

People Before Profit Alliance



Colm Stephens

for Dublin City Council in the North Inner City

A Voice for People, Community & Environment

Colm is a northsider who lives in Drumcondra close to Croke Park. He works in Trinity College as an administrator. In 2002, horrified at George Bush's plans to invade Iraq Colm joined the Irish Anti-War Movement and became active in socialist politics. He campaigned against the bin charges and the Lisbon Treaty and is a member of SIPTU (Education Branch). He has actively supported the people of O'Devaney Gardens,

Dominick Street and Croke Villas in demanding immediate regeneration of their areas by the Council.

After the great first-time showing by **People Before Profit** at the last general election, Colm and others were inspired to start a branch in this area with the aim of providing a real alternative to the policies of the Government and the other establishment parties.



Enough is enough – It's time to take action! The April Budget, pay-cuts, increased taxes, job losses, cut-backs. Let us know how the Government's response to the economic crisis is affecting you. We will fight with you for real sustainable jobs, for education, health and transport services and a decent place to live. Make your voice heard as we fight back together!

In the North Inner City we need to **stop the greedy developers...** Local people should have a real say over what happens... **and build communities for people.**

- **Local developments**, for example, the sites on East Wall Road, Mountjoy and Phibsborough must give priority to the needs of local people not the developers.
- **Housing regeneration** – O'Devaney Gardens, Dominic Street, Croke Villas and the Dorset Street Flats must be regenerated now without waiting for private developers.
- **DIT new campus** at Grangegorman must include access for local people to courses and facilities
- **Croke Park** – No parking changes for local residents and limit the number of matches and events at Croke Park.
- **The Royal Canal** should be developed as a linear park along its full length.

***Vote no. 1 Colm Stephens
for Dublin City Council.***

Colm is also calling for you to vote no. 1 for

- ***Joe Higgins, Socialist Party, for Europe***
- ***Maureen O'Sullivan, Independent Tony Gregory candidate, in the bye election***

and to continue your preferences to other candidates of the left.

Join the fight-back, get involved! **Contact Colm at 087 294 7100 or Colm.Stephens@PeopleBeforeProfit.ie**
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Why should we pay for the greed of bankers and developers?

The Government wants working people, families, the vulnerable and the poor to pay for the greed of bankers, politicians and developers.

They have imposed levies on PAYE workers and cut public services. Our schools, hospitals and bus services are being savaged. They have even cut welfare payments to pensioners, families and the unemployed.

We say—

- **Nationalise the banking system.** Don't pay off the debts of the failed banks.
- **A public works programme** to create jobs and provide the schools, hospitals, houses and home insulation that we need.
- **Free access to a top quality health service** and education including pre-school education.
- **Tax the speculators** and super-wealthy elites who caused the economic crisis. End the tax exile status.
- **No evictions** for those in mortgage arrears. Use the 225,000 empty housing units to clear the waiting list.



For Jobs, Services, Amenities and *Real* Local Democracy

Local government should prioritise providing jobs, quality services, community and youth amenities rather than looking after the interests of developers and privileged elites.

Local people should have a real say in what happens in their communities. We must stop the erosion of local democracy where power is in the hands of an un-elected City Manager.

We say:

YES to Democratic planning and real public participation.

YES to Regular public forums with People Before Profit councillors to involve people in local decision-making.

YES to A directly elected Mayor to replace the City Manager.

YES to Community facilities, publicly funded crèches, regeneration and social and affordable housing.

YES to Direct labour to provide jobs and local services.

YES to End expensive outsourcing and consultants.

YES to End bin and stealth taxes and privatisation of services.

YES to Stop the Government plans for water charges.

YES to Use empty homes for social housing.

YES to End massive subsidies to private landlords.

YES to Freeze mortgages repayments for those who have lost their jobs.

YES to Allotments and community gardens on waste ground.



Who are People Before Profit?

We are an alliance of ordinary people, trade unionists, environmental and community activists and socialists that believe that Ireland can and should be a better and fairer place.

In **People Before Profit** we stand with ordinary people and for their interests – not the interests of big business, bankers and property speculators. During and after the election we will be working to create a united political voice which will seek to build a radically different society in Ireland.