



**NEWSLETTER
WINTER 2014-15**
of Councillor
BRID SMITH

*Ballyfermot
Drimnagh
Bluebell
Inchicore
Walkinstown
Chapelizod*

**FIGHT THE
WATER
CHARGES**

**RESIST – REVOLT
BRING DOWN THIS
GOVERNMENT**



THE REVOLT over Water Charges is massive; people are fighting back and the government doesn't know what's hit it. For the first time in a long time, there's a new pride, a new hope in our communities.

● See the fold-out centre page of this newsletter for latest news and comments on **PEOPLE POWER AND THE WATER CHARGES**

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**A VERY BIG
THANK YOU**

**CONSTITUENCY
CLINICS**
*Information
Support
Advice*

**People Before Profit
Office, The Ranch,
Ballyfermot**
10:00am - 1:00pm
Every Monday

**The Orchard Centre
Cherry Orchard**
9:30am - 10:30am
First Wed every month

**Bluebell Community
Centre**
10:45am - 11:45am
First Wed every month

**Inchicore Sports
Centre**
12:00pm - 1:00pm
First Wed every month

**The John Bosco
Community
Centre, Drimnagh**
2:00pm - 3:00pm
First Wed every month

**The Green Walk Café
Walkinstown**
3:30pm - 4:30pm
First Wed every month

THE local elections of 2014 saw People Before Profit win 15 council seats, five of them on Dublin City Council. Cllr Brid Smith retained her seat in Ballyfermot/Drimnagh, and Cllr Tina MacVeigh won a seat in Crumlin/Kimmage.

Paul Shields ran in Ballyfermot/Drimnagh and plays a major role in People Before Profit in the area.

We want to take this opportunity to thank everyone who voted for us, and to thank all our members, supporters and friends for their hard work during the election.

**Councillor Brid Smith
selected to contest the next
General Election**

THE Dublin South Central constituency meeting of People Before Profit has selected Councillor Brid Smith to contest the next General Election in this area.

Brid has a strong record of fighting for local people and has been returned for a second term to represent the Ballyfermot/Drimnagh ward on Dublin City Council.

"I am proud to represent People Before Profit in Dublin South Central. This is one of the biggest working class constituencies in the country and always returns a strong left vote.

This is why we need now to take out the two Labour TDs who won the trust and the votes from the people in the last general election, and then betrayed them.

The Labour Party in Government are completely discredited; we need to replace them with a strong alternative that fights with the people and for the people, not for the banks and their friends in power." Councillor Brid Smith.

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**HOUSING AND HOMELESS
CRISIS WORSENS**

THE government is promising 35,000 social housing units in the next 6 years but there are already 90,000 households on the waiting lists.

People Before Profit Councillors proposed a number of measures that have been adopted by Dublin City Council: A 'Sub Standard Dwellings' subgroup to identify empty properties that need repair. They demand immediate funds for repairs to make homes available.

A 'Voids Register' is to look at the 5,000 empty properties in Dublin South Central .. Owners will have to commit to putting these properties back into use.

The numbers sleeping rough in Dublin are the highest since records began. In Ballyfermot, local women are providing homeless men with food, bedding and clothing. Brid Smith says 'the women have received a fantastic response from the local community but need more support from the Council'...



**A Budget
Con Trick**

Budget 2015 was a con trick. This government threw us crumbs that will be gobbled up by water charges and home taxes. By marching in tens of thousands against water charges, the people are giving this latest austerity budget the response it deserves.



**People Before Profit
Opposes Dublin City
Council Budget**

THE Property Tax took €80 million out of Dubliners' pockets supposedly to fund local services.

Really it's paying the bankers' debts.

Cllr Brid Smith made a strong appeal to the majority Sinn Fein, Labour and Greens block not to pass a budget that depends on this hated tax. Shamefully, they voted it through.

People Before Profit councillors led by Brid, will continue to campaign to tax the rich, not the ordinary people of Dublin,

Why Bríd Smith?

Brid has a long history as a fighter for people's rights including:

- Being jailed for fighting the Bin Tax
- Playing a leading role in Campaigns against the Household Charge and Property Tax.
- Winning noise barriers for Ballyfermot residents living beside Irish Rail's workshop.
- Fighting for decent living conditions for Travellers in Labre Park.
- Helping establish a new Residents Association in Walkinstown.
- Securing outdoor gym equipment in Bluebell playground.

- Resisting home help cuts and cuts in services at Cherry Orchard Hospital
- Resisting cuts to community sector projects and drugs services.
- Fight against Thornton's pollution in Ballyfermot.
- Building solidarity with striking workers – most recently at Greyhound and Rhatigan
- Working with Dublin's fire-fighters to prevent cuts & privatisation..
- Helping with the campaign to save the De La Salle School in Ballyfermot.
- Building resistance to the hated WATER CHARGES with the Right2Water campaign and her constituents

