Interview Schedule

1. Why did you decide to run in the Seanad by-election?
2. If you have been involved in a political campaign before, how did your experience of this campaign differ to that of campaigns you have previously been involved with?
3. How many people did you have working on your campaign?
4. At the beginning of the campaign, what was your strategy for:
    A. Attracting voters?
    B. Addressing the issues of other candidates?
    C. Attracting media attention?
5. Did any of your strategies change as the campaign progressed? If so, how?
6. Do you feel that your campaign had enough information about the geographical distribution of the electorate, or was this information limited?
7. Do you feel that your campaign had enough information about the preferences and issue concerns of the electorate, or was this information limited?
8. How much information has Trinity College Dublin provided you about the electorate?
9. Has this information been timely?
10. Did the level of information you had on the electorate affect how you campaigned? If so, how?
11. How much information did your campaign have about the other candidates, either personally or in terms of the issues that they were prioritising?

12. This election had more candidates than any other University of Dublin Seanad by-election. Do you feel that the number of candidates affected your campaign strategy? If so, how?
13. Has the relatively low influence of parties in University of Dublin elections influenced your campaign? If so, how?
14. Elections that are not general elections are sometimes seen as less salient for the public. How salient do you think this by-election was for the electorate?
15. Similarly, how salient do you think this by-election was for the media?
16. What strategies have you used to maximise voter and media engagement?
17. Is there anything else you think is important to understanding your campaign strategy at this election?

List of Interviewees

Interview with A. Online. 21/06/2022.

Interview with B. Online. 07/12/2022.

Interview with Ray Bassett. Online. 02/06/2022.

Interview with Tom Clonan. Dublin. 07/06/2022.

Interview with Michael McDermott. Dublin. 08/06/2022.

Interview with Ursula Quill. Online. 29/06/2022.

University of Dublin Seanad By-Election 2022 Results

	Count 1	Count 2		Count 3		Count 4		Count 5		Count 6		Count 7		Count 8	
Candidate		Transfer	Result	Transfer	Result	Transfer	Result	Transfer	Result	Transfer	Result	Transfer	Result	Transfer	Result
Clonan	1,947	5	1952	24	1976	14	1990	24	2014	26	2040	37	2077	60	2077
Gaffney	1,882	2	1884	8	1892	21	1913	23	1936	36	1972	21	1993	73	1993
Chu	1,766	4	1770	15	1785	17	1802	21	1823	19	1842	16	1858	60	1858
MacNeill	2,068	3	2071	4	2075	10	2085	7	2092	10	2102	19	2121	32	2121
Quill	1,156	3	1159	19	1178	27	1205	21	1226	20	1246	44	1290	35	1290
McCarthy	947	3	950	4	954	8	962	15	977	20	997	15	1012	21	1012
O'Neill	870	3	873	6	879	17	896	13	909	22	931	9	940	51	940
Stocker	521	0	521	9	530	11	541	7	548	15	563	13	576	24	576
Oluborode	471	8	479	9	488	12	500	8	508	20	528	20	548	28	548
Bassett	458	0	458	0	458	5	463	12	475	5	480	17	497	47	497
McKenna	421	0	421	6	427	7	434	6	440	14	454	9	463	-463	
Ó Giobúin	182	1	183	12	195	7	202	20	222	8	230	-230			
Roseingrave	200	0	200	2	202	7	209	11	220	-220					
Barry	189	3	192	7	199		199	-199							
Scanlon	170	0	170	4	174	-174									
McDermott	132	2	134	-134											
Ali O'Shea	38	-38													

