

A portrait of Deirdre Conroy, a woman with blonde hair, smiling, wearing a dark blazer over a white top. She is positioned in the center of the image against a green background.

Deirdre Conroy

Dublin Bay South By-Election

 **FIANNA Fáil**
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Who's Deirdre?

Deirdre Conroy is Fianna Fáil's candidate in the Dublin Bay South by-election. Since 2019 she has represented the people of the area on Dublin City Council.

Deirdre has worked in architectural conservation for over 20 years, with a particular interest in planning issues around protected structures. She has campaigned to protect architectural heritage in the area and has been to the forefront of protecting residential areas from the excesses of the Busconnects' project. She is also a strong advocate of extending the proposed MetroLink underground from St. Stephen's Green to Rathgar, Terenure and Templeogue.

Deirdre has a long record of campaigning on social issues. In 2002, when 16 weeks pregnant, she was told that the child she was carrying had a severe chromosomal abnormality and would never survive outside the womb. She subsequently instituted proceedings against Ireland that proceeded to the European Court of Human Rights. The decision of *D v Ireland* was one of the significant early decisions that led to repeal of the 8th amendment.

If Deirdre is elected to Dáil Éireann she will work tirelessly on your behalf.

A message from An Taoiseach

Dear Resident

As we emerge from the Pandemic and implement our National Recovery Plan to secure our country's future, we also need national and local delivery on housing, transport, crime and cost of living. In the short term the government wants to see jobs created, restaurants, pubs and hotels open in full, our students back to College and international travel to reopen.

By voting for Deirdre Conroy in this by election you will be part of this Plan. Don't leave it to others. Deirdre has a deep understanding of the needs of Dublin Bay South and is already a very dedicated Councillor and community activist. She wants to go further and represent you in the Dáil to help create more jobs, tackle the rising costs of living and to bring in more measures to enhance our quality of life.

Deirdre wants the people and communities of Dublin Bay South to emerge from the Pandemic stronger than ever.

I am asking you to give your number 1 vote to our Fianna Fáil candidate Councillor Deirdre Conroy.

Sincerely

Micheál Martin TD



Housing

There is no doubting that Housing is the issue of this generation. In the last ten years, the chances of a young adult owning a home in Ireland has more than halved. Rising house prices, crippling rents and institutional landlords leads to the fragmentation and destruction of a community. The very essence of community is eroded if housing in the locality is put beyond the means of the next generation

Despite the challenges presented by the pandemic, Fianna Fáil are committed to introducing real, meaningful, and lasting policy to ensure that home ownership can be supported and achieved, rents are affordable, tenants can live securely in cost rental homes helping those experiencing homelessness into a permanent home, reducing the numbers on our social housing waiting lists.

Here are just some of the policy changes which Minister for Housing Darragh O'Brien has introduced such as the first scheme of direct state built affordable homes in over a decade, the first ever national cost rental scheme, the new shared equity scheme and an extension of Part V to a set 20% in every Local Authority area with a 10% requirement for social homes and 10% requirement for affordable homes, and a new owner occupier guarantee. The aim of all of these policies, is to support people from every community in Ireland to access secure safe, long term homes. We believe in housing for all and are working hard every day to ensure that is realised.

As the party with the strongest record on building houses and home ownership, in Government we are already having an impact on these issues and I assure you that if elected to Dáil Éireann, I will be a strong voice to continue tackling our housing crisis along with my party colleagues.

Crime

We are all spending more time outdoors. We have come to appreciate the natural beauty that surrounds us. However, for many, our streets and parks are a source of fear. Parents are worried about their sons and daughters being physically attacked and threatened; women are frightened about walking through the city at night time. Every citizen has a right to walk down their own street, to enjoy their local park, without fear of being abused or attacked. The pandemic demonstrated the power of collective responsibility.

Together we managed to curb the spread of the virus. There is no reason why collectively we cannot address the anti-social behaviour and criminal activity that acts as a blight on so many communities. A community cannot function and prosper unless its members feel safe and secure.

Fianna Fáil in government are addressing many issues in relation to crime, with a particular focus on youth justice. This year Minister of State for Law Reform and Fianna Fáil TD James Browne launched the new Youth Justice Strategy 2021-2027, designed to address key challenges in the youth justice area. It will enhance engagement with children and young people who are most at risk of involvement in criminal activity.

If elected to Dáil Éireann, I will advocate for more Gardaí on the streets; a greater emphasis on community policing and increased funding to community groups to divert young people from the path of crime



Deirdre Conroy for Dublin Bay South

Transport

We are at a defining moment in relation to how we choose to move around our city. Climate Change and the pandemic has forced us to think seriously about transport. As greater numbers turn to public transport, we need to ensure that key decisions made at the beginning of major infrastructural projects are carefully considered and properly reasoned.

As matters stand, this constituency is served by a coastal train system (DART) and a LUAS service running north-south, through Ranelagh, Milltown, Dundrum and Stillorgan. We need to build rail infrastructure out to the south west of the city. This will transform our housing options. MetroLink should be extended from St. Stephens Green towards the southwest of the city serving areas such as Rathgar, Terenure and Templeogue.

If elected to Dáil Éireann, I will strongly promote the feasibility study into extending the MetroLink south west.



In the midst of every crisis, lies great opportunity.

The global pandemic has caused us to re-evaluate many things: how we live; how we interact with one another; what we cherish and what we hold dear.

With over half the population now vaccinated, due to a successful and effective vaccination programme, we now have a wonderful opportunity to reimagine our society; to reinvigorate our communities and to redouble our efforts to protect the most vulnerable amongst us.

If elected to Dáil Éireann, I will focus on three key issues, which will lead to a better and fairer society for all.

I look forward to engaging with you on these issues and more during this campaign!

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