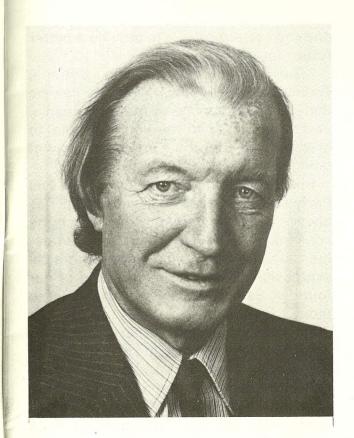
ÓGRA FIANNA FÁIL

8th NATIONAL YOUTH CONFERENCE

CLÁR



Mount Brandon Hotel
Tralee
6th and 7th November
1982



Fáilte ón Uachtarán

This 8th National Youth Conference of Fianna Fáil takes place at a time when our country and its people face a great challenge and a great opportunity.

The challenge is a young population that is growing four times as fast as the average of the European Community and a labour force that is growing more than twice as fast as the Community average.

The opportunity lies in the measures we must take as a nation to recover our economic strength and achieve our full economic and social potential.

We can link these two — the challenge

and the opportunity — to provide a better future for all our people.

"The Way Forward", the National Economic Plan, shows how this can be done. It is no service to the Irish people, and in particular to the young people, to pretend that there is some other way of doing it.

But it can be done, and the Fianna Fáil Party are the ones to do it. Fianna Fáil has always been the party through which the consensus of the Irish people on fundamental questions has found political expression. It was so in the time of our founder Eamon de Valera and it is so today.

However, nothing great was ever achieved without discipline and effort. The Fianna Fáil Party look to you in Ógra to generate that discipline and effort. I am sure there will be an abundance of these qualities at the 8ú Comhdháil de Ógra Fianna Fáil and I wish the Comhdháil every success.

Tá fhios agam go mbeidh fonn ar Ógra, na daoine is fearr a thuigeas ceard is brí agus beatha don náisiúntacht, bheith ar tosach imeasc siúd a bheadh ina sciath cosanta ar thír na hÉireann.



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Rules Governing Procedure of the Youth Conference

PROCEDURE: The ruling of the Cathaoirleach, or in his absence the presiding Leas-Cathaoirleach, on all matters of procedure is final.

RESOLUTIONS: No resolution may be moved which does not appear on the Clár. A resolution may be moved only by a delegate from the Coiste Ógra which has submitted it, or which has submitted a similar resolution. If, on a resolution having been called, no delegate from the Coiste Ógra which submitted it, rises to speak, the Youth Conference will proceed to the next business, unless the Cathaoirleach decides to permit some other delegate to propose the resolution. Other delegates may speak to a resolution if allowed by the Cathaoirleach.

SPEAKERS: The proposer of a resolution and speakers to a resolution are allowed three minutes. The Cathaoirleach has the right to determine the order in which delegates may speak and shall endeavour to give preference to delegates who had not previously spoken on other resolutions. The Cathaoirleach may decline to allow a delegate to speak, if that delegate has already spoken on other resolutions. The Cathaoirleach may decline to allow a delegate to speak, if that delegate has already spoken twice on previous motions. Every delegate wishing to speak should take his or her place near the rostrum five minutes before he or she expects to be called on to speak. Every delegate on rising to speak must first announce his or her name and the name of his or her Constituency. A speaker must cease speaking on the striking of the Cathaoirleach's gong.

SIMILAR RESOLUTIONS: The decision on a resolution shall be held to determine the issue of any similar resolution.

DECISION: Decisions will be made by a show of hands. In the event of the Cathaoirleach being unable to decide the outcome of any vote, a count will be made by the Tellers.

RELEVANCE: If any delegate is directed by the Cathaoirleach to cease speaking on grounds of irrelevancy, he must do so forthwith. The Cathaoirleach's decision on matters of relevancy is final.

OGRA FIANNA FAII 8th NATIONAL YOUTH CONFERENCE

Mount Brandon Hotel Tralee 6th and 7th November, 1982

CLAR:

SATURDAY, 6th NOVEMBER

11.00a.m.-2.00p.m. Registration of delegates

2.00p.m.-4.00p.m. SESSION I

UNEMPLOYMENT AND THE ECONOMY. Chairperson: Michael Grogan (National

Youth Committee)

5.00p.m.-7.00p.m. SESSION II

GENERAL MOTIONS:

Chairperson: Richard Holden (Ard

Comhairle)

9.30p.m. CONFERENCE DINNER AND DANCE

Guest of Honour:

An Taoiseach — Charles J. Haughey, T.D.

