

## About Me:

Dublin Bay South has been my home for nearly 30 years. I have worked here most of my life in the arts, as a community activist and now at Science Gallery International, linking science, art and technology. I was a founder of #WakingTheFeminists - a campaign for gender equality in Irish culture - and I have served on the board of The Abbey Theatre and as a member of the Expert Network of the World Economic Forum. I believe a fair, thriving and caring country is possible. I joined the Social Democrats as it is a party, not of our grandfathers, but for our granddaughters.

We believe in evidence-based policy positions which further our long-term interest, not vested interests. I am tired of waiting for the same old political parties to deliver on the basics - and then failing to meet even that minimal standard. Are you? As someone who campaigned for Marriage Equality and Repeal, I know that change is possible. Change is achievable. I just need your support.

Now more than ever it's time for just climate action. We need to prioritise urgent action to save our environment and protect our biodiversity.

Now is not the time to kick the can down the road or delay targets. The Government are ignoring a just transition which could protect workers and create green jobs.

The pandemic has changed politics and people's lives. Now is the time to invest in our economy, our public services and our young people. We must leave no one behind. There can be no return to austerity.

We need to follow the international advice and invest heavily in the infrastructure of the future. Let's build back better.

Sarah, Gary Gannon TD and Dublin Bay South members on the campaign trail

## Social Democrats

# Sarah DURCAN

Your candidate in the **Dublin Bay South** By-Election

### Your vote for Sarah and the SocDems is a vote for:

- Affordable housing
- Affordable childcare
- An end to waiting lists
- And time for what matters

**The time to change is now.**



Sarah with Holly Cairns TD



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# You can choose to send a Powerful Message in this By-Election

You Deserve Better. We Deserve Better.

After a decade of failed leadership, we now have a locked out and sold out generation.

The choice is clear. Change. Or more of the same.

The Social Democrats are a party born out of change.

In this by-election you have a chance to send a powerful message about the Ireland we all deserve.

We deserve so much better than crises in housing, childcare and health.

**We can do better. It starts with voting No. 1 for Sarah Durcan in this by-election.**



## Affordable Housing

The housing crisis has deteriorated even further under this Government. We cannot continue like this - there is a better way for the locked-out generation and their families.

**I stand for:**

- **Using public land for housing** that is affordable to rent or buy
- **A new renters' charter** with a ban on rent increases for three years
- **Ending the free-for-all** for international investors in the residential property sector



Cian O'Callaghan TD, Housing Spokesperson, with Sarah

## Affordable Childcare

Raising children should not cost a fortune. Ireland lags far behind the standard provision of childcare in the EU. Investment in childcare, provision and choice, is an investment in all our futures.

**I stand for:**

- **A publicly funded** accessible model of childcare
- **Increasing State investment** in childcare to 1% of GDP
- **Paid leave for parents** for the first year of a child's life



Sarah with Jennifer Whitmore TD, Spokesperson for Children

## An End to Waiting Lists

One million people are on healthcare waiting lists in Ireland. The Social Democrats prioritise investment in physical and mental health and well-being. We led the way to a roadmap for an Irish NHS that leaves no one behind – **Sláintecare**.

**I stand for:**

- **Investing now** to fully fund Sláintecare
- **Fully funded** **homecare** and other community services
- **Secular maternity services**



Sarah with Roisín Shortall TD, Co-Leader

## Time for what matters

The pandemic has shown us what is important – what really matters. We need to invest in our society and economy so we can build back better.

**I stand for:**

- **Increased investment** in cycling and public transport
- **More funding** for playgrounds, community amenities, arts and culture
- **A living wage** and fair working conditions to support a better quality of life



Catherine Murphy TD, Co-Leader, with Sarah