

NATIONAL
YOUTH
CONFERENCE
LIMERICK 2016

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FIANNA Fáil
THE REPUBLICAN PARTY

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NOTICE

All sessions will be held in the Main Conference Hall unless otherwise stated

All attendees must wear their conference pass at all times.

Please contact **Fintan Phelan, National Youth Officer** on **085 139 8139**

if you have any queries or issues throughout the weekend.

FRIDAY 4TH NOVEMBER

17:00 – Registration

18:25 – 18:30 – Official Opening

Willie O’Dea T.D.

18:30 – 20:30 – Hustings

Chaired by Thomas Byrne T.D.

20:30 – 21:00 – Comedy in the Conference Room

with Joanne McNally

21:00 – 22:00 – Presidential Debate

Chaired by Niall Collins T.D.

22:00 – Music – Off the Bone Bar

SATURDAY 5TH NOVEMBER

9:00 – 10:30 – Polling - COB Elections - Suite 5

10:30 – 11:30 – Motions Workshop

Chaired by Seán Dorgan and Peter Caulfield

11:30 – 12:30 – The Potential impact of Brexit

Chaired by Jackie Cahill T.D. with Anthony Soares and Séan Finen

12:30 – 14:00 – Motions Workshop

Chaired by Cllr. Norma Moriarty

14:00 – 15:00 – Science, Research and Technology

- Have your say on Party Policy

Chaired by James Lawless T.D.,
with Dr. Aoibhinn Ní Shúilleabhán, Damien Owens
and Dr. Kevin Mitchell

15:00 – 16:00 – U.S. Presidential Discussion

with Mary Jackman, Lorcan Price and Dr. Eric Derr

16:00 – 17:00 – Sport, Society and Politics

- Enacting Policies for a Healthier Ireland

Chaired by Anne Rabbitte T.D. with Dr. Brian Carsan, Dr. Donal O'Shea, Linda Flynn

17:00 – 17:10 – Closing of Conference

by Eoin Neylon, Uachtarán Ógra

17:10 -18:00 – Counting of Ballots - Crescent Suite

19:00 – 19:30 – Gala Welcome Reception

19:30 – Gala Banquet

Keynote Address by Uachtarán Fhianna Fáil Micheál Martin T.D.

A MESSAGE FROM **MICHEÁL MARTIN TD** UACHTARÁN FHIANNA FÁIL

Ba mhaith liom fáilte a chur romhaibh ar fad go Luimneach le haghaidh na Comhdhála seo. Tá me cinnte go mbeidh an Chomhdháil seo fiuntach agus taitneamhach. Gan dabt tá suil agam go mbeidh craic, comhrá agus caidreamh ann freisin.

I am delighted to welcome you all here to Limerick for our Fianna Fáil Ógra Conference.

Since we met last year we won 44 seats in the General Election and I want to thank you all for your great efforts before during and after the election. We tried to lead government three times but unfortunately did not have the numbers. I refused to enter coalition with Fine Gael as that was the commitment I gave prior to the election.

As the country needed a government we agreed to enter a Confidence and Supply arrangement to allow a Fine Gael minority led government. We have agreed to facilitate this government for three budgets provided the policy principles in the Confidence and Supply arrangement are fully implemented.

The influence Fianna Fáil had in the first Budget is already evident as it is the first progressive budget in over five years. We will continue to bring forward constructive proposals to make lives a bit easier across urban and rural Ireland. People are still finding it hard to cope and there is still a two tier recovery.

Brexit is one of the largest challenges Ireland has had in over sixty years and we all need to work together to minimise the damage that this could place on businesses. It needs more than tokenism and actually needs a plan with significant investment so that job losses can be prevented. I look forward to listening to your views when we debate Brexit.

I look forward to meeting you all over the weekend.



A MESSAGE FROM **EOIN NEYLON** UACHTARÁN ÓGRA FHIANNA FÁIL

A chara, tá fáilte romhat go Luimneach agus an Comhdáil Náisiúnta na nÓg Fhianna Fáil 2016. The past year has certainly been a whirlwind one but one on which Ógra can look back with pride. Since we last met at our historic 40th anniversary conference in Newry last November, we've seen Ógra strongly influence the Fianna Fáil General Election manifesto, get ourselves front and centre on the campaign and help the party secure a magnificent 120% increase on Dáil seats. In every constituency, Ógra members dug in with the local effort and there was not one single candidate I visited across the country that didn't have Ógraí as integral members of their campaign. We were also on the news every single night as our Ógra team on the leaders tour really showed that Ógra has a presence and a level of respect within the party that we never enjoyed previously. Our party leader and his team must be commended for the high value they put in Ógra. However, I must put the reason for that respect squarely down to you, the members, for the dedication and direction you've given to Ógra these past few years that have seen us prosper.

We also did what many thought was impossible this year. We broke last year's incredible recruitment numbers to set even more records. We still have many challenges, however. We need to become more independently vocal and fight for our fair share of coverage to make our voice heard.

We need to continue to innovate and create new policies. We need to sow the seeds that will grow into a Fianna Fáil led Government that can truly deliver for young people in Ireland, North and South.

That process starts in Ernest here in the South Court Hotel this weekend as we debate policy and set the agenda for ourselves going forward into the next general election and the 2019 locals in all 32 counties in Ireland. I hope to see many of your names on those ballot papers! Bain sult as an deireadh seachtain agus go raibh maith agat as do chuid cabhrú i rith mo am mar d'Uachtarán.



A MESSAGE FROM **SEÁN DORGAN** GENERAL SECRETARY

I am delighted to welcome you to the South Court Hotel in Limerick for our 2016 National Youth Conference. Ógra held a very successful third level campaign this year and I would particularly like to welcome all those new members who joined. I hope you have an enjoyable and worthwhile experience during your time in Ógra.

Over the past year, Ógra has not been found wanting and Ógra members throughout the country played a key role in the Party's general election campaign. Forty four Fianna Fáil TD's were elected at the general election and I know from speaking to members of the Parliamentary Party that they are very grateful for the assistance and support of Ógra members. On behalf of the Party, I want to thank all Ógra members for their significant efforts in these successes.

I'm pleased to welcome many members of our Parliamentary Party here this weekend, particularly our Party Leader, Micheál Martin TD. I encourage Ógra members to engage with our elected representatives and share your thoughts on our Party's policies and nation's future. I also encourage you to share your ideas and actively participate in the many workshops this weekend. I hope that this weekend marks the start of a long, enjoyable and productive membership of Fianna Fáil.

I would like to thank your outgoing Uachtarán, Eoin Neylon and his officer board for their hard work and leadership. I wish all those running for election this

year the very best of luck with their campaigns. A special word of thanks too to the local organisations in Limerick for their diligent work over the past number of months. Finally, thanks to Fintan Phelan, our National Youth Officer, for his hard work with, and commitment to, Ógra over the past year. He has made a real difference.

I wish you a very successful and enjoyable conference, and look forward to meeting with you and hearing your views over the course of the weekend.



A MESSAGE FROM **FINTAN PHELAN** NATIONAL YOUTH OFFICER

I am delighted to welcome you here to Limerick for the 2016 National Youth Conference. We are here this weekend after a successful general election where the party more than doubled its number of seats. A lot of that achievement is down to the hard work of Ógra members throughout the country.