Uachtaran Fianna Fail

SUNDAY, 7th NOVEMBER

10.00a.m.-11.00a.m. Ard Comhairle Elections

11.00a.m.-1.00p.m. SESSION III

OGRA ORGANISATION:

Chairperson: Sean O'Connor (Ard

Comhairle)

Reply: Bertie Ahern, T.D.

Minister of State at Dept. of An Taoiseach Chairman, National Youth Committee

2.30p.m.-4.30p.m.

SESSION IV

NORTHERN IRELAND:

Chairperson: Seamus McCormack (Ard

Comhairle)

5.00p.m. CONFERENCE ENDS

MINISTERIAL PRESENCE (Subject to availability)

GENE FITZGERALD TD Minister for Labour GERRY COLLINS, T.D. Minister for Foreign Affairs

BERTIE AHERN, T.D.

Minister of State at Dept. of An Taoiseach

DR. MICHAEL WOODS, T.D. Minister for Health JOHN WILSON, T.D.

Minister for Posts & Telegraphs

RAY BURKE, T.D.

Minister for Environment PADRAIG FLYNN, T.D.

Minister for Trade & Commerce.

BRENDAN DALY, T.D. Minister for Fisheries PADDY POWER T.D. Minister for Defence DENIS GALLAGHER, T.D. Minister for the Gaelteacht GERRY BRADY, T.D. Minister for Education

Members of Ogra Fianna Fail elected to the National Executive at the 7th National Youth Conference, 1981.

Sean O'Connor (Dublin) Richard Holden (Leinster) Barry Kelliher (Munster)

Seamus McCormack (Connaught/Ulster)

Attendance at meetings of the Ard Comhairle.

Total number of meetings: 10 Sean O'Connor 8 Richard Holden 7 Seamus McCormack 6 Barry Kelliher

Attendance at National Youth Committee Meetings. Total number of meetings: 11

8 Sean O'Connor 6 Seamus McCormack 5 Barry Kelliher 5 Richard Holden 9 Cecilia Larkin 8 - Barbara Dooley 6 John Hannafin Michael Grogan 5 7 - Cahal Brugha - Ray Walshe 5 Aine Kitt-Brady 4

OGRA FIANNA FÁIL - NEW YOUTH SCHEME:

- 1. Ogra Fianna Fail shall consist of all young members of Fianna Fail under 25 years of age.
- It shall be open to young persons who wish to consider joining Fianna Fail to attend a meeting of Ogra Fianna Fail. Only members who have attended three meetings in the previous twelve months are entitled to vote.

COMHAIRLE CEANTAIR:

- Each Comhairle Ceantair will have a Youth Committee to be known as the Coiste Ogra Comhairle Ceantair and shall consist of all cumainn members in the Comhairle Ceantair area under 25 years of age.
- Each Coiste Ogra will elect it's own Cathaoirleach-Runai and Cisteoiri and other officers as necessary.
- 5. It shall be the duty of members of Ogra Fianna Fail to encourage youth activity in their Cumann and to report youth progress in the Cumann area to the Coiste Ogra and the Comhairle Ceantair.
- The Secretary and two other members of the Coiste Ogra (as selected by the Coiste Ogra Comhairle Ceantair) shall automatically be full members of the Comhairle Ceantair with voting rights.
- Each Cumann; Comhairle Ceantair and Comhairle Dailcheantair shall appoint a Youth Officer who shall assist the Coiste Ogra in it's work.