	Count 9		Count 10		Count 11		Count 12		Count 13		Count 14		Count 15		Count 16	
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Gaffney	55	55	69	124	84	208	164	372	203	575	442	1017	825	1842	1290	3132
Chu	37	37	135	172	182	354	311	665	160	825	557	1382	383	1765	-3683	
MacNeill	97	97	40	137	22	159	79	238	233	471	239	710	-2863			
Quill	43	43	62	105	95	200	248	448	117	565	-1890					
McCarthy	82	82	24	106	48	154	94	248	-1281							
O'Neill	39	39	75	114	81	195	-1186									
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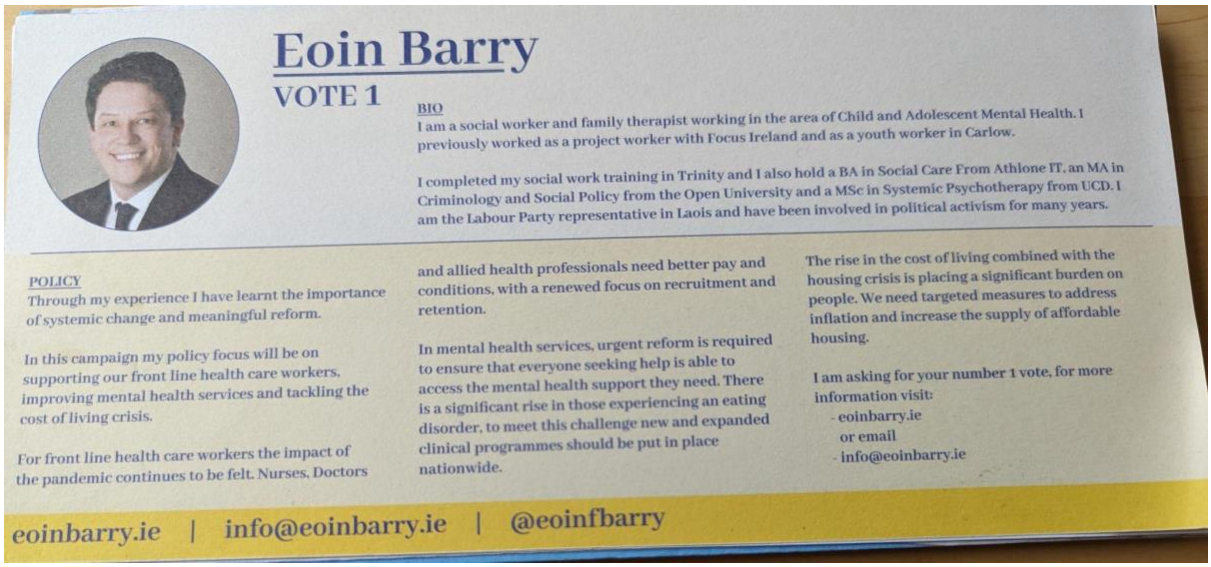
Campaign Literature

Eoin Barry's Campaign Leaflet:



Eoin Barry

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BIO

I am a social worker and family therapist working in the area of Child and Adolescent Mental Health. I previously worked as a project worker with Focus Ireland and as a youth worker in Carlow.

I completed my social work training in Trinity and I also hold a BA in Social Care From Athlone IT, an MA in Criminology and Social Policy from the Open University and a MSc in Systemic Psychotherapy from UCD. I am the Labour Party representative in Laois and have been involved in political activism for many years.

POLICY

Through my experience I have learnt the importance of systemic change and meaningful reform.

In this campaign my policy focus will be on supporting our front line health care workers, improving mental health services and tackling the cost of living crisis.

For front line health care workers the impact of the pandemic continues to be felt. Nurses, Doctors and allied health professionals need better pay and conditions, with a renewed focus on recruitment and retention.

In mental health services, urgent reform is required to ensure that everyone seeking help is able to access the mental health support they need. There is a significant rise in those experiencing an eating disorder, to meet this challenge new and expanded clinical programmes should be put in place nationwide.

The rise in the cost of living combined with the housing crisis is placing a significant burden on people. We need targeted measures to address inflation and increase the supply of affordable housing.