Over the past year we continue to prove ourselves as a vital organ in our great party. We are at the vanguard of party campaigns and we are a vehicle for young people to fight for the issues that matter to them.

We have workshops this weekend on issues of huge importance not only to our towns and cities but to our country and world and I would encourage you to participate actively in these discussions and to answer the challenge put before us to 'Shape Our Nation'.

I would like to thank the outgoing Central Officer Board for their work over the past year, it has been a pleasure working with them. This officer board stood up to the plate during the general election and ensured that Ógra was not found wanting. I wish them all continued success for the future.

A special thanks to the organising committee in Limerick for their work on the organisation of this conference especially Cllr. Vivienne Crowley, Derek Daly, Dion Davis and David O'Sullivan. I would also like to thank Seán Dorgan and all the staff in Fianna Fáil HQ for their help with organising this conference.

I look forward to meeting you all and listening to your ideas over the course of the weekend.





WELCOME TO OUR CITY

Fáilte go dtí Chathair Luimnigh agus go dtí an Comhdháil Náisiúnta na hÓige 2016!

It is with great pleasure that we welcome you to the 2016 Fianna Fáil National Youth Conference in Limerick City.

We have an entire weekend of debate and discussion lined up for you as well as some fantastic social activities. Please consult this Clár for the times and locations of these events.

It has been almost a quarter of a Century since the National Youth Conference was last hosted in Limerick City and as such we are looking forward to having a most productive and fun-filled weekend.

Since the last Local elections in 2009 and the General Election of 2016, Fianna Fáil returned a record number of Ógra candidates to Local Authorities and to the Oireachtas, thereby cementing Ógra's position as the strongest Political Youth Movement in Ireland.

Your attendance at the 2016 National Youth Conference together with members of our Parliamentary Party and other Elected Representatives will show that Fianna Fáil is a Party of Experience, Energy and Enthusiasm.

We look forward to meeting each of you over the weekend and welcoming you personally to The Treaty City.

A MESSAGE FROM PETER CAULFIELD NATIONAL COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON

It gives me great pleasure to welcome everyone to the 2016 Fianna Fáil National Youth Conference. I am especially delighted to welcome those of you who are attending your first N.Y.C. whether as a new member or as a guest of Ógra. The National Youth Conference is the centre piece in the Ógra calendar and as always provides members with the opportunity to shape the year ahead for our organisation.

Over the course of the weekend you will have the chance to use your vote to elect the Central Officer Board for the next term and decide our policy on a range of issues. I would encourage all members to engage with the policy workshops over the weekend.

While the emphasis can sometimes be on being heard in a situation such as this, I cannot overstate the importance of listening to others and understanding the range of views which different members can bring to the discussion. One hundred years ago courageous women and men decided to put their lives at risk in order "to pursue the happiness and prosperity of the whole nation and all of its parts, cherishing all of the children of the nation equally." We as republicans must always strive for this objective. Only through the process of understanding others can we ever hope to achieve our objective of an Ireland for all.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the outgoing Central Officer Board for all the work they have done over the past year. It is important to note that our organisation is one which is run by volunteers. The time, effort and commitment given by all of our members is not just testament to our people but to the organisation to which we belong. A special thanks must be reserved for the local organising committee for this weekend's event. To

organise what promises to be a fantastic National Youth Conference is no mean feat and for this much appreciation is due to Dion Davis, Derek Daly, David O'Sullivan and Cllr. Vivienne Crowley along with all of the Head Quarters staff. I also wish to thank the National Youth Officer Fintan Phelan for his efforts throughout the year in assisting with National Council and facilitating many other Ógra activities. Finally I wish good luck to all those who have put themselves forward to run for Central Officer Board positions this weekend. The significance of taking part in elections cannot be underestimated in a democratic organisation and whether you are successful or not you will have contributed to one of the most fundamental aspects our party, and for that we thank you.



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The Potential Impact of Brexit

Saturday, 11:30 – 12:30

Conference Room

Chaired by Jackie Cahill T.D.
Spokesperson on Food and Horticulture

Anthony Soares, Deputy Director Centre for Cross Border Studies

Sean Finen, President Macra Na Feirme

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Science, Research and Technology Have your say on Party Policy

Saturday, 14:00 – 15:00

Conference Room

Chaired by James Lawless TD,
Spokesperson on Science, Technology, Research and Development

Dr. Aoibhinn Ní Shúilleabhán,
Assistant Professor in School of Mathematics and Statistics UCD

Damien Owens, Registrar Engineers Ireland

Dr. Kevin Mitchell,
Senior Lecturer in Genetics
& Associate Dean of Undergraduate Science Education TCD

U.S. Presidential Discussion

Saturday, 15:00 – 16:00

Conference Room

Mary Jackman, Democrats Abroad

Lorcan Price, Former Leas-Uachtaran Ógra Fianna Fáil

Dr. Eric Derr, International Officer Carlow College
and St Ambrose University, Iowa



Sport, Society and Politics Enacting Policies for a Healthier Ireland

Saturday, 16:00 – 17:00

Conference Room

Chaired by Anne Rabbitte T.D. Spokesperson on Children and Youth Affairs

Dr. Brian Carsan, Lecturer in Exercise Physiology UL

Dr. Donal O'Shea, Consultant Endocrinologist and Physician

Linda Flynn, Founder Flynn Admin



CENTRAL OFFICER BOARD ELECTIONS



UACHTARÁN ÓGRA FHIANNA FÁIL

JAMES DOYLE

Dublin Fingal

I'm James Doyle and I'm asking for your vote for Uachtarán at this National Youth Conference. I joined Ógra in first year of college as a member of Wolfe Tone Cumann, Trinity College, and then Seán Lemass Cumann, Maynooth University, as well as my home unit Dublin Fingal. I currently work in financial services and I am a Qualified Financial Advisor. I previously served as Dublin Organiser during that time we had unprecedented growth and activity across Dublin. I want to bring my dedication and experience to the role of Uachtarán.

I'm running to continue to build the Ógra you deserve. I see the hard work members put in across the country and want a COB that supports that work. My priority is to focus on our core strengths: Campaigning, Community and Craic.

I look forward to meeting you over the weekend. Bain sult as an gComhdháil Náisiúnta Ógra!



BRIEGE MAC OSCAR

WTC, Trinity

I'm Briega and I'm a 21 year old TCD Law student from Co Tyrone.

I'm currently the Ógra Northern Organiser, serving in my second term and I was elected Northern C15 delegate to the Árd Chomhairle at the Árd Fheis.

If I am elected I intend to serve as an ambitious and conscientious president. My ironic tagline of "No Slogans, Just Results" is meant not only to be humorous but to explain the type of Ógra I would like to lead, one which is goal focused and result driven.

I want Ógra to be a campaigning organisation and I want our members to be engaged with the senior party. I would like to see reform of COB and national council; to see the COB operate more effectively and for council to be more engaging and informative.

I hope everybody has a really good weekend and I look forward to meeting you all!



NATIONAL POLICY & CAMPAIGNS DIRECTOR

PETER CAULFIELD

Mayo

My name is Peter Caulfield and I am honoured to have been nominated unopposed for the position of Policy and Campaigns Director.

I am from county Mayo but since finishing college I have been working in both Cork and Dublin, where I currently live, as a Graduate Architect.