COMHAIRLE DAILCHEANTAIR:

- (i) Each Comhairle Dailcheantair shall have a Youth Committee to be known as the Coiste Ogra Comhairle Dáilcheantair.
 - (ii) The Cathaoirleach and Runai and one other member of each Coiste Ogra Comhairle Ceantair will automatically be members of the Coiste Ogra Comhairle Dailcheantair.
 - (iii) Where a Constituency contains only one Comhairle Ceantair area, the Coiste Ogra Comhairle Ceantair shall exercise the powers and fulfil the functions of a Coiste Ogra Comhairle Dailcheantair as defined in the Youth Scheme.
- The Secretary and two other members of the Coiste Ogra Comhairle Dailcheantair (selected by the Coiste Ogra Comhairle Dailcheantair) shall become full members with voting rights of the Comhairle Dailcheantair.
- The Coiste Ogra Comhairle Dailcheantair shall keep the Comhairle Dailcheantair fully informed of youth activity within the area.
- The Coiste Ogra Comhairle Ceantair and the Coiste Ogra Comhairle Dailcheantair must hold their meetings at least once a month.

- 12. It shall be the duty of the Chairman of each Coiste Ogra Comhairle Ceantair and Coiste Ogra Comhairle Dailcheantair to call an Annual General Meeting for the election of their officiers.
- 13. The Comhairle Ceantair and the Comhairle Dailcheantair must include a report from their respective Coiste Ogra as a standard item on the agenda.
- 14. Each constituency shall hold an Annual Youth Conference to be organised by the Coiste Ogra Comhairle Dailcheantair in conjunction with the Comhairle Dailcheantair.

NATIONAL YOUTH CONFERENCE:

- 15. The Ogra Fianna Fail National Youth Conference shall take place annually. Delegates from each Coiste Ogra Comhairle Dailcheantair shall be selected to attend as follows:
 - The Coiste Ogra Comhairle Dailcheantair shall select twelve delegates at its Annual General Meeting to attend the National Youth Conference. In the constituencies where there is a University or Third Level Institution with a Cumann, then a further four delegates will be sent from that constituency and these four shall be drawn from the University and/or Third Level Institution Cumann.
- The National Youth Conference shall elect by proportional representation four delegates to be full members of the Ard Comhairle, one from each Euro-Constituency.
 - There shall be a National Youth Committee of the Ard Chomhairle.
 - The Chairman and Secretaries of the Coiste Ogra Dailcheantair in each Euro-Constituency shall meet within one month of the National Youth Conference to elect a nominee, and these four nominees will be sent forward for ratification by the Ard Comhairle as members of the National Youth Committee.
- The National Youth Committee shall call together for consultation at least twice a year the Secretary of each Coiste Ogra Comhairle Dailcheantair.
- 18. A meeting shall be held in each Euro-Constituency at least twice a year consisting of the Chairman, Secretary and one other representative from each Coiste Ogra Dailcheantair in that Euro-Constituency.

MOTIONS

UNEMPLOYMENT AND THE ECONOMY:

Session I: Saturday 6th November, 1981 2.00 p.m.-4.00

- 1. That Ogra Fianna Fail and the government are gravely concerned at the social and economic consequences of present unemployment levels among our young people. (Limerick West). Related Motions from: Offaly; Waterford; Roscommon; Laois; and Wexford.
- 2. That the present dole system be abolished. (East Cork). Related Motions from: South Tipperary; Dublin

North East; and Wexford.

- 3. That more encouragement should be given to small industry. (Kerry South) Related Motions from: Galway East.
- 4. That the government take immediate action to counteract the current budget deficit and to reduce the inflation rate. (Cork North Central). Related Motions from: Dublin North Central.
- 5. That we condemn the government backdown on the public sector pay issue. U.C.C. Cumann (Cork North Central).

Related Motions from: Dublin South.

- 6. That this conference asks the Minister when framing his next budget to take into account the detrimental effect that high rates of V.A.T. are having on service industries and youth employment. (Dublin North West).
- 7. That this conference recognises the important role that agriculture has to play as a way out of the present recession and high unemployment. (Cork South Central).

Related Motions from: Dublin South West; South Tipperary; Dublin South East.

8. Fianna Fail should commit itself to a review of the National Manpower Service and AnCo and commit itself to a massive Youth Employment Scheme. (Dublin North Central). Related Motions from: Kildare.

9. That there be a constitutional amendment to provide for a balanced budget. (Dublin South East).

10. That National Wage Agreements should be adhered to by all concerned and should be geared towards protecting the less well off in the community. (Galway East).

MOTIONS

GENERAL MOTIONS

Session II: Saturday 6th November, 1982. 5.00 p.m. - 7.00 p.m.