I am asking for your number 1 vote, for more information visit:
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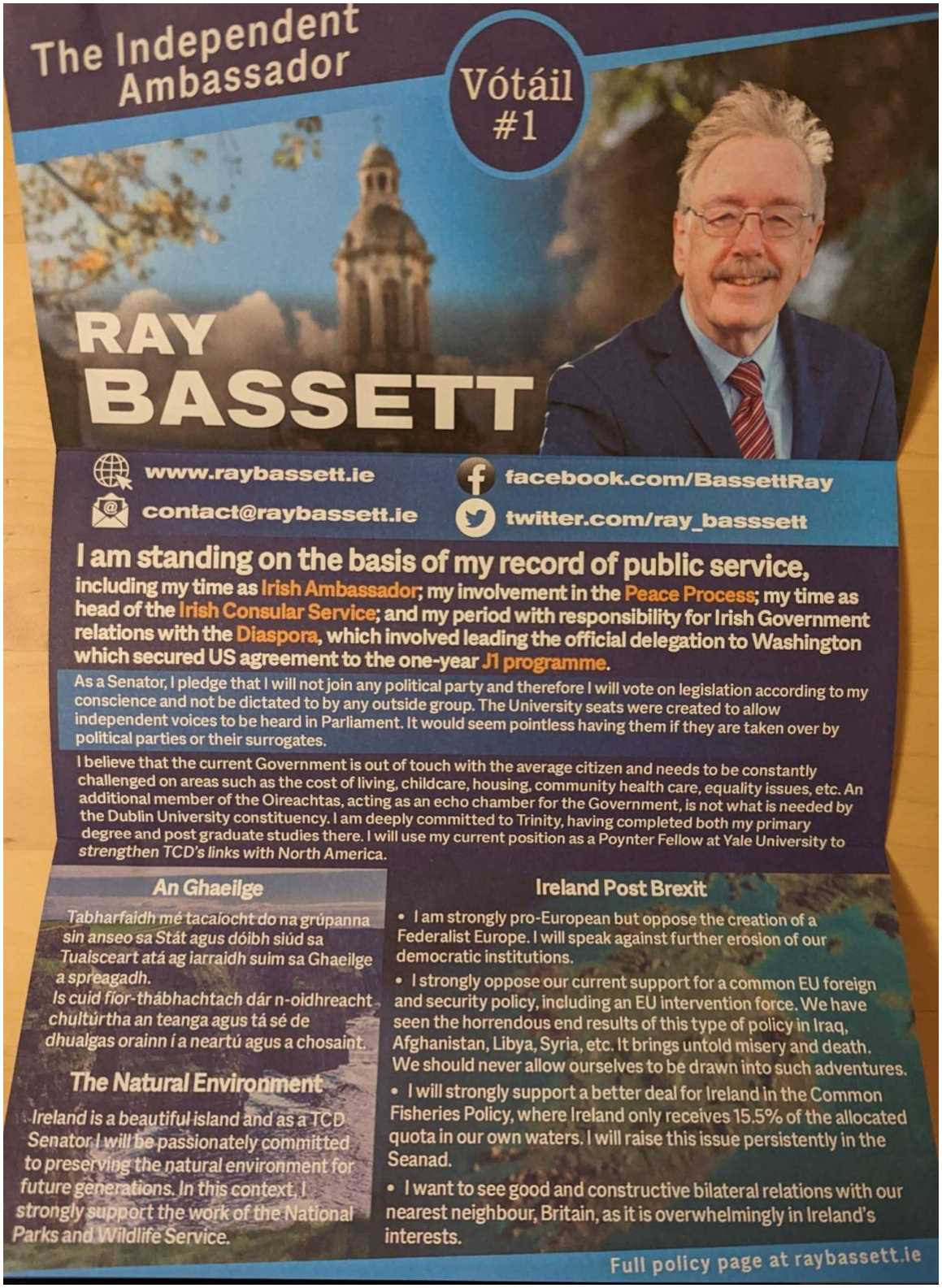
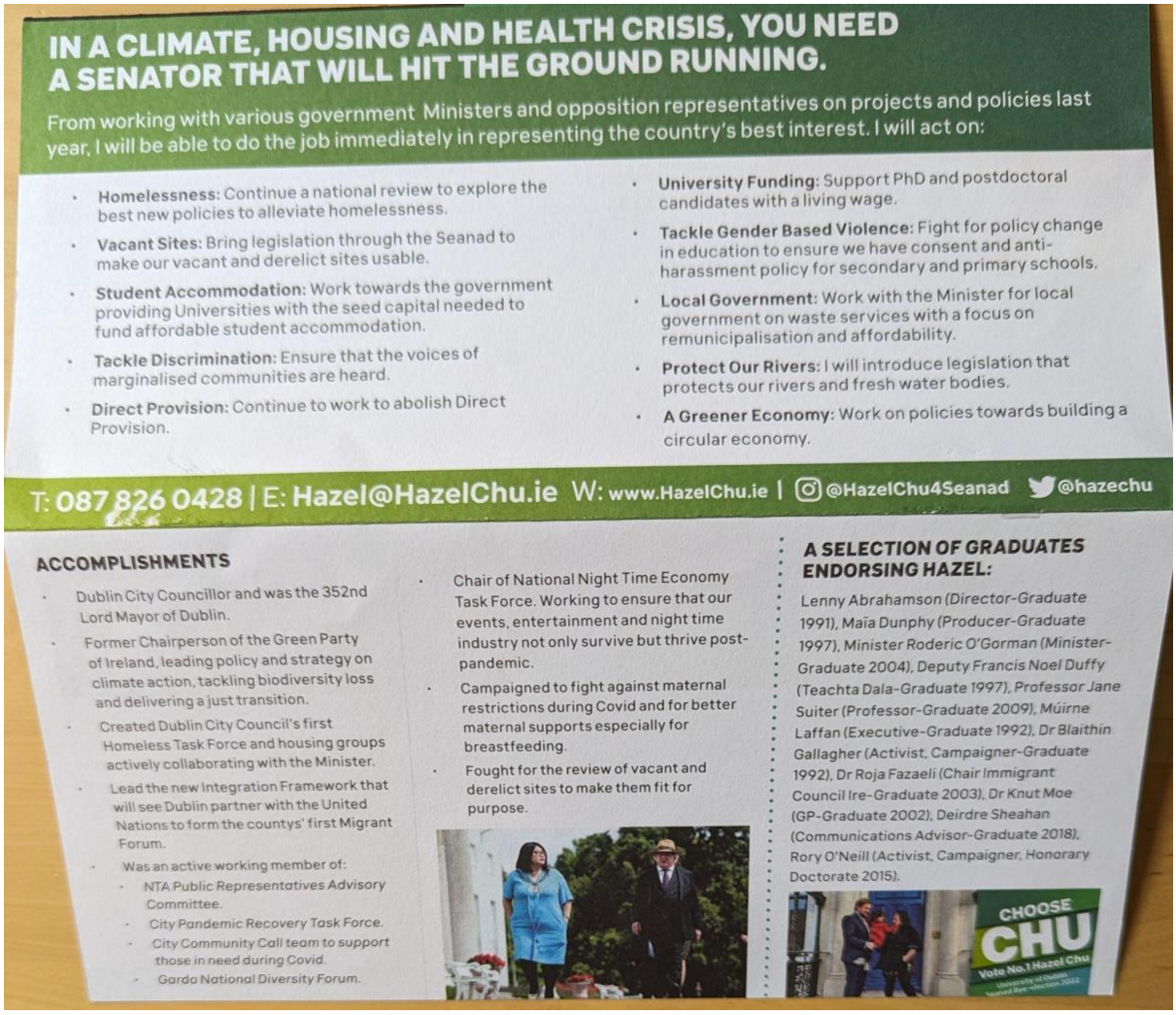
Ray Bassett's Campaign Leaflet:



