



# Building Better Together

The Labour Party manifesto 2024

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## General Election 2024

On Friday 29 November, there will be a General Election.

The people of Ireland will decide who will represent them in Dáil Éireann.

174 TDs will be elected to Dáil Éireann.

This document is about the ideas of the Labour Party and why you should vote for us in the General Election.

There is also a larger document called our manifesto. This has more information about our ideas.

The Labour Party manifesto is called 'Building Better Together'.



## The Labour Party Leader is Ivana Bacik

She says:

The Labour Party has values, and these are;

- Equality,
- Fairness,
- Solidarity



She wants an Ireland that:

- Protects our environment.
- Treats every child fairly and gives them the best start in life.
- Says no to racism and says yes to community.



The manifesto sets out our six core missions:

- Housing.
- Work.
- Climate.
- The cost of living.
- Health.
- A charter for children's rights.



### **Housing**

Affordable housing is today's civil rights issue.

- Build 50,000 new homes a year.
- Set up a company to build homes.
- Improve renter's rights.
- Bring an end to empty homes and homes that have been left to go to ruin.



### **Cost of Living**

Households are struggling with costs.

Labour will:

- Make sure that that social welfare payments and tax credits go up when costs inflate and go up.
- Drive down electricity costs.
- Stop the waste of public money.



### **Climate**

The future of our planet is at risk from the climate crisis.

Labour has a climate plan.

Labour will:



- Improve houses so that they save energy and reduce bills.
- Make public transport cheaper and more reliable.
- Make better cycle routes to reduce the need to use cars.
- Start more wind and solar energy projects.

## Work

Work should be rewarding, safe, and secure.

A lot of workers in Ireland are still getting a bad deal or low pay.

145,000 people in employment live in poverty.

Labour will:

- Introduce a 'living wage'.
- Give employees a right to flexible work.
- Protect workers' rights to organise and join a trade union.
- Increase paid leave for parents up to a full year.
- Bring in new leave for pregnancy loss or fertility treatment.



## Health

'Sláintecare' is the agreed plan to transform our health service, Labour will make sure that it is brought in.

Labour will:

- Increase hospital beds.
- Expand community care.



- Fix the problems with hiring and keeping healthcare staff.
- Extend free GP care to all children.
- Directly employ GPs through the HSE to address shortages.



## Children's Charter

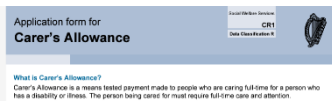
We want to build a society where every child has an equal start and can achieve their full potential.

Labour will:

- Make sure that every child gets an early years' place.
- Tackle waiting lists for disability assessments, therapies and mental health services and introduce an Autism Guarantee.
- End the scandal of child poverty and child homelessness.



## Other things Labour wants to change include:



- Improve mental health services.
- Improve public transport.
- Provide more Gardaí.
- Work to end poverty.
- Increase the pay of apprentices.
- Remove the means test on Carer's Allowance.
- Improve Education.
- Move religion out of the school day and make more schools that are inclusive of all religions.
- Support the arts.
- Plan for a united Ireland.
- Speak up against injustice including the genocide in Gaza and Russia's illegal war against the people of Ukraine.