I have been a member of Ógra Fianna Fáil since I was 16 years old and have been involved at every level of the party. I am currently Vice-chairperson of Mayo C.D.C. and serve as Chairperson of Ógra National Council.

I will be working to promote communication, co-ordination and Involvement within our organisation as I feel these are key areas that will allow us to be more effective and to improve our member's experience.

I look forward to working with you during the forthcoming term to ensure that your voice is heard when it comes to policy and that our voices are heard when it comes to campaigning.



NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP & RECRUITMENT DIRECTOR

**NIAMH
TRAYNOR**
Dublin Fingal

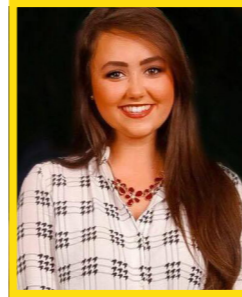


We are in a defining period for our Party after the General Election success in February of this year. At present, the membership base is strong. This is being built on by engaging in successful recruitment drives of Second Level, Third Level and Non-Third Level members. This is vital for our Party and Ógra has been at the forefront of recruiting new members. In my year as Membership & Recruitment Director, I have overseen campaigns which have directly resulted in a record of 2400+ members joining Ógra. I have the focus, enthusiasm and proven results to continue my hard work across Ireland. If re-elected, I will continue my work, in conjunction with each Regional Organiser, in reviving Ógra units to ensure that our membership is both active and growing. This will ensure that Ógra remains the strongest and most popular political youth movement in Ireland!

When I'm not trying to give T.D.'s directions to recruitment stands, I've been putting the finishing touches to my M.A. Political Communications Degree in D.C.U. Prior to this, I studied Politics & Sociology in U.C.D. It was here where I fell head over heels (not literally, for once) with Ógra. I joined the K.B.C. in 2012 where I served as Secretary. I also served as Secretary for Ógra National Council. I am an active, committed member in my own constituency of Fingal, where I also serve as Membership Officer. I have the experience, ideas and energy to repeat this year's successful campaign with Ógra units across our 32 Counties.

NATIONAL EVENTS DIRECTOR

**DION
DAVIS**
DOM, UCC



My name is Dion Davis, I am 20 years old and I'm from Limerick. I am a final year English and Politics student in UCC.

I am the Youth Officer for Limerick City CDC and I've been working hard on the organising committee for this year's conference. I also hold the position of Leas Cathaoirleach of the Donogh O'Malley Cumann. These are two roles that I have thoroughly enjoyed.

This past year I sat on the COB as Press Officer, giving our party a voice on social media and promoting our events nationwide. I set up new platforms and gave live coverage of my time on this year's leader's tour around the country during #GE16. However Events is another one of my passions which is why I am running for National Events Director.

I want to push the boundaries with events this year. I have proposed changing the format of the DeValera Cup, encouraging participation with Lymec, hosting events for SNAG and consent workshops to name a few. These are all opportunities that I feel will enable Ógra to grow as an organisation.

I look forward to the task ahead and I would like to sincerely thank people for their nominations and support. I hope you enjoy this weekend, and visit the Treaty City again soon.

NATIONAL THIRD LEVEL ORGANISER

**JOANNE
KEATING**
DOM, UCC



My name is Joanne Keating and I'm running for Ógra Fianna Fáil's 3rd level organiser.

A bit about me, I'm 21 years old from Cork North Central. I have been Chair and treasurer of the Donogh O'Malley Cumann in UCC. In that time I played a leading role revitalising the Cumann and our hard work was rewarded with winning the Gobnait O'Connell award last year. I also helped in the establishment of CIT Ógra last year.

Third level Cumanns are one of our most important assets which produce some of our finest members. As chair of a Cumann I know the supports I would like to see from the COB. I would like us to be an activist Ógra of women and men, across all third level Cumanns in Ireland. I believe I am the best person to do this. I have experience, the ability and proven dedication.

**CORMAC
TIGHE**
KBC, UCD



Hi everyone! My name is Cormac Tighe and I am running for 3rd Level Organiser this weekend. I am 21, from Roscommon and I am the current Chairperson of the Kevin Barry Cumann in UCD.

Ógra has put itself in a good position since the general election with a great recruitment campaign on 3rd level campuses nationally. We are doing well but we can still do better. There is room for improvement and I believe I am the person most capable of driving Ógra Fianna Fáil forward in 3rd level institutions across the island.

Please give me your #1 for 3rd Level Organiser on Saturday morning. If you do, I guarantee you hard work and dedication.

IRISH LANGUAGE AND CULTURAL OFFICER

CONNAUGHT/ULSTER ORGANISER

DUBLIN ORGANISER

CAOLÁN MAC GRIANNA WTC, Trinity

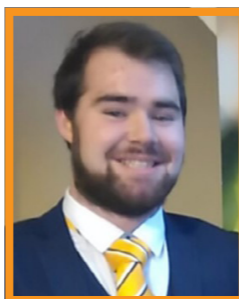


Dia dhaoibh a chairde, Gavin Curry is ainm dom, agus beidh mé ag glacadh an ról mar Oifigeach Gaeilge & Cultúrtha d'Ógra i 2016. Na príomh-aidhmeanna a bheidh agam ná béim láidir a chur ar na polasaithe dearfacha a beidh i bhforógra Fhianna Fáil don Olltoghchán. B'fhéidir an ceann is tábhachtaí de na bpolasaithe sin ná Aire Sinsearach a soláthar i gcomhair cosaint na teanga Gaeilge arís. Chomh maith leis sin, caithfimid béim níos láidre a chur ar cursaí tuaithe. Is léir go bhfuil dearmad déanta ag an rialtas ar phobal na tuaithe, agus caithfimid seasamh suas ar son na daoine sin.

2016 looks set to be a pivotal year in the life of our organisation. I will do my utmost as Irish & Cultural Officer to ensure that Ógra is to the forefront in promoting and protecting our native language. Central to this will be the call for a senior ministry with responsibility for the Irish language. We must also strive to be as active as possible in commemorating the heroic deeds of our nation's founders in 1916, as well as to reach out to groups from as many walks of Irish life as possible. In particular, we must highlight the plight of young people aiming to make progress in rural Ireland, in spite of being forgotten by the current administration.

Táim ag súil go mór le bheith ag buaileadh libh i rith an deireadh seachtaine. Bainigí sult as an NYC!

TOM CAHILL CDB, NUIG



My name is Tom Cahill. My presence has graced this earth for 20 years now. I hail from the small village of Lawrencetown, located half-way between Ballinasloe and Portumna in East Galway. I've just started my final year of Law and Geography (sounds better than just saying Arts) in NUIG, doesn't necessarily mean it will end this year. I'm currently in my second term as Cathaoirleach of Cumann de Barra.

I'll be working towards more Ógra engagement both in our communities and throughout the region by implementing the ideas that are below. I'll also be asking members for their input so we can make a communal effort to grow the activities of Ógra and Fianna Fáil in the region. My 3 main aims are:

1. To set up Community Ógras locally
2. To collaborate with the Senior Party for a Social Evening
3. To publish monthly newsletters for the region.

