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People Before Profit Alliance Policies

End the Jobs Crisis

400,000 are unemployed and over 1000 people emigrate every week. We need an emergency jobs plan.

We propose using the National Pension Reserve Fund, the Irish League of Credit Union funds and incentivising private pension funds to invest in jobs. Total assets available: €85 billion.

By investing in a `Green Economy`, in wind energy, forestry, energy infrastructure and building/upgrading homes we can create over 300,000 jobs.

Instead of exporting €6 billion every year for oil and fossil fuels, we can become a net energy exporter from Green Energy.

By keeping money in the Irish economy and creating jobs we will increase the government income tax revenue and reduce the Social Welfare bill while doing our part to tackle global warming.

Invest €24 billion over 3 years. Create 180,000+ jobs directly alongside 120,000 spin-off jobs. Cost neutral over 10 years, every year thereafter generate €6 billion from the energy economy alone.

Monitorium on Debt Payments

The national debt equates to every man, woman and child being loaded with 14,000 in debt. Its simply not sustainable.

The government will pay over €9 billion in debt and interest payments in 2014 alone.

We will freeze all debt and interest payments until either the debt is written off, or mutualized through the European Solidarity Mechanism.

End the Mortgage Crisis. No Evictions

End the banks veto on mortgage negotiations. They should not have the right to evict families from their homes. Banks should be forced to write down negative equity to 110% of current value.

Debt write-off to be paid for by introducing a tax on speculation - the **Financial Transaction Tax** - a tiny tax on speculators would raise between €500 million and €1 billion per year.

Housing for All: Build Public Housing

110,000 people are on the housing waiting list. We propose a three year programme of building public (council) housing. This would provide 150,000 new homes. Cost €3 billion per year over three years but could be self-financing within 10 years, thereafter yielding nearly an extra €1 billion per year in revenue to the state (savings in rent allowance payments = €500 million, and income from rent = €460 million).

No Privatization of Public Services

No privatization of public transport or utilities, instead we need major investment in public infrastructure like public transport, schools, hospitals, water pipes and a smart electrical grid.

No to the Water Tax. Abolish the Property Tax

Labour/FG want to introduce a Water Tax in January 2015 (back dated to October 2014). This is a stepping stone to privatisation. We already pay for water through central taxation. We say keep water public and no to double taxation

The property tax is not a wealth tax, even council tenants who rent are expected to pay. We would abolish this tax and replace it with a real wealth tax on the super-rich.

Real Local Democracy

End the rule by unelected city and county managers. Proper funding for local government and genuine public participation, transparency and accountability in planning and development issues.

Use Ireland's Natural Resources to Benefit the People

The Government estimates that there are of over 20 billion barrels of oil equivalent in Irish territorial waters. Based on these estimates at current prices, these reserves would have a value of over €1.5

trillion. We can nationalise these natural resources and borrow extra funds based on this asset.

Free, Quality Healthcare for All

No to privatisation, no to a two-tier health system. Reverse the bed closures and cut backs in local hospitals. For a comprehensive national health service which treats people according to medical need and not money

Workers Rights

Full union rights and equal conditions for all workers. Workers should be legally entitled to join a union without fear of losing their job.

No to Racism

Bankers crashed the economy, not migrant workers. No to scapegoating of migrants. End the 'direct provision' regime for asylum seekers.

People Power

Active support for grass-roots community and social movements to bring about real change.

Where will we get the money from?

Make Corporations Pay Their Fair Share. Corporations currently pay an effective tax of 6%, on their profits, we would make them pay at least the full 12.5% tax. Raises €5 billion

Introduce a Wealth Tax. This would raise over €2.8 billion a year

Higher taxes for high earners (over €100,000). Extreme high earners should be asked to pay more through higher tax bands. This would raise €2.5 billion

End private pension subsidies. Redirect the €2.9 billion in private pension subsidies.

Who Are People Before Profit Alliance?

The People Before Profit Alliance was formally established in October 2005 by workers from a variety of local campaigns. Its aim is to reverse neo-liberal policies which place wealth creation for the few over the welfare of communities in Ireland.

The Alliance represents a different form of politics, fitting for the 21st century. It sees 'people power' and the mobilisation of citizens in workplaces, communities and on the streets as the key to bringing change in society. It is the ambition of the Alliance to operate on a 32-county basis and to offer a radical vision for our country.

In addition to its aim of deepening the links between community groups, the Alliance also wishes to explore the potential for electoral politics but it is not interested in electing people who will join coalition governments with the dominant right-wing parties because they have all signed up to the 'business success is paramount' ethic.

The People Before Profit Alliance has one TD, Richard Boyd Barrett in Dun Laoghaire & 4 councillors, elected in Dun Laoghaire Rathdown, Dublin City Council & South Dublin County Council. We have branches throughout Ireland, North and South, from Donegal to Kerry and in most major cities.

For detailed background briefings on all the figures used in this document and to find out more about us at www.PeopleBeforeProfit.ie

Please consider signing up below as a member of the People Before Profit Alliance by paying an annual membership fee of €10 waged or €5 unwaged.

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