

LOCAL & EURO ELECTIONS, FRIDAY 5TH JUNE '09

**FIANNA FAIL RESPONSIBLE FOR CRASHED ECONOMY
& SAVAGE ATTACK ON LIVING STANDARDS**

MAKE THEM PAY THE PRICE

FATCAT DEVELOPERS and big bankers, legislated for by Fianna Fail, raked in countless billions in profits during the construction bubble they created. However now that their insatiable greed has crashed the economy the Fianna Fail/Green Party Government are ravaging the living standards of ordinary people to pay for the crisis.

- Savage punishment is being meted out to those who had no act or part in the criminal profiteering that precipitated the collapse including the victims of this greed still saddled with punishing forty year mortgages.
- This programme of vicious cuts in wages and public services will not resolve the problem but make it worse. Slashing the income of millions of public and private sector workers and their families means they will have far less to spend in shops and restaurants and on services. Consequently tens of thousands more workers will be dumped into unemployment.
- In the Local and euro Elections Fianna Fail should be wiped off the political map for its criminal connivance with the cabal who caused the present disaster. The Green Party should be hammered for being Fianna Fail's doormat and accomplice.

Joe Higgins - Putting People before super profits

Joe Higgins is the Socialist Party candidate for the Local & Euro Elections in the Castleknock Electoral Area which has been widened to take in Blakestown and Mountview. This gives people in this area a clear alternative to all the parties of the political establishment.

Joe Higgins stands for an economy run in the interests of ordinary people. This means the banks would be nationalised under democratic control to serve the community rather than the greed of large shareholders. It means going after the billions salted away by speculators in the boom and which are not wrapped up in toxic assets. It means refusing to allow companies like SR Technics sack thousands of workers but instead to keep such companies open in public ownership. It means an economy run democratically in the interests of ordinary people not the super profits of major corporations.

Vote No. 1

JOE

HIGGINS

SOCIALIST PARTY

Castleknock Electoral Area Including Blakestown & Mountview

JOE HIGGINS - a committed fighter for the community & workers' rights

Of all the candidates standing in the Local & Euro Elections, Joe Higgins has an unrivalled record as a dedicated campaigner for local communities and for the rights of working people.

● JOE HIGGINS was elected to Dublin County Council in 1991 and was a central figure in the fight to protect green belts and the Liffey Valley from corrupt rezoning.

● In 1987 when Fianna Fail was again savaging the Health Services, JOE HIGGINS led the Defend Blanchardstown Hospital Campaign which mobilised major community support to avert its closure.

● From 1994 JOE HIGGINS was the Chair of the Federation of Dublin Anti Water Charges Campaigns. A brilliant campaign with massive

community and PAYE taxpayers' support forced the Government to abolish water charges in December 1996. Otherwise middle and low income families would now be charged about €800 per year.

● JOE HIGGINS was sent to prison for a month in 2003 because he would not desert the local communities which were protesting against the imposition of a new stealth tax - bin charges.

● In 2005 JOE HIGGINS struck a powerful blow against the "race to the bottom", when he exposed the grotesque exploitation of migrant workers at Gama Construction.



● JOE HIGGINS was a key Leader of the opposition to the Lisbon Treaty last year because it would facilitate further privatisation of crucial services like Health, push the militarisation of the EU, increase arms spending and institutionalise the right of bad employers to attack agreed wages and conditions for entire industries.

Joe addresses the mass pensioners protest against the scrapping of the medical card for over 70s.



Building an alternative to crony politics

● As a Member of the Dail from 1997 to 2007, Joe Higgins became known as the 'Real Opposition'. He took the FF/PD Government to task for its right wing policies and especially for its collusion with speculators and big developers, and allowing the profiteering which has now destroyed the Irish economy.

● Joe Higgins narrowly lost the Dail seat in 2007. However he is committed to standing for the Dail again in the next General Election due three years from now. In the meantime, whether as a Councillor or MEP he would use the position to continue the fight against crony capitalism and politics and to build a real alternative.

To find out more about the changes Joe Higgins advocates for Ireland & Europe log on to www.joehiggins.eu

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Vótáil 1

JOE HIGGINS



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