1. That this conference demands that the government take immediate and drastic action to combat the epidemic proportion of drug abuse in Ireland. (Dublin South Central) Related Motions from: Tipperary North; Galway

East.

2. That Ogra Fianna Fail questions the necessity for the proposed constitutional amendment in relation to abortion. (Dublin South East)

3. That this conference supports the pro-life amendment and recognises the fundamental right of the unborn child to life. (Cork South Central)

4. That the present laws which favour the criminal and make prosecution of law-breakers impossible be reviewed at the earliest opportunity by the government. (Wexford)

Related Motions from: Dublin West; Dublin South

East: Cork East.

5. That the government set up and train a reserve voluntary Garda Force in order to combat the increase in crime in cities and suburban areas in particula, and in the country in general. (Dublin North East)

Related Motion from: Roscommon.

6. That a programme of law reform should be embarked upon immediately by the government. (Dublin North West)

Related Motions from: Dublin South East; Dublin

South West; Dublin South.

- 7. That funds be made more readily available for 3rd level education. (Wexford) Related Motions from: Dublin North East; Dublin
- 8. The present post primary curriculum should be immediately reviewed as it does not reflect the needs and educational requirements of an emerging young labour force. (Kerry South) Related Motions from: Dublin South Central: Limerick East; Dublin North East; Tipperary North;

Dublin North West

- 9. That this conference supports the abolition of the present inequitable four honour qualification for third level grants. (Dublin South West)
- 10. Ogra recommends the establishment of an Irish Speaking state supervised kindergarten. (Cork East) Related Motions from: Dublin North East.

- 11. That this conference utterly rejects any proposals for a National Government. The political parties should co-operate however, particularly on economic proposals in the national interest. (Wexford)
- 12. That the health boards should be abolished and replaced by a more effective system of health care management and administration. (Kerry North) Related Motions from: Kerry South; Offaly; Galway East.
- 13. That the government draft a Hand Bill to ensure greater mobility of land ownership and to make a greater amount of land available to trained young farmers. (South Tipperary).

NOTE: UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES WILL ELECTION LITERATURE BE ALLOWED TO BE CIRCULATED OR USED OVER THE WEEKEND OF THE YOUTH CONFERENCE. THIS INCLUDES LAPEL BADGES, CANDIDATE CARDS ETC.

OGRA ORGANISATION:

Session III: Sunday, 7th November, 1982, 11.00a.m.-1.00p.m.

- (a) National Youth Committee Report.
- (b) Proposer.
- (c) Seconder.

MOTIONS

- In spite of great advances over the past two years it is obvious that there are still serious shortcomings in the Ogra Organisation which must be overcome if it is to fulfil its role and retain the confidence of todays youth. (Kerry South).
 - Related Motions from: Galway East; Dublin South East.
- That all motions passed at the National Youth Conference be documented and presented to the relevant bodies as representative of the views of Ogra Fianna Fail. (U.C.C. Cumann, Cork North Central).
- 3. That Ogra Fianna Fail be given full voting rights at all local, national and European Candidate selection conventions on the basis of three votes per Coiste Ogra Comhairle Dailcheantair provided that regular meetings were held and where at least 50% of cumainn were represented. (Cork South Central). Related Motions from: Dublin North East; Cork South Central.
- 4. That Ogra be given a greater say in formulating party policy. (East Limerick).
- That the Chairman of the National Youth Committee be appointed by Uachtaran Fianna Fail on the nomination of the National Youth Committee itself. (Dublin South East).
 - Related Motions from: Dublin West.
- 6. That this conference commends the National Youth Committee on its efforts to strengthen Ogra Fianna Fail and calls for a continuation of these efforts. (Offaly).
 - Related Motions from: Dublin South East; Cork North Central.
- 7. That this conference asks the party to give greater recognition to the vital importance of Ogra in the future development of the organisation. (Dublin South Central).
 - Related Motions from: South Tipperary; Dublin West; Dublin North Central; and Waterford.
- 8. That this conference requests the National Youth Committee to examine effective ways and structures for improving communications between Coisti Ogra in different constituencies. (Kildare).

MOTIONS

NORTHERN IRELAND AND NEUTRALITY:

Session IV: Sunday, 7th November, 1982, 2.30p.m.-4.30p.m.

 That this conference rejects the proposed Northern Ireland assembly as unworkable and unacceptable and calls for the introduction of a parlimentary tier as outlined at the Dublin Summit Talks. (Dublin North West).

Related Motions from: Dublin South.

This conference calls for the abolition of the use of plastic bullets as a method of crowd control in Northern Ireland. (East Cork).

Related Motions from: Dublin South East.

- 3. That this conference calls for the disbandment of the R.U.C. and U.D.R. and replacement by a community police force. (Kerry South).

 Related Motions from: Cork North Central.
- That the Fianna Fail government invite politicians of all persuasions in Ireland to a summit to discuss the future of the island both economically and politically. (Dublin North East).
- That this conference reaffirms that the first aim of the party is to secure the unity of Ireland by peaceful means and with the consent of the people of Northern Ireland. (Dublin South Central). Related Motions from: Waterford; Dublin North Central.
- Neutrality remains the best foreign policy for Ireland as it promotes the cause of world peace. (Kerry South).

Related Motions from: Dublin North East.

- 7. That this conference calls on the government to remove all military presence on the border. (Dublin North Central).
- 8. That Ireland shall continue to play an active role in the peace keeping process throughout the world through the United Nations and in particular that it clearly identifies itself with those countries seeking neuclear disarmament. (East Limerick).

 Related Mations from: Dublin South

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- 9 That this conference deplores the actions of the Israeli government in the Lebannon and calls upon the government to actively seek a solution to the problems of the area generally in the context of United Nations involvement. (Kildare).
- 10. That the government should be complimented on its stance on the war in the Falklands. (Galway East).

Munster

CANDIDATES FOR ARD COMHAIRLE ELECTION:

G. V. Buckley Hazelwood Cumann (East Cork)



G. V. Buckley, a Youth Development officer, is 23 years of age. He studied European Studies at N.I.H.E. Limerick. He is a member of Fianna Fáil since 1977 and has held the following positions: Chairman of the N.I.H.E. Cumann, Member of Limerick City C.C. 1978-81, Member of Ogra in Mallow and Mallow C.C. since 1982, G.V. is a founder Chairman of N.I.H.E. Law Society and was an Executive and Council Member of the Students Union. G.V. has practical experience of participation in a wide range of Youth Activities, and is committed to representing not his own, but the interests of all members of Ogra Fianna Fáil.

Thomas J. Clifford Regional Cumann (East Limerick)



Tom a founder member of Amnesty International in the Limerick Region. He joined Fianna Fáil in 1978. Tom is an active member of Fianna Fail since he joined and has in no small way contributed to the development of East Limerick Coiste Ogra Comhairle Dailcheantair. Tom is a student of Moylish Technical College.

Majella Foley Brooklodge Cumann (Cork North Central)

Born in March 1964, I came from a strong Fianna Fáil tradition and I am a fluent Irish speaker. I am runaí of Caherlag Ogra Comhairle P.R.O. of Cork North Central Ogra Dailcheantair and the youngest Comhairle Ceantair runaí in the country. I am a 2nd year law student in U.C.C.

John Richard Lannin Goleen Cumann (Cork South West)



24 years old post Graduate History student at U.C.C. A member of Fianna Fáil for five years now, he holds the position of constituency youth Organiser in Cork South West, John is active at Cumann and county level and is also a member of the U.C.C. Cumann.

Matthew McGrath Newcastle Cumann (Tipperary South)



Member of Newcastle Cumann South Tipperary. Delegate to Cahir Comhairle Ceantair. Chairman of Cahir Coiste Ogra, Chairman of South Tipperary Coiste Ogra and delegate to the Comhairle Dailcheantair. Director of literature in recent Dail Eireann and a member of a family with a long political association.

Lorena O'Carroll Dingle Cumann (South Kerry)



21 years old. Secretary. Secretary of the Dingle Coiste Ogra and the South Kerry Coiste Ogra Dailcheantair for 1980/81 and '82. Actively involved in election campaign and in local organisation. "My main aim would be to ensure that all levels of the Coiste Ogra are functioning to the best of their ability."

Leinster

CANDIDATES FOR ARD COMHAIRLE FLECTION:

Gerard Bridgett Churchtown Cumann (Co. Kildare)



Gerry Bridgett is 22 years old, and a member of Fianna Fáil for the past eight years. He is a Cumann Secretary, Coiste Ogra Treasurer, and a former Comhairle, Convention, and Ard Fheis delegate. His interests include Gaelic Games, Golf, Squash, Education: History, Law Reform, and Cultural Heritage. Is Gaeilgeoir é freisin.

Barbara Dooley, Ferbane Cumann (Co. Offaly)



22 years old Secretary. Actively involved at all levels of the organisation for a number of years. Member of National Youth Committee. Narrowly defeated in 1981 Ard Comhairle Election. As a member of the National Youth Committee I have worked towards strengthening Ogra Fianna Fáil and would like to continue this at Ard Comhairle level.

Mary Patricia Doyle, Screen/Curracloe (Co. Wexford)



22 years old psychiatric Nurse. Actively involved in the past 3 elections. Presently Secretary of Cumann and Coiste Ogra Comhairle Dailcheantair. Vice Chairperson of Enniscorthy Comhairle Cheantair Coiste Ogra. Her aim is youth awareness in what our party has to offer.

Seamus McGrath The Heath Cumann (Laois/Offaly)

Education: Heath N.S. St. Joseph's College, Freshford, Kilkenny, Carlow R.T.C., Employment Technical Representative and Production Manager. Party involvement since 1977, Cathaoirleach of Coiste Ogra Comhairle Ceantair. Contested 1980 Ard Chomhairle Election, Actively involved in June and Febraury Elections. Youth Organiser in Elections. Hobbies, Philately, Chess, G.A.A. enthusiast, County Community Games Organiser.

Connacht/Ulster

CANDIDATES FOR ARD COMHAIRLE ELECTION:

Michael Dolan Monivan Cumann (East Galway)



From an agricultural background, at present working and studying at Accountancy. Involved in Fianna Fáil locally since 1975. Chairman of East Galway Coite Ogra for the past two years. Active member of many local organisations.

Stephen Joseph Flynn Mohill Cumann (Sligo/Leitrim)



Stephen Flynn a 22 year old Post Office Clerk from Mohill. An active member of Ogra Fianna Fáil since 1976. Served as Chairman of South Leitrim Comhairle Ceanntair Ogra, and Co. Leitrim Comhairle Dáil Ceanntair Ogra, also as delegate to all recent Youth Conferences. A keen promoter of sporting facilities for Youth. He is P.R.O. for Leitrim Co. Board G.A.A. and Trustee of Mohill Sports Centre.

Seamus McCormack B.Comm, H. Dip University College Galway Cumann

(Galway West)

Farmers Son. Born in Ballinrobe, Co. Mayo — Educated C.B.S. Ballinrobe and University College Galway. Auditor Political Discussion Society U.C.G. 1979/80. Member of Fianna Fáil since 1977. Worked for European Elections 1979. Staff member at Fianna Fáil H.Q. Galway during the 1981/82 election. Interested in agricultural and industrial development.

Dublin

CANDIDATES FOR ARD COMHAIRLE ELECTION:





Positions at Present: Secretary of Liam Mellows Cumann, Ballyfermot. P.R.O. on officer board of Dublin West, Comhairle Dailcheantair. Aims if elected: (1) To increase communication between Dublin Ogra branches to achieve common goals. (2) To make sure the real voice of the young people can be heard at National Executive Level.

Sean F. Haughey St. Brendans Cumann (Dublin North Central)



20 year old University Student. Involved in politics all his life. As a nationalist he is strongly committed to the ideals of Fianna Fáil. Chairman and Secretary at Cumann and Ogra Level. If elected he will strive to make the Ogra relevant to the youth of Dublin.

Michael Mulcahy John Mitchell Cumann (Dublin South East)



Michael Mulcahy aged 22 years, is a graduate of Trinity College, Dublin and is currently studying for the Bar. He is Treasurer of the John Mitchell Cumann and chairman of Ogra Fianna Fáil in Dublin South East. Michael is Vice-President of the National Youth Council of Ireland and Chairman of its International Committee. He is a former Secretary of the Historical Society in T.U.D. One of his main aspirations is that all Irish young people should be able to find worthwhile employment.