AMMAR ALI Dublin S. Central



My Name is Ammar Ali. I'm a 22 year old student in ITT Dublin, studying Pharmaceutical Science. I live in Crumlin (Dublin South Central). I am currently the Chairperson of ITT Dublin Ógra. I feel Dublin is a great city to live, study and work in.

However I feel Ógra can address many of the challenges facing Dublin today.

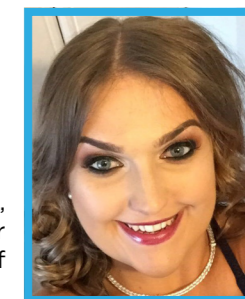
My Dublin plan of action:

If elected as Dublin organiser, I will actively support Ógra Cumann in Dublin.

- At least one event per Dublin unit.
- Establishing a 'Dublin Forum' whereby each Ógra CDC and College Cumann send a delegate once a month to a meeting to discuss Dublin wide issues.
- Engaging with the new Irish community and telling them about Ógra policies.
- To establish and develop Ógra Cumann in Dublin CDC or colleges where there are none, or need further support.

I promise you hard work and dedication if you back me this weekend!

AOIBHEANN MAHON Dublin Bay North



Hi, my name is Aoibheann Mahon, and I am here to ask you for your number one vote for the office of Dublin Organiser.

I'm an almost lifelong member of FF, a member of Dublin Bay North and honoured to be Chairperson of our Ógra. I am also the Vice Chairperson of my CDC Dublin Bay North.

I live and work in Dublin. I have campaigned in Local, European and General elections across Dublin since the age of 5.

I want the opportunity to continue the great work of previous Dublin Organisers with Monster meetings, Social Events and Keeping Dublin Ógra Alive.

I want to see Ógra Fianna Fáil grow into the grassroots of every community in Dublin. I want to create and encourage strong links with 3rd level Ógra Cumainn and CDC units in Dublin

Continue building Ógra Membership in Dublin and Encouraging a strong social aspect to Ógra events and meetings

With your support I believe I would be the best candidate to help achieve these goals. I look forward to talking to you about my ideas and hearing yours over the weekend.

LEINSTER ORGANISER

EIMHÍN BOLAND Offaly

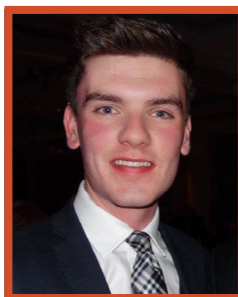
I'm Eimhin Boland, a 20 year old Business & Management Athlone IT student from county Offaly.

It all started back in June 1927 when my great-grand-uncle, Patrick Boland, became Laois-Offaly's first ever Fianna Fáil TD.

Almost ninety years later, I'm currently serving on the Officer Boards of the EJ Dooley Cumann, Birr & Ferbane CC and Offaly CDC. Recently, I was elected Chairperson of AIT Ógra, after coordinating its re-activation. I also hold the position of Chairperson of Offaly Ógra, with the responsibility of its rejuvenation process! I hold and have held many different officeships on boards, including Jigsaw Offaly.

We, the Leinster Ógra members have a choice; we can sit back and watch what's happening - passive observers as others determine our futures, we can close our eyes to current and community affairs and in a while - wide eyed and open mouthed - wonder what happened, or we can, together, make things happen! I'm in that last group, and I know you are too!

So make that choice today and let's make things happen!



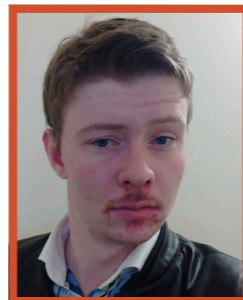
DARRAGH O'CONNOR Laois

My name is Darragh O'Connor, I am currently Secretary of Ógra Fianna Fáil in Laois and a second year Law student at the Waterford Institute of Technology.

In my role as secretary of Laois Ógra I have spearheaded a campaign for us to recruit more members which has thus been an incredible success as we are currently the largest Ógra organisation in the whole of Leinster.

In regards to the role as Leinster Organiser, I have drawn up a manifesto on the back of our incredible success in Laois Ógra. I will strongly focus on cumainn that haven't been focused on and cumainn that haven't been started yet. I will replicate the success that we have implemented in Laois throughout the rest of Leinster and I will make Ógra the biggest youth organisation throughout Leinster.

The time for change has now come.



NORTHERN ORGANISER

PAUL MC NAMEE Belfast Ógra

Originally from North Belfast, I first joined Ógra in 2013, signing up to the fledgling Belfast Ógra before going on to serve in various roles on the Wolfe Tone Committee in Trinity including serving as chair in my final year.

During my term in office membership almost doubled while a number of high profile guests were welcomed onto campus including former Taoiseach Bertie Ahern who delivered an insightful talk into his role in the Peace Process as well as giving his thoughts on Fianna Fáil contesting elections in the north.

I have now returned to live in Belfast and it is from here that I hope to reinvigorate and renew the Ógra structures in the north in preparation for the party's commitment to contest elections there in 2019. I look forward to meeting delegates for what promises to be a weekend of great debate and craic.



MUNSTER ORGANISER

RÓISÍN REDMOND Cork IT

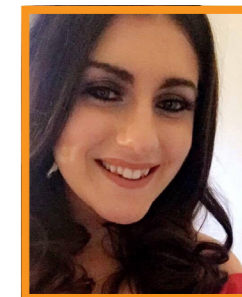
My name is Róisín Redmond and I'm running for Munster Organiser. I am a second year business and tourism student in Cork IT. I am currently chair of CIT Ógra Fianna Fáil, where I was previously secretary and they are positions I am proud to hold.

I would hope to bring vibrant energy, efficiency and dedication to the role.

I've been an activist for the party in both Cork North and South Central as well as Cork North West and I believe I can channel my passion for the party into working to support units across the province.

I must credit past Munster Organisers for the work they have done and I also wish to thank the outgoing COB for their dedication to Ógra, but now I ask that you place your confidence in me to fulfil the role of Munster Organiser.

Ar Aghaidh Le Fianna Fáil.



MOTIONS NYC 2016



ORGANISATION MOTIONS

1. **That this Conference adopts the outlined structural system for determining the locations of Hustings in the run-up to the National Youth Conference.**

Context

Each Region will host one husting per election cycle. The region hosting the NYC that year forfeits their hustings. Each regions organiser will do a draw on the 1st October to determine which unit will host the hustings. A unit cannot host hustings in 2 consecutive years save where no other unit in the region request to be in the draw. If no unit in a region requests they be in the draw, that region forfeits their hustings. The COB will appoint a Director of Hustings to determine the dates each hustings will take place and a venue liaising with the units.

Cumann de Barra, NUIG

2. **That Ógra Fianna Fáil requests the leader to appoint a member of the Parliamentary Party as liaison between Ógra and the Parliamentary Party. This liason would be furnished with a copy of all policy motions passed by Ógra at the NYC, the liaison would be required to attend National Council at least twice a year and to make a report to Ógra on such occasions of the work of the parliamentary party.**

Dan Breen Cumann, Tipperary Ógra CDC

[] PASSED
[] NOT PASSED

[] PASSED
[] NOT PASSED

ORGANISATION MOTIONS

3. **That this conference calls on the position of Second Level Organiser to be created on the Central Officer Board.**

Context

Ógra is increasingly encouraging second level students to join the organisation. People attending second level should have a representative on the COB to put across their unique needs and views, as well as to coordinate activities taking place at second level.

