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## Time For Change



I have run for the Seanad twice before. The first time when I was working in the probation services; the second in my role as a youth worker in Limerick City. I have witnessed countless young lives slide out of view and the misunderstanding that gangland crime is a justice issue. The roots of criminality are grinding poverty: it is a social policy issue. Over the years, I have tirelessly campaigned: before the OECD; from the TED stage; and at the Edinburgh Fringe. I am asking for your Number 1 Vote to help me continue doing so as your representative in the Seanad.

### 40 Years. Same Faces.

Last year, I stood in the local elections for the Green Party and was honoured to top the poll across South County Dublin. I chose the Green Party because of our shared values in social justice, innovation & climate change.

The Trinity senators have been sitting for over four decades in total. During this period, climate change has never been a priority. Of the 60+ members in the last Seanad, there was only one Green senator. It is time for meaningful change!



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# Innovation



Innovative thinking and the Green Party movement go hand in hand. Trinity College can be at the centre of this.

# Environment



In terms of Climate Action, Ireland is the worst performing country in the entire European Union.

# Rural Ireland



Since the Green Wave of 2019, The Green Party has more local county councillors outside Dublin than inside.

## New Thinking

- 1) Building houses on top of houses is not a solution. We need to twin cost-rental with community & transport infrastructure
- 2) Gangland crime is a social issue, not a justice issue. The same cycle over again.
- 3) 2:1 ratio of investment in public transport over roads and introduce free public transport within the next 5 years

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## Climate Action Now

- 1) By 2030, 30% of the national grid will be used by data centres. Big usage. Big tax.
- 2) Introduce a national rain-harvesting programme. Why do we still flush drinking water down the toilet in Ireland?
- 3) Invest in rural communities to achieve 30% target for national forestry. Climate action must be a partnership.

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## Ireland Beyond Dublin

- 1) Cost-proof any environmental measure for rural communities. Country living should be celebrated not punished.
- 2) Move Seanad outside of Dublin if not permanently then 50% of the year.
- 3) 70% of CAP funding goes to 10% of farmers. I will prioritise local farmers and their role in rural communities.

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