



# Shirley GRIFFIN

## INDEPENDENT, non-PARTY

Dear Neighbour,

Is mise Shirley Griffin. I have been active in our community since the introduction of the property tax, I have stood against the imposition of austerity and the effective hijacking of our democracy by Banks and vested interests.

I ask for your vote in the coming election, I will work tirelessly to ensure that the people are represented, in particular on such issues as:

**Irish Water.** We already pay water charges through central taxation. In four years time when the “real” bills start coming, families may expect the price to reach €800 a year. We need to be aware of this and have the say on it.

**Property Tax.** At the last general election this government promised never to put a tax on our homes, and they did exactly that as soon as they were elected.

**Universal Social Charge.** A tax affecting middle and low income earners the most, it was introduced as a temporary measure, now it is permanent.

All of these new taxes have only one purpose - to continue paying the losses of private Banks and nameless Bondholders - we are bullied by Europe.

The bailout continues, just before Christmas another €500 million was ‘burned’ by our Central Bank, part of the Promissory Note conditions imposed by the ECB - another €25 billion has yet to be paid - but it was not our debt!

We need to take back the control of our natural resources – our fishing, our gas and oil; we need to focus on Ireland and our domestic enterprises.

I believe we need to have a government that represents the people, what we have at the moment is a government that imposes taxes on us.

The General Election of 2016 must be different from previous elections, we have an opportunity to change things and ensure that the PEOPLE are represented - not private clubs or any Party.

Please give me your number 1 vote and allow me to be your representative in Dáil Éireann.

Thank you

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Shirley Griffin".



**People Must be Represented, not any Political Party or vested interest**

Shirley is just one of 4 independent candidates in the Cork area backed by The People's Convention (CPPC), the non-Party movement for the Empowerment of the People.

She has signed **THE PEOPLE'S CONTRACT** and is committed to democratic representation – in this way the people will have the say on the important decisions that affect our lives and the future of our country.

The duty of every TD is to represent their constituency, not any Party, Shirley is committed to that... she has a proven track record.

### **Shirley is an active member of the BALLINCOLLIG community:**

- Chairperson of Classis Lake Residents Association.
- Chairperson of Steering Committee which lodged the appeal (over 70 formal objections) against the proposed **ROADSTONE DEMOLITION WASTE DUMP** (J.A. Woods Site) – threatening noise and dust pollution and a serious hazard to the environment. This appeal is still with An Bord Pleanála.
- Chairperson of An Chomhdháil Phobail | The People's Convention in Ballincollig.
- Shirley has taken up numerous social issues, including the question of homelessness – being a volunteer with 'Cork Help the Homeless'. She is known for speaking at public meetings and rallies against the Water Charges, on Tenants Rights and on the homeless issue and the lack of affordable housing.
- Shirley is married with 3 children, they attend Gaelscoil Uí Ríordáin.

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