

# Punish Fianna Fail & the Greens



Joe Higgins addressing the 10,000-strong protest of pensioners last year

**“People should go to the polling stations on June 5th and wipe out Fianna Fail, and before they leave they should wipe their feet on Fianna Fail’s self appointed doormat, the Green Party.”**  
**JOE HIGGINS**

- Profiteering has ruined the economy in Ireland and in Europe.
- Fianna Fail and the Green’s tax hikes and cuts in pay and public services will make unemployment and the crisis even worse.
- Fine Gael and Labour only oppose details of the government’s policies. In power they would implement fundamentally the same assault on people’s rights.

## JOE HIGGINS SAYS...

- We need mobilisations of workers, trade unionists and their families to resist this government’s policies.
- Don’t bailout the speculators and bankers; instead use the billions for direct state investment to create jobs.



- Let’s establish a new, genuinely left, mass party, based on trade unionists, workers and in the communities, to really represent ordinary people.
- We need a Europe for the millions not the millionaires - no to the EU’s big business agenda & no to Lisbon Treaty II

Use your vote to elect...

**A FIGHTER FOR  
WORKERS & THE  
UNEMPLOYED**

on 5 June  
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or highest possible  
preference

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**JOE  
HIGGINS**

# JOE HIGGINS a voice for YOU in Europe

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Joe played a leading role in defeating the Lisbon Treaty

- The Lisbon Treaty pushes for the privatisation of health and education services and makes EU institutions even less democratic and should be opposed.
- Lisbon institutionalises EU directives and judgements of the European Court of Justice which back the rights of employers to undermine established wages and conditions - the opposite of the Labour Party's claims.
- No to EU militarism; scrap the €60 billion EU arms industry - use the resources for socially useful projects.
- For solidarity amongst working class people across Europe in the fight to defend decent living standards for all. For a socialist Europe, where the wealth and resources are publicly owned and democratically run, to provide for the needs of people not profit.

## END THE MEP GRAVY TRAIN FOR A WORKERS' MEP ON A WORKER'S WAGE

MEPs should be paid a wage similar to the average industrial wage and given only necessary expenses. If elected, Joe Higgins would be a workers' MEP on a worker's wage.

## JOE HIGGINS - POLICIES TO FIGHT THE CRISIS

### 1 For state action to create hundreds of thousands of jobs

Save thousands of jobs at SR Technics and Eircom. Renationalise both companies, under the democratic control and management of working people. Create hundreds of thousands of jobs through state investment in a major social development plan to build proper public transport, health and educational services in all communities.

### 2 No cuts, we need better health & education services, not worse

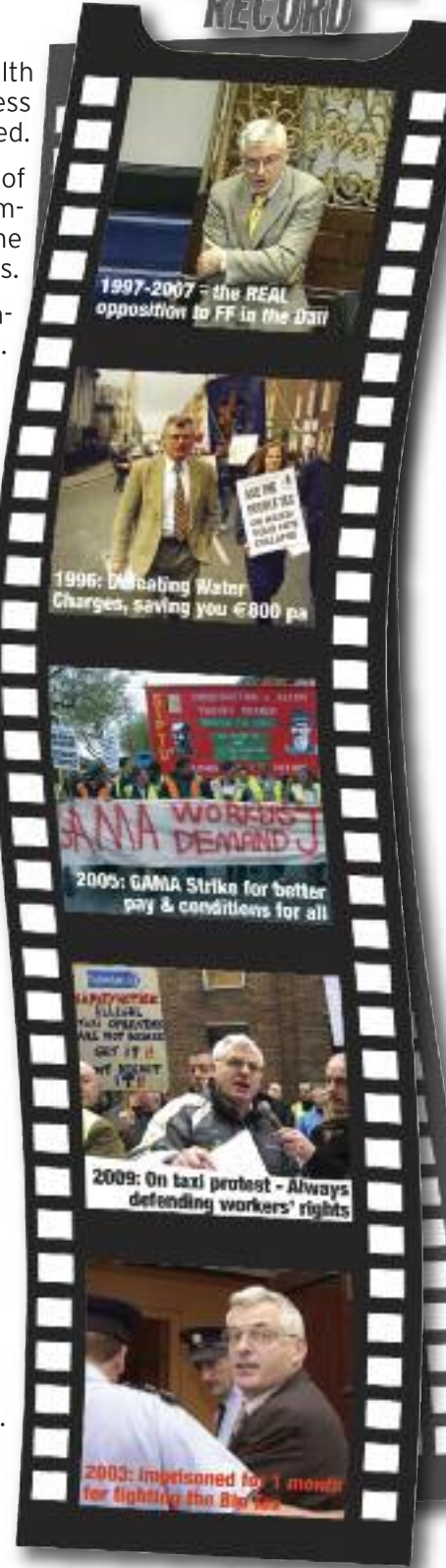
Scrap the points system and plans for third level fees. For massive investment in education so it is genuinely open to all, throughout life. End profiteering in healthcare. For a properly funded public health system, free at the point of access, and paid for by a progressive tax system.

### 3 Tax big business and the profiteers

There is still a huge amount of wealth. Companies made €60 billion profits in 2007 alone. The top 5% have 40% of all wealth, yet tax from big business and profiteering is less than 20% of the total. End the low tax paradise for big business - make them pay up.

### 4 Don't bail-out the bankers

Nationalise the banks and major building companies, under the democratic management of working people. Implement a state housing plan that reduces total mortgage prices and repayments to affordable levels. Use the 200,000 plus vacant properties to provide social and affordable homes to rent or buy.



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