



## Clann Na Poblachta 2015 General Election Manifesto

### About us

Clann na Poblachta was founded by distraught members of Sinn Fein, frustrated with their turn towards the radical left and the surge of communist members. They felt Sinn Fein abandoned republicanism and became too radical. CnaP was formed by the moderate SocDems who wished to form a moderate Centre-Left party. We want to provide Ireland with a choice different than the same old parties filled with years of controversy and mistakes. It's time to Move Ireland Forward.

### About our Members

#### *Irelandball*

Irelandball is a veteran member of Mhoir and the leader of CnaP, joining back in June. He was the leader of Sinn Fein, but then left after disagreement on policy issues, after Sinn Fein took a turn to the radical left. Irelandball is the leader of the Irish Parliamentary Party, a home rule party in the Victorian Model House of Commons. A resident of Letterkenny, Irelandball is standing in the North-Midlands-West constituency, and is dedicated to properly representing his constituents.

#### *GrandWizardPHPearse*

Wizard is a member of CnaP and helped found it. He left Sinn Féin, alongside the rest of CnaP members, after he was kicked out for being too conservative socially. He is standing in the South constituency. He is new to Mhoir but will fight to represent his constituents and his country. He is a republican and is deeply opposed to the partition of Ireland.

### *Greenpaddy*

Greenpaddy is the Deputy Leader of CnaP and one of the founding members. He previously ran for leader of Sinn Féin but left due to the Communist nature of the party. He is standing in Dublin, his home constituency. He was in the previous MhOir and was a TD. Greenpaddy is an advocate for social democracy and will represent all of his constituents fairly.

### *AnCiarraioch*

AnCiarraioch became a member of Clann na Poblachta as he sought a party to the left of Labour, but more practical than Sinn Féin. From Tralee, he will be a candidate for the Southern constituency. He is new to MhOir, but is an advocate for social democracy, and aims to represent all his constituents fairly.

### Northern Ireland

- Clann na Poblachta is a highly republican party in nature. We believe in the reunion of the Republic and the North by peaceful means in accordance with the Good Friday Agreements, and to find a solution and compromise that benefits both sides.
- We believe Northern Ireland cannot reunite with the rest of Ireland until everyone comes into agreement.
- Clann na Poblachta, if elected, will push for the Creation of a Minister on Northern Ireland by Constitutional amendment. This Minister will work with their UK Counterpart to ensure peace in the North, and to ensure better communication between the UK and Ireland on the issues up North.
- Clann Na Poblachta will also establish a non-abstentionist branch in Northern Ireland to contest seats in Westminster

### Irish Water

- Clann na Poblachta is against Water Tax.
- Clann na Poblachta will push for the nationalisation and buyout of Irish Water ensuring that water rates are not inflated, and phasing out of water tax easier.

### Drugs

- Clann na Poblachta will push for efficient prosecution of violent drug crimes, with the police force being trained to stop drug crimes.

### Abortion

- Clann na Poblachta will push for reform on abortion.
- We support legal abortion in the first trimester, abortion in cases of threat to the mother, fetal defect or rape in the second, and no abortion in the third trimester.

### Equal Rights

- Clann na Poblachta believes in Equal rights for all, regardless of race, religion, sexual orientation or gender.

## **Economy and Enterprise**

- Clann na Poblachta supports funding, grants, subsidies and tax breaks for small businesses, thus allowing them to grow and compete with larger corporations.
- Clann na Poblachta will keep corporate tax at 12.5%.
- Clann na Poblachta will support funding and tax breaks for companies in the technological and scientific sectors, allowing for more companies to grow in Ireland.
- Clann na Poblachta supports the creation of a privately funded Irish Space Agency to be funded by an interested scientific or technological company.
- Individual entrepreneurs will be given credit on the Grameen Bank model, while for larger scale projects, a Regional Investment Bank could fund larger infrastructure.
- Additional tax band for those earning €400k+.
- Clann na Poblachta supports Abolishing College Levy
- We support abolishing USC

## **Health and Welfare**

- Create an all-Ireland health service modelled on the British NHS.
- Free appointments and consultation with doctors and psychologists to those with gender identity disorder.
- Free healthcare for those who cannot afford basic services.
- A welfare floor that will support those who can no longer afford basic necessities.
- A Welfare Fraud Department that will ensure that welfare is not being fraudulently used, and that all able-bodied adults are able to find work.

## **Education Reform**

- Reform of the Irish language curriculum - emphasis on developing conversational fluency, particularly in primary school. Scrap the literary section in the regular course, but a more advanced "Cúrsa Dúchas" curriculum with such elements could then be in place for native speakers, as happens with Welsh.
- More funding to public schools to allow them to have up to date technology.
- Free textbooks for all students.
- Limiting funding to faith-based schools, while increasing funding to other schools.

## **Immigration**

- Immigration based on Australian-style points system measuring language, education, employment, etc.
- Limiting humanitarian immigration strictly to refugee quotas.
- Welcoming work-based immigration provided the immigrants pay taxes and abide by labour laws.
- Deporting immigrants guilty of serious/recurrent crimes.
- Cutting public funds to advance multiculturalism.
- Grant Irish Citizenship after 5 years residence in Ireland provided the immigrant speaks fluent English, has a means of subsistence and no criminal record.

### **Foreign Affairs/Defence**

- Push for negotiations with EU in relation to democratic reform of institutions, i.e. more power to both national parliaments and the European Parliament. In the event of failure, a Norwegian-style relationship with Brussels would be pursued.
- We will be Neutral in regards to NATO
- Reductions in foreign aid.

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