Hazel Chu's campaign leaflet:



IN A CLIMATE, HOUSING AND HEALTH CRISIS, YOU NEED A SENATOR THAT WILL HIT THE GROUND RUNNING.

From working with various government Ministers and opposition representatives on projects and policies last year, I will be able to do the job immediately in representing the country's best interest. I will act on:

- **Homelessness:** Continue a national review to explore the best new policies to alleviate homelessness.
- **Vacant Sites:** Bring legislation through the Seanad to make our vacant and derelict sites usable.
- **Student Accommodation:** Work towards the government providing Universities with the seed capital needed to fund affordable student accommodation.
- **Tackle Discrimination:** Ensure that the voices of marginalised communities are heard.
- **Direct Provision:** Continue to work to abolish Direct Provision.
- **University Funding:** Support PhD and postdoctoral candidates with a living wage.
- **Tackle Gender Based Violence:** Fight for policy change in education to ensure we have consent and anti-harassment policy for secondary and primary schools.
- **Local Government:** Work with the Minister for local government on waste services with a focus on remunicipalisation and affordability.
- **Protect Our Rivers:** I will introduce legislation that protects our rivers and fresh water bodies.
- **A Greener Economy:** Work on policies towards building a circular economy.

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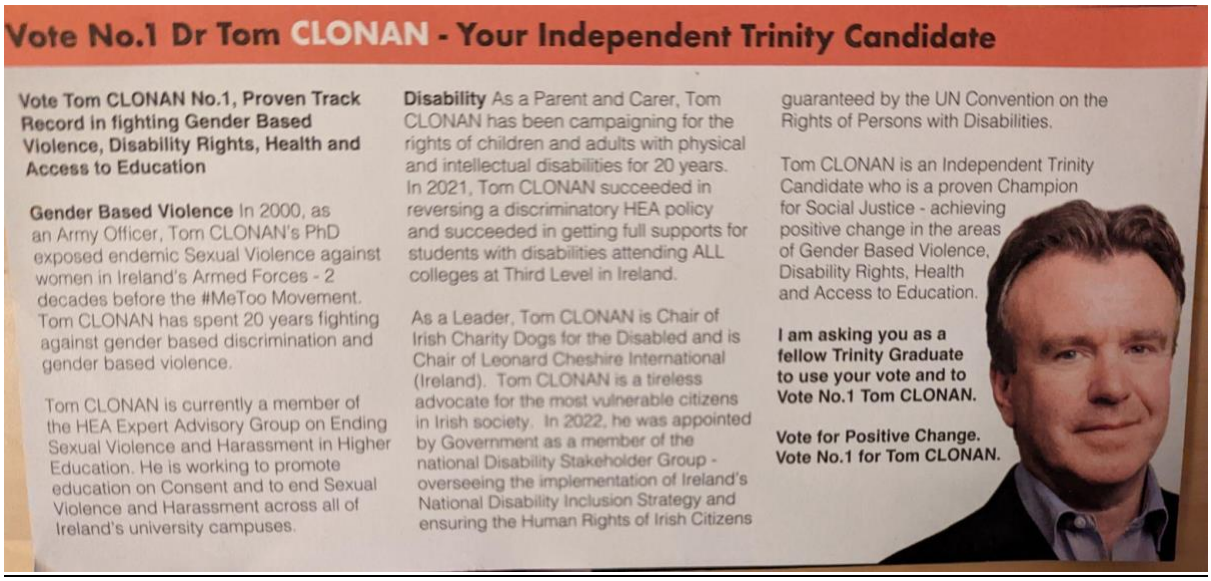
ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Dublin City Councillor and was the 352nd Lord Mayor of Dublin.
- Former Chairperson of the Green Party of Ireland, leading policy and strategy on climate action, tackling biodiversity loss and delivering a just transition.
- Created Dublin City Council's first Homeless Task Force and housing groups actively collaborating with the Minister.
- Lead the new Integration Framework that will see Dublin partner with the United Nations to form the countys' first Migrant Forum.
- Was an active working member of:
  - NTA Public Representatives Advisory Committee.
  - City Pandemic Recovery Task Force.
  - City Community Call team to support those in need during Covid.
  - Garda National Diversity Forum.
- Chair of National Night Time Economy Task Force. Working to ensure that our events, entertainment and night time industry not only survive but thrive post-pandemic.
- Campaigned to fight against maternal restrictions during Covid and for better maternal supports especially for breastfeeding.
- Fought for the review of vacant and derelict sites to make them fit for purpose.

A SELECTION OF GRADUATES ENDORSING HAZEL:

Lenny Abrahamson (Director-Graduate 1991), Maïa Dunphy (Producer-Graduate 1997), Minister Roderic O'Gorman (Minister-Graduate 2004), Deputy Francis Noel Duffy (Teachta Dala-Graduate 1997), Professor Jane Suiter (Professor-Graduate 2009), Múirne Laffan (Executive-Graduate 1992), Dr Blaithin Gallagher (Activist, Campaigner-Graduate 1992), Dr Roja Fazaeli (Chair Immigrant Council Ire-Graduate 2003), Dr Knut Moe (GP-Graduate 2002), Deirdre Sheahan (Communications Advisor-Graduate 2018), Rory O'Neill (Activist, Campaigner, Honorary Doctorate 2015).

Tom Clonan's campaign leaflet:



Vote No.1 Dr Tom CLONAN - Your Independent Trinity Candidate

Vote Tom CLONAN No.1, Proven Track Record in fighting Gender Based Violence, Disability Rights, Health and Access to Education

Gender Based Violence In 2000, as an Army Officer, Tom CLONAN's PhD exposed endemic Sexual Violence against women in Ireland's Armed Forces - 2 decades before the #MeToo Movement. Tom CLONAN has spent 20 years fighting against gender based discrimination and gender based violence.

Tom CLONAN is currently a member of the HEA Expert Advisory Group on Ending Sexual Violence and Harassment in Higher Education. He is working to promote education on Consent and to end Sexual Violence and Harassment across all of Ireland's university campuses.

