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Hello! I am **Brigid Purcell** and I am a worker.

I have worked in the service industry for nearly a decade, working as a waitress, a bartender, a cleaner, a kitchen porter, a cashier. I know the ins and outs of the service industry, and I know the labour abuse that takes place there.

I have seen it all: from wage theft, owners stealing staff's tips, and zero hours contracts to verbal and physical abuse and sexual harassment and assault. I know the lack of protection offered to workers in this country because I have experienced it myself.

Which is more than can be said for those in the Dáil, who either have never had precarious work. or have been there so long they can't remember what it's like to be an ordinary person.

I am a regular person.. I am a young woman, a woefully underrepresented demographic in the Dáil. I am a feminist. I do not subscribe to the



"girlboss" idea of "needing more female CEOs". I advocate for equality and social justice for everyone in this country.

I have been involved in several campaigns in my local area, including a campaign to stop the selling off on the open market of the Graving Docks in Ringsend, and a campaign to stop Ringsend Water Treatment Plant dumping sewage into Dublin Bay. My next focus for the area is Co-Living in Rathmines and Bus Connects.



'If your want a genuine left government, vote NO 1 Brigid Purcell. She stands up for workers rights and will challenge the vulture funds and property speculators. It is time we had a young woman from Rinsgend in the Dail'.

What I stand for.

Workers' Rights

Radically changing the way workers are treated in this country is one of my top priorities. I was heavily involved in the Debenhams Strike and cannot let what happened to those brave women happen to a single other worker. The Duffy-Cahill Report must pass.

Locked Out Generation

I am a member of a generation that understands that we will never own a home. I don't need to tell you that things are dire. Real Estate Investment Trusts are buying every property they can in order to rent them back to us. Dodgy, exploitative landlords preying on those who have no other option for housing. Co-living is setting us back to the times of tenement buildings.

Housing

I am committed to introduce fairer housing policies, such as reducing rents, rent control, focusing all our energy on the construction of high standard public housing, and cutting mortgage interest rates.

Fight for a €15 living wage

You cannot raise a family working full time on €10.20 an hour. Everyone deserves a LIVING wage no matter what line of work you are in, and everyone deserves to not worry endlessly about bills and housing. I will fight for a €15 living wage. I will fight for workplaces to provide full paid maternity leave. I will fight for every worker to have a sick pay scheme without caveats.

ean Dublin Bay

I am a sea swimmer but I cannot swim in Dublin Bay because of the pollution. Irish Water says they will stop the overspills from the Ringsend Water Treatment plant.... by 2025. It is just not good enough. We need real action now.



I am not getting into politics for personal gain. I am getting into politics because I truly, genuinely believe that I can make a difference. I will only take the average industrial wage and put the rest back into community campaigning. I will represent those that are not currently represented there. I will fight for better conditions for workers. I will push for affordable housing. I will fight to protect our environment and at least TRY to halt the progress of climate change.

Above all, I want a fairer society for everyone..