Laois Ógra CDC

4. **This NYC proposes that the positions of Policy and Campaigns Officer and Events Officer are changed so as to create a new Policy Officer and a Campaigns and Events Officer.**

Wolfe Tone Cumann, Trinity; Similar motion from Central Officer Board

5. **This NYC proposes that the Connaught-Ulster and Northern Organisers are changed to create a new Connaught Organiser and Ulster Organiser.**

Wolfe Tone Cumann, Trinity

[] PASSED
[] NOT PASSED

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[] NOT PASSED

[] PASSED
[] NOT PASSED

ORGANISATION MOTIONS

6. **The COB will organise an event such as a bucket collection or sleep-out for a selected charity. This will make Ógra more visible as an organisation and give members the opportunity to engage in a wider range of campaigns.**

Wolfe Tone Cumann, Trinity

7. **This NYC mandates the President of Ógra to examine ways in which the travel or accommodation of COB and National Council Officers could be subsidised, especially for events and meetings which involve significant expense or an overnight stay.**

Wolfe Tone Cumann, Trinity

8. **Ógra should examine the upper age limit and investigate the merits in reducing it to 28.**

Central Officer Board

9. **This conference mandates the next Policy Director to work in conjunction with all interested Cumainn with the aim of having each of these units develop a policy document which will be adopted by Ógra nationally. The incoming officer will be mandated to approach each unit individually on a policy position they support and to visit each cumann to assist in their policy paper development.**

Central Officer Board

ORGANISATION MOTIONS

10. **The newly established award for best non-3rd level cumann, awarded at the National Youth Conference, be named the Darragh Frain Award in honour of recently deceased Ógra member Darragh Frain.**

Central Officer Board

FINANCE, PUBLIC EXPENDITURE & REFORM MOTIONS

- 11. Ógra Fianna Fáil calls upon the senior party to move a motion in the Dáil to re-affirm its absolute commitment to maintain the 12.5% rate of corporation tax and protect our reputation as a global leader in FDI and that Ireland is opposed to any Irish participation in proposals to introduce a consolidated corporate tax base within either the Eurozone or the European Union as a whole.**

[] PASSED
[] NOT PASSED

Context

European Commission will propose legislation for a common consolidated corporate tax base (CCCTB) which would undermine Ireland's tax sovereignty. This is back on the agenda again after it was defeated in 2011.

Sligo Ógra CDC

12. **This conference calls on the party's finance spokespeople in the Oireachtas to examine revenue generated from benefit in kind with a view to increasing a person's standard rate cut off point by the value of benefits up to €12,700, as a non-cash method of giving money back to hard pressed families.**

[] PASSED
[] NOT PASSED

Context

Issue affecting those earning below the average industrial wage who's employers provide healthcare as a benefit,

FINANCE, PUBLIC EXPENDITURE & REFORM MOTIONS

which they would otherwise not afford, or vehicles which they require to fulfil their job.

Limerick City Ógra CDC; Similar motion from Wicklow Ógra CDC

13. **This conference mandates that Ógra support the lowering of the national Capital Gains Tax in the Republic of Ireland to encourage entrepreneurs to start new businesses in Ireland and to incentivise them not to go offshore.**

[] PASSED
[] NOT PASSED

Context

In Ireland we have a serious problem in regards to the capital gain tax rate, which is uncompetitive at 33% compared to the UK who has a rate of 18% and France where it's 19%.

Laois Ógra CDC

14. **This National Youth Conference calls on the senior party to commit to spending 4% of GDP per annum on infrastructure projects when in government, in line with the European average.**

[] PASSED
[] NOT PASSED

Dublin Fingal Ógra CDC

JOBS, ENTERPRISE & INNOVATION MOTIONS

15. **This Youth Conference is hugely concerned at the lack of balance of IDA site visits and calls on the Minister for Jobs and the IDA to rectify this immediately**

Carlow Ógra CDC

[] PASSED
[] NOT PASSED

COMMUNICATIONS & ENVIRONMENT MOTIONS

16. **This National Youth Conference calls for the Government to turn post offices into one-stop-shops for state services.**

[] PASSED
[] NOT PASSED

Context

The Postmasters Union has suggested to turn post offices into one-stop-shops for state services. These include: social security collection, internet access, remote health checks with hospitals and GPs, prescription drop-off and local transport centers.

Kerry Ógra CDC

17. Ógra believes that a cap should be set for the percentage of print and broadcast media allowed in the private ownership of one individual.

[] PASSED
[] NOT PASSED

Context

With more and more of our mainstream media in private ownership, there is a real and substantial danger that 'media moguls' can buy large amounts of our print and broadcast media and then use that to set an agenda beneficial to them.

Clare Ógra CDC

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COMMUNICATIONS & ENVIRONMENT MOTIONS

18. **This conference calls for legislation barring ex-Government Ministers from engaging in paid lobbying activity for 6 months after leaving office to be introduced.**

[] PASSED
[] NOT PASSED

Context

In order to further the work started by the Lobbying Act, and in an effort to improve transparency in the mechanisms of our democracy, there should be a time period, similar to 'Gardening Leave' in the financial sector, where ex-Government Ministers cannot enter any paid lobbying job.

Clare Ógra CDC

19. **This conference calls to scrap daylight savings time in favour of staying on “Summer time” all year ‘round.**

[] PASSED
[] NOT PASSED

Context

The practise of changing the clocks forward and backwards an hour every 6 months is an outdated one made redundant by widespread electrification and changing social and economic conditions in Ireland.

Clare Ógra CDC

HOUSING, PLANNING & LOCAL GOVERNMENT MOTIONS

20. **This conference calls on Ógra to organise a Campaign seeking to raise awareness of the current housing crisis with an emphasis on the impact of young people and third level students.**

[] PASSED
[] NOT PASSED

Cork South Central Ógra CDC

21. **That this conference would endorse a policy of increasing the supply of student accommodation by providing grants to universities from the department of housing to incentivise and fund the supply of student housing. By encouraging further co-operation between Universities, the department for housing, planning, community and local government would co-ordinate the regulation of private student housing complexes**

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[ ] PASSED
[ ] NOT PASSED
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Context

The lack of student accommodation has led to a number of problems in the housing market. Lack of student housing has left a large number of students without accommodation while attending university.

Cork IT Ógra

HOUSING, PLANNING & LOCAL GOVERNMENT MOTIONS

HEALTH MOTIONS

22. **This conference calls on our Oireachtas members to oppose and limit the central bank request for a 70% minimum mortgage. Ógra proposes that there be a €400,000 cap, the minimum loan to value should be 84.5% and that the scheme should be expanded to include second hand homes up to €220,000 purchase price.**

Context

Opposing the government’s first time buyer initiative as it is inflationary and will prevent young people from achieving home ownership.

Limerick City Ógra CDC

23. **This Youth Conference calls on the government to urgently address the issue of Town Centre Renewal and this without question means significant additional funding ring-fenced for towns.**

Context

With the abolition of Town Councils in 2014, Towns across Ireland are suffering and previous budgets with the stroke of a pen were abolished.

Carlow Ógra CDC

[] PASSED
[] NOT PASSED

[] PASSED
[] NOT PASSED

24. **Ógra calls for the government to reverse mental health budget cuts announced in October but also to increase spending to the recommended 13% of the health budget and the establishment of a cross departmental health authority as outlined in our election manifesto.**

Context

On budget day Health Minister Simon Harris said he would allocate €35 million more to the mental health budget next year. However, responding to a question by James Browne TD , Minister of State for Mental Health Helen McEntee said just €15 million would be available for 2017. This is a savage cut on a mental health service that was already below the recommend level of spending prior to announcement of said cut.

Kerry Ógra CDC

25. **This Conference mandates that Ógra support the continued provision of accident and emergency as well as other associated services in Portlaoise hospital.**

Context

Cardiac Services are a serious issue in many regional hospitals, particularly Portlaoise. In emergency situations it is vital that a person receives adequate medical intervention within 60 minutes.

[] PASSED
[] NOT PASSED

[] PASSED
[] NOT PASSED

Laois Ógra CDC

26. **Ógra Fianna Fáil supports in principle the removal of Article 40.3.3 of the Constitution and that it be replaced with an amended article which would give the Oireachtas greater freedom in respect of legislating on abortion.**

[] PASSED
[] NOT PASSED

Dan Breen Cumann, Tipperary Ógra CDC

- 27. The NYC mandates the COB to examine the issue of consent workshops with a view to organising a consent or wellbeing workshop for Ógra members. A bullying and harassment policy should also be introduced further to a motion passed at the 2014 NYC in Clane.**

[] PASSED
[] NOT PASSED

Context

Similar events have been organised on college campuses and have been a success as they tackle issues affecting young people and their well being.

Wolfe Tone Cumann, Trinity

- 28. This National Youth Conference calls for an urgent improvement in the education and teachings of physical health and nutrition for young people.**

[] PASSED
[] NOT PASSED

Context

Ireland is in danger of becoming the most obese country in Europe by 2030. This would lead to an increase in costs for the HSE and would also increase the number of patients in hospitals, which is already at a critical level today.

Donogh O'Malley Cumann, UCC

TRANSPORT, TOURISM & SPORTS MOTIONS

29. **This National Youth Conference calls for the reintroduction of the local improvement scheme.**

[] PASSED
[] NOT PASSED

Context

The Local Improvement Scheme was scrapped in July 2011. The aim of this scheme is to allow rural communities to maintain cul de sacs and private roads. Since the scrapping of this scheme many areas have become isolated.

Kerry Ógra CDC

30. **That Ógra Fianna Fáil endorse a rural Taxi scheme. This scheme would allow for men and women to operate as part-time taxi drivers in rural towns and villages and earn up to €13,500 tax free each year. It would become a sub category of taxi driver.**

[] PASSED
[] NOT PASSED

Context

There are nearly 19,000 less taxis on the road now than in 2009. This is an issue which effects rural Ireland as much as an urban area. This scheme would encourage part time drivers to operate in towns and villages with inadequate services.

Cumann de Barra, NUIG

TRANSPORT, TOURISM & SPORTS MOTIONS

31. That this Conference would reduce the minimum age for the Free Travel Scheme to 65 years.

[] PASSED
[] NOT PASSED

Context

The Free Travel Scheme (Travel Pass) is heralded as one of the most innovative and successful programs of any government, appreciated by those who make use of them.

Galway East Ógra CDC

32. **This National Youth Conference calls for the allocation of 1 billion euro for the building of the M20 motorway linking Cork to Limerick.**

[] PASSED
[] NOT PASSED

Context

The route between Cork and Limerick, the N20 has two major bottlenecks, Mallow and Buttevant. These two bottle necks add 15 -35 minutes during rush hours. With the building of the cross city LUAS link and the proposal to build the Dublin North Metro shows the government of the Republic is willing to develop the transport of Dublin. However, it is neglecting the 2nd and 3rd city by not developing the M20 motorway.

Donogh O'Malley Cumann, UCC

TRANSPORT, TOURISM & SPORTS MOTIONS

33. **That this conference supports reformed driving standards and that all drivers should complete a refresher training and exam in order to renew their driving licence.**

[] PASSED
[] NOT PASSED

Context

It is important to attempt to eradicate many deaths on Irish roads due to driver error that might be due to lack of knowledge of the road or instances where drivers may have forgotten how to use certain aspects of their training/lessons correctly.

Laois Ógra CDC

34. **Property owners who let their property via 3rd party letting websites (eg: AirBnB) should face all the regulations, taxes and charges associated with running a guest house if the annual number of rental days exceeds 30 in any calendar year.**

[] PASSED
[] NOT PASSED

Context

In the midst of a housing crisis, the issue of people keeping private dwellings off the market in order to use them as 'holiday lets' at great profit cannot be justified.

Clare Ógra CDC

JUSTICE & EQUALITY MOTIONS

35. **Ógra Fianna Fáil calls on Fianna Fáil to campaign for the regulation of surrogacy through legislation.**

[] PASSED
[] NOT PASSED

Context

Currently there is no legislation regulating surrogacy in Ireland. This places intended couples, surrogate mothers and children born through surrogacy in a vulnerable position. Ireland is one of the few remaining countries not to have legislated in this area.

Cork South Central Ógra CDC

36. **Ógra Fianna Fáil calls on Fianna Fáil to campaign for a referendum on Article 42.2.**

[] PASSED
[] NOT PASSED

Context

This provision in our Constitution requires a referendum to either amend it or to repeal it. The provision has two major defects. Firstly the provision reflects an antiquated view of woman that does not reflect the values of today. Secondly the provision has no effect on our society and does not place any positive obligation on the State to support women.

Cork South Central Ógra CDC



JUSTICE, EQUALITY & LAW REFORM MOTIONS

37. This conference calls for the decriminalisation of all drugs in Ireland, to be replaced with an aggressively enforced system of therapy, rehabilitation and community service

[] PASSED
[] NOT PASSED

Context

It is not the duty nor place of the State to deem an individual a criminal for what they choose to do with their own body. It is also our belief that the current initiative to combat drugs has been ineffective and has been a needless consumption of taxpayer money and law enforcement.

Cork North Central Ógra CDC

38. Ógra Fianna Fáil calls for an end to concurrent sentences.

[] PASSED
[] NOT PASSED

Context

Meaning someone convicted of one major crime and multiple minor or intermediate offences, will only really serve the longest of the terms.

Cumann de Barra, NUIG

39. That in accordance with Ógra policy as adopted at the 2015 National Youth Conference in Newry, this Conference asks the Central Officer Board to engage in a campaign of support for the legalisation and regulation of Sex Work in Ireland.

[] PASSED
[] NOT PASSED

Dan Breen Cumann, Tipperary Ógra CDC

JUSTICE, EQUALITY & LAW REFORM MOTIONS

40. **This National Youth Conference demands the removal of the third clause of Article 40.6.1.i. and the 2009 blasphemy law**

[] PASSED
[] NOT PASSED

Context

The third clause of Article 40.6.1.i. states: The publication or utterance of blasphemous, seditious, or indecent matter is an offence which shall be punishable in accordance with law.

Cork East Ógra CDC

41. **That Ógra supports a ban on sulky racing on public roads.**

[] PASSED
[] NOT PASSED

Context

Sulky racing is a serious issue in some parts of the country. It is a dangerous and often illegal practice that has come to prominence in Kilkenny last year when a bye law banning sulky racing on public roads was passed.

Laois Ógra CDC

42. **The offence of revenge porn should be made a stand alone criminal offence and legislation to that effect should be brought before the Oireachtas with haste.**

[] PASSED
[] NOT PASSED

Clare Ógra CDC

43. **This NYC calls on Ógra to develop a policy to attract and accommodate the New Irish community**

[] PASSED
[] NOT PASSED

Context

In the last couple of years there has been an increase in the migrant community in Ireland. Especially in Dublin, Cork and other cities. Ógra and Fianna Fáil should communicate and address the new Irish community. Our slogan was An Ireland for All.

Institute of Technology Tallaght Ógra

44. **This conference calls for a reform of the Junior Certificate C.S.P.E curriculum, with a greater emphasis on current affairs**

[] PASSED
[] NOT PASSED

Context

This conference believes that it is in the public interest, and in the interest of the Government itself, that our education system cultivate a youth who understand the country and political landscape, and the importance of being informed about the world around them.

Cork North Central Ógra CDC

45. **That this Conference would endorse the reintroduction of the post-graduate maintenance grant.**

[] PASSED
[] NOT PASSED

Context

The postgraduate grant was axed in 2012. This affects post-graduate students and prospective students from disadvantaged and rural areas. The postgraduate maintenance

grant would provide support for students unable to afford to attend university as a post graduate student.

Cork North Central Ógra CDC

46. **This NYC calls on the Minister for Education to reform the curriculum for Irish at Leaving Cert level.**

[] PASSED
[] NOT PASSED

Kevin Barry Cumann, UCD

47. **Ógra calls for funding for the student housing officer granted to USI be discontinued and that this individual be appointed directly by the department of education in order to better represent the interests of students from institutions not affiliated to USI.**

[] PASSED
[] NOT PASSED

Context

The scheme as it stands is administered by the USI however several higher education institutions are not affiliated with USI and as such, they do not have adequate representation as to how the scheme is implemented.

Central Officer Board

48. **This NYC calls on Ógra to campaign against the mandatory membership of Student Unions.**

[] PASSED
[] NOT PASSED

Context

Currently, the system for SU membership is an opt out system only, rather than opt in. This motion calls on Ógra to campaign for this mandatory membership to be changed,

EDUCATION, SKILLS & HOUSING MOTIONS

and a system of opt in membership to be implemented in its place. Currently, students are forced to invoke their right to disassociation by requesting to opt out, and they are not refunded with the fees that they paid. This motion calls for students to have the right to invoke their right to association in its place of study.

Kevin Barry Cumann, UCD

49. **This NYC calls on Ógra to support the preservation of the Irish language by supporting the introduction of a system of supplementary leaving cert points, to the value of 25 points for grades H6 and above, for those who sit the honours leaving cert Irish paper**

Dan Breen Cumann, Tipperary Ógra CDC

[] PASSED
[] NOT PASSED

SOCIAL PROTECTION MOTIONS

50. **This conference calls for a substantial increase in the Carers Allowance.**

[] PASSED
[] NOT PASSED

Context

It is the belief of this conference that the current level of financial support offered to state registered carers is wholly inadequate, and that this is a group providing an essential service to the State and deserve greater protection

Cork North Central Ógra CDC

- 51. Ógra Fianna Fáil calls for the reinstatement of the Bereavement Grant.**

[] PASSED
[] NOT PASSED

Longford Ógra CDC

52. Ógra Fianna Fáil calls on the party's social protection spokesperson to examine proposals for auto enrolment pensions to be introduced where Employee and Government should make a defined percentage contribution, we further propose that the broad policy goal of a universal retirement savings system should be that all workers, employed and self-employed are included. We believe that the system should be auto-enrolment with opt-out options; and notes the State must be the main agency involved both in the collection, recording, investing and distribution.

Sligo Ógra CDC

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT, RURAL AFFAIRS & THE GAELTACHT MOTIONS

53. This Conference calls on the Policy and Campaigns Officer to establish a Plan of Action for Rural Ireland, to be endorsed by Ógra.

[] PASSED
[] NOT PASSED

Context

Towns and villages in rural Ireland are being allowed to wither with little debate about the cultural, planning or economic issues associated with their demise. Rural Ireland needs more than words: it needs a plan to deliver rural transport, broadband, roads and jobs.

Cumann de Barra, NUIG

AGRICULTURE, FOOD & THE MARINE MOTIONS

54. That this Conference would set a base beef price (per kg) paid to farmers.

[] PASSED
[] NOT PASSED

Context

Depending on the piece of meat, beef can cost between €13.50 and €31.45 per kg (ave. €21.54 per kg when all types are included). However, in October 2016, farmers were paid an average of €3.70 per kg, despite it costing an average of €4 per kg to rear an animal.

Galway East Ógra CDC

55. **That this National Youth Conference calls on the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to roll out a scheme - with the HSE - to all restaurants, bars, and hotels that would allow their compliance with hygiene, food quality, and sanitary regulations to be easily identifiable with a storefront notice.**

[] PASSED
[] NOT PASSED-

Kevin Barry Cumann, UCD

FOREIGN AFFAIRS & NORTHERN IRELAND MOTIONS

56. **This Conference calls on the senior Party to develop relations with the Conservative Party, and the Scottish National Party.**

[] PASSED
[] NOT PASSED

Context

It's very likely that both these parties will hold the balance of power in the United Kingdom for a considerable length of time, as we plan to enter government ourselves in the near future, developing relations with parties that we'll be dealing with more than ever is only common sense.

Wicklow Ógra CDC

57. **This National Youth Conference calls for Ógra to launch a campaign for the realisation of Ibrahim Halawa.**

[] PASSED
[] NOT PASSED

Context

Since August 16th 2013 Irish citizen, Ibrahim Halawa has been imprisoned in Egypt for taking part in a protest in reaction to a military coup. His trial has been delayed 17 times.

Cork South Central Ógra CDC

FOREIGN AFFAIRS & NORTHERN IRELAND MOTIONS

58. **Ógra Fianna Fáil calls on the Irish Government to remind the UK government of their Good Friday Agreement commitments to the European Convention of Human Rights and to take action should the UK government make efforts to repeal this legislation.**

[] PASSED
[] NOT PASSED

Dan Breen Cumann, Tipperary Ógra CDC

59. **Ógra needs to engage more actively with youth wings in the North in a manner that is open to all members.**

[] PASSED
[] NOT PASSED

Dublin Fingal Ógra CDC

DEFENCE MOTIONS

ARTS & HERITAGE MOTIONS

61. Ógra proposes that Ireland moves to abolish the Irish army and retrain troops as a specialised police force.

[] PASSED
[] NOT PASSED

Séan Lemass Cumann, Maynooth University

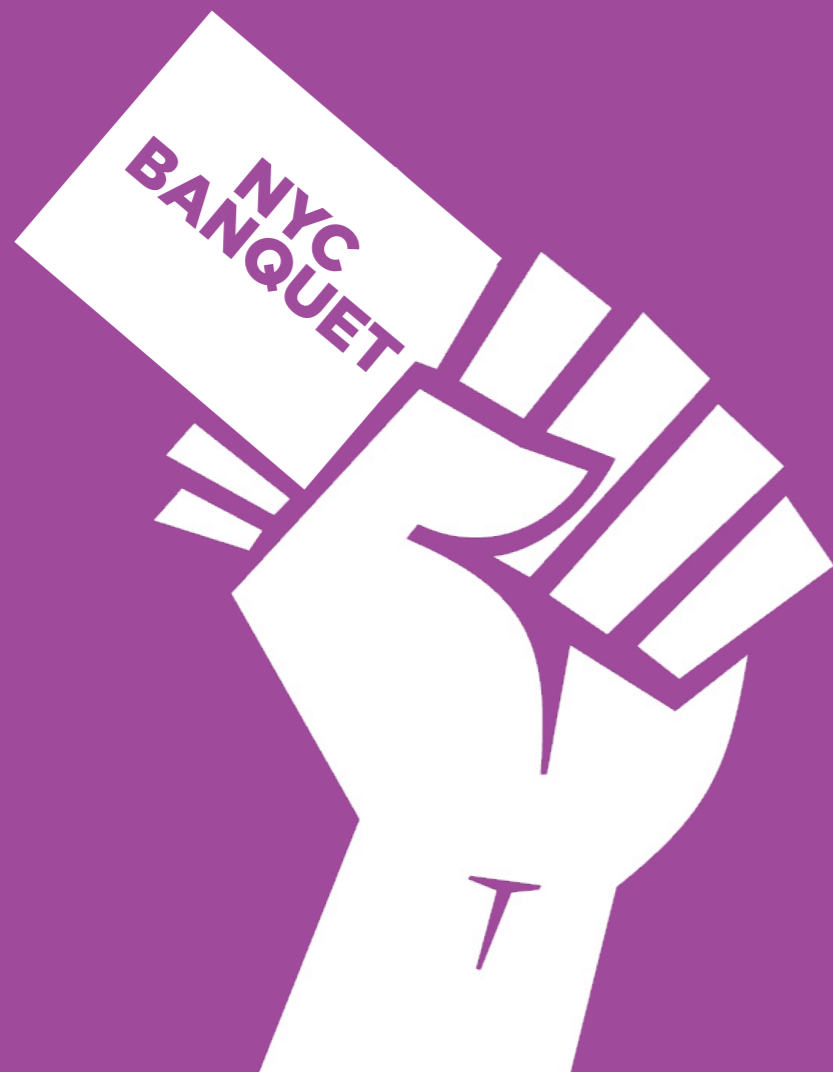
62. **This National Youth Conference calls on Uachtaran Ógra and the Central Officer Board to organise and lead an Ógra Republican commemoration in the next term.**

[] PASSED
[] NOT PASSED

Context

Ógra is rooted in a proud Republican tradition. In this decade of centenaries we should as an organisation recognise and commemorate young people who participated.

Dublin Fingal Ógra CDC



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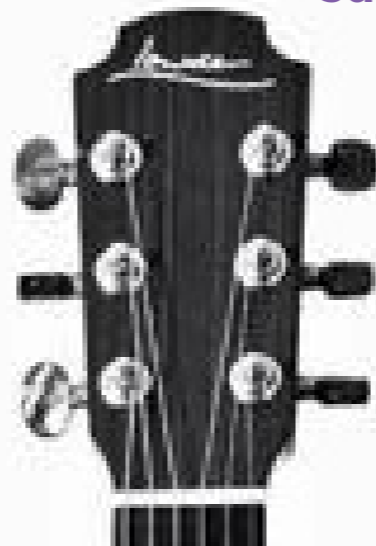
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NATIONAL YOUTH CONFERENCE STANDING ORDERS

PROCEDURES

The ruling of the Fianna Fáil National Youth Officer or, in the absence of the National Youth Officer, the Motions Steering Committee, on all matters of Youth Conference procedure shall be final.

A panel of acting Cathaoirligh will be established by the Fianna Fáil National Youth Officer to preside at workshops for the consideration of motions.

No motion may be moved which does not appear on the Clár. A motion may be moved by a delegate from a Third Level Cumainn or Ógra Comhairle Dáil Cheantair which has submitted it or a similar motion recognising on the Clár. If a qualified speaker does not rise to speak the Cathaoirleach of the workshop will move on to the remaining motions. No vote shall be taken on motions which are not moved.

On the proposal of the acting Cathaoirleach, the motions steering committee or a delegate from the Third Level Cumann or Ógra CDC which has submitted it, a motion may be referred to the National Council of Ógra Fianna Fáil for consideration and decision. Such a proposal for referral shall be voted on immediately and shall be deemed carried by a simple majority vote.

An immediate vote may be taken on a motion without further discussion, following a simple majority vote when called by a delegate to the conference.

AMENDMENTS

An amendment may be moved only if notice of the proposed amendment has been given in writing to

the Cathaoirleach of the workshop and it has been accepted as relevant. Should the proposing unit accept the amendment then discussion shall resume on the amended motion. Should the proposition not accept the amendment then a vote shall be called on whether the amendment should be accepted. Pending this outcome, debate on either the amended or original motion will re/commence. An amendment proposing a direct negative to a motion may not be moved.

POINT OF INFORMATION

A delegate may offer a Point of Information to a speaker on a motion. The Delegate must be acknowledged by the workshop Cathaoirleach before offering the Point of Information.

SPECIAL MOTIONS

An application for the addition of a Special Motion not appearing on the Clár must be signed by a representative or representatives of twenty five (25) percent of registered Third Level Cumainn or Ógra CDCs before the terms of the motion are submitted to the Chair of the Motions Steering Committee on the Friday night of the Conference before 11.00pm. If the special motion is accepted by the Motions Steering Committee, that Committee will then inform the Conference that the Special Motion will be tabled at the start of the relevant Conference Workshop. The proposers should be present and ready to identify themselves when the motion is put.

Delegates must confine their remarks to the specific matter of the motion under consideration.

A speaker must cease speaking at the sounding of the Cathaoirleach's bell. A speaker must yield to the Cathaoirleach of the workshop at all times and the Cathaoirleach's decision will be final.

VOTING

The Cathaoirleach will take a vote on motions in the Clár by way of a show of hands after each motion. In the event of the Cathaoirleach being unable to decide the outcome of any vote, a count will be made by appointed tellers.

Only Delegates, Central Officer Board members and registered Ógra members may speak. The Cathaoirleach of a workshop will announce the time limit for speeches on each motion and Topic at the start of the workshop. Contributions must not exceed the time limit set by the Cathaoirleach. Speakers may be required to register in advance. In this case only registered speakers will be called to speak.

All speakers must take their place in the designated speaker's area at least five minutes before the commencement of the motions.

SPEAKING ORDER

The speaking order for motions shall be as follows:

1. A proposer from the unit that submitted the motion
2. A speaker against the motion from any unit
3. A speaker in favour of the motion

This alternating pattern shall continue as long as the Cathaoirleach deems necessary. However there can never be more than two contributions in succession from either the proposition or the opposition.

Once the general debate has been completed, the proposer may sum up their argument briefly before a vote is called.

In order to involve as many delegates as possible,

delegates should refrain from constantly taking to the podium and allow other delegates to speak.

A Cathaoirleach may in order to maintain the progress of the workshop, cease debate and call for a vote.

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