



People Before Profit Alliance: An Introduction

The People Before Profit Alliance was formally established in October 2005 by workers from a variety of local campaigns. Its aim is to reverse neo-liberal policies which place wealth creation for the few over the welfare of communities in Ireland.

The Alliance represents a different form of politics, fitting for the 21st century. It sees 'people power' and the mobilisation of citizens in workplaces, communities and on the streets as the key to bringing change in society. It is the ambition of the Alliance to operate on a 32-county basis and to offer a radical vision for our country.

In addition to its aim of deepening the links between community groups, the Alliance also wishes to explore the potential for electoral politics but it is not interested in electing people who will join coalition governments with the dominant right-wing parties because they have all signed up to the 'business success is paramount' ethic.

The alliance opposes neo-liberal policies, including: - the sell-off of Ireland's natural resources; - the privatisation and run down of public amenities; - the destruction of the environment and our heritage through a flawed planning process; - the prioritisation of corporate profit above the environment; - poor public health and labour conditions and standards; - widespread corruption; - the erosion of civil liberties; - tax cuts for the rich and corporations while bin charges and stealth taxes rise for the majority; - the erosion of neutrality through the growing presence of US troops in Shannon (we support the American people against George Bush and therefore oppose the use of Irish airports and airspace by the US military); - the mistreatment of immigrants.

What we stand for

Free, Quality, Healthcare for All

*No to privatisation or a two-tier health system. *Reverse the bed closures and cut backs in local hospitals. For a comprehensive national health service which treats people according to medical need and not money

A Fair Tax System

*A fair taxation system to fund public services based on ability to pay, not bin taxes and stealth taxes that hurt the less well off.

Housing for All

* An emergency government programme to provide social and affordable housing to all that need it.

Decent Public Transport

*Cheaper fares, extra buses and major investment in an integrated public transport system to reduce congestion and pollution.

Workers Rights

*Full union rights and equal conditions for all workers and an end to outsourcing and exploitation of immigrant workers.

Real Local Democracy

*Proper funding for local government and genuine public participation, transparency and accountability in planning and development issues.

Protect our Environment

*Major investment in sustainable energy, public transport and public recycling infrastructure to deal with global warming and pollution.

*Real protection for our natural and coastal environment Usd Ireland's Natural Resources to Benefit the People

*Corrib Gas and other vital natural resources to taken into public ownership and used for the benefit of the people.

Keep Ireland out of US led War

*End the use of Shannon by the US military for War in Iraq or elsewhere.

People Power

*Active support for grass-roots community and social movements to bring about real change.