Disability As a Parent and Carer, Tom CLONAN has been campaigning for the rights of children and adults with physical and intellectual disabilities for 20 years. In 2021, Tom CLONAN succeeded in reversing a discriminatory HEA policy and succeeded in getting full supports for students with disabilities attending ALL colleges at Third Level in Ireland.

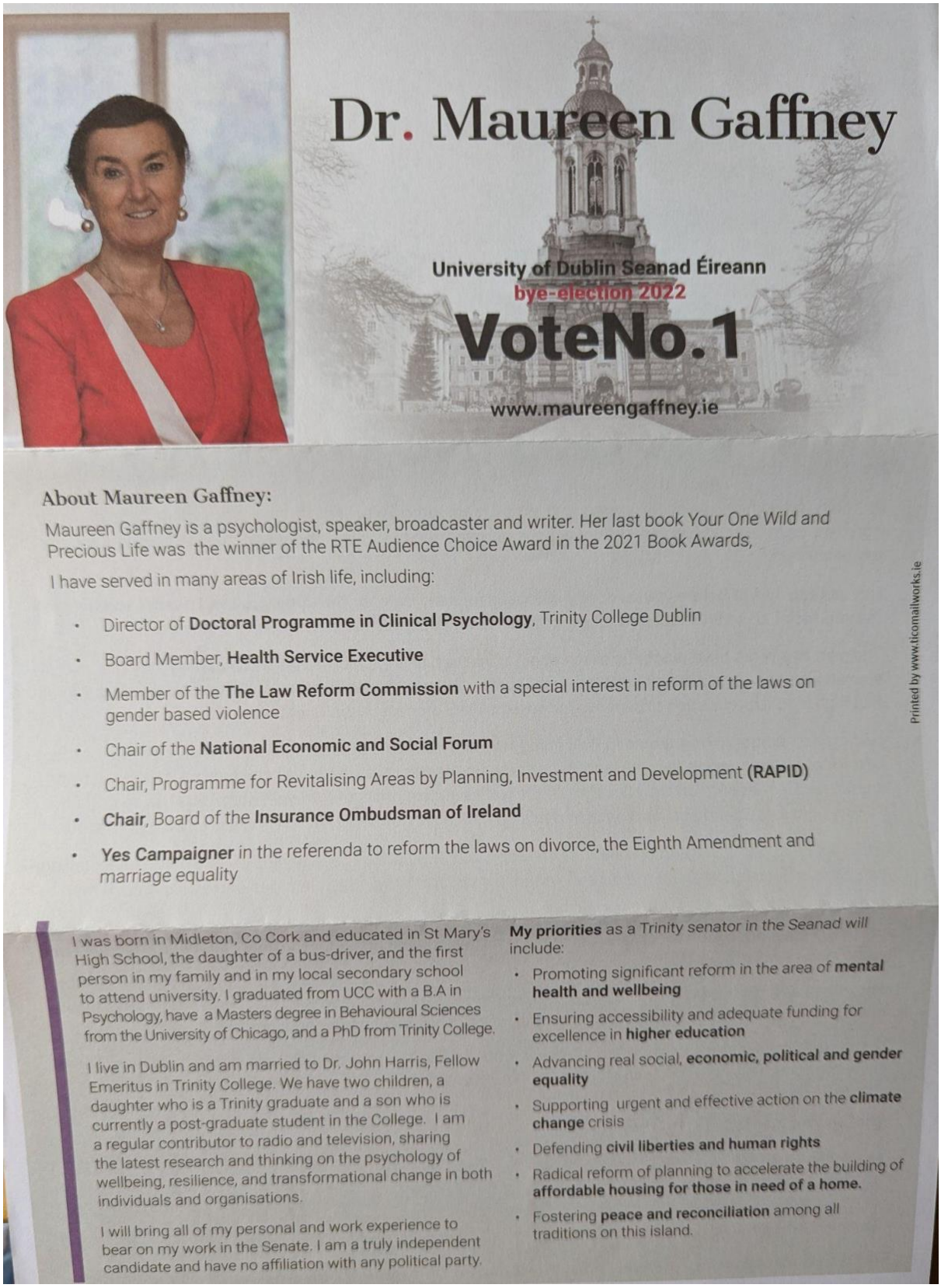
As a Leader, Tom CLONAN is Chair of Irish Charity Dogs for the Disabled and is Chair of Leonard Cheshire International (Ireland). Tom CLONAN is a tireless advocate for the most vