in the Irish Anti-War Movement to organise the biggest anti-war protests in history.
- 2009:** Elected to represent Ballyfermot/Drimnagh on Dublin City Council
- 2011-13:** Played leading role in Campaigns against the Household Charge and the Property Tax, chairing some of the campaigns largest public rallies and demonstrations.

This outstanding record shows that Brid Smith not only talks the talk, but walks the walk.



- **Cancel the Debt**
- **Oppose the water charges**
- **For real jobs and social housing**



WHAT THEY SAY ABOUT BRID SMITH

"If you agree with the policies I have been advocating in the Dail, then vote People Before Profit. Our representative in the Dublin Euro election is Brid Smith. I urge you to vote her No 1"

Richard Boyd Barrett, TD.

"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."

Bernadette McAliskey.

"I am proud to support Brid Smith in her campaign to represent Dublin in the European Parliament. Brid has a track record of social and political activism second to none. This year, let's make our vote count by voting for those who will make the voices of working people heard"

Jimmy Kelly, Irish Regional Secretary Unite the Union

VOTE NO 1 SMITH, BRÍD FOR EUROPE

A PLEDGE

Brid Smith pledges to take only the average worker's wage and donate the rest of the huge MEP salary to campaigning for worker's rights.



YOU can make a difference. Join People Before Profit by texting the word 'JOIN' to 087 2839964

Brid is calling on all her supporters to give their No 2 vote to Paul Murphy, Socialist Party



PEOPLE BEFORE PROFIT'S POLICIES

No Water Charges

Instead of spending money on metering, we should invest in fixing leaks to reduce waste. I pledge to help organise resistance.

Defend Public Services – Stop Privatisation

The EU bureaucracy pushes privatisation and wants to cut back on public spending. Instead, we should tax the very rich to fund our schools and hospitals.

Cancel the National Debt

The European Central Bank made us pay for the private debt of bankers. The Irish people should unilaterally cancel EU-imposed debt.

No to Jobsbridge and all schemes exploiting the unemployed

For a programme of public works improving Ireland's infrastructure and creating real jobs.

Workers' Rights

For an automatic legal right to union recognition; full pension rights and security for workers; no EU interference in wage policy.

No to racism and war

The far right scapegoats migrant workers. Say 'No' to divide and rule tactics. Full rights for migrant workers; proper treatment of asylum seekers and travellers



Equal rights for all

For a woman's right to choose and marriage equality for LGBT people.

Health before profit

No new health insurance tax. Reverse the cuts. For a national health service that treats all equally. Proper support for carers and disability services.

Remove the corporate lobbyists

There are 15,000 lobbyists in Brussels who spend €1 billion a year to influence votes. Expose them and drive them out.

End EU Control

The EU is an undemocratic institution which dictates our national budget. Brid Smith wants to end this control from Brussels. Send a working class fighter to the EU parliament so they get the message:

POWER TO THE PEOPLE

'MY PRIORITIES FOR DUBLIN'



Bernadette McAliskey with Brid Smith

- ★ **POOLBEG INCINERATOR:** Scrap it and introduce a proper re-cycling policy; for a public investigation into how €95 million of public money was wasted.
- ★ **HOUSING:** Dublin is facing a major housing crisis. We need: an emergency programme of council house building; rent controls and an increase in the rental allowance caps; write down of mortgages for those in genuine distress.
- ★ **AMBULANCE SERVICE:** Maintain the excellent Ambulance Service delivered to the people of Dublin by Dublin Fire Brigade and HSE Ambulance crews
- ★ **WASTE MANAGEMENT:** Bin charges are increasing and services are privatised. Expensive charges are leading to illegal dumping. We need public ownership of waste collection and abolition of charges.
- ★ **TRANSPORT:** The government is franchising out 10% of the bus routes to private operators. The proposed Swiftway Bus Rapid Transit does nothing to service big working class areas like Ballyfermot, Clondalkin, Finglas and Ringsend. Stop the privatisation of Dublin's bus service - reverse the cuts to routes and services.
- ★ **DUBLIN PROPERTY TAXES:** You pay more for a modest house in Dublin than a mansion in Mayo. Scrap the property tax.
- ★ **PRESERVE HISTORIC DUBLIN:** Developers are creating another shopping mall on Moore St. It should be developed both as a street market and as a 1916 historic quarter for Dubliners and as an attraction for visitors from Europe and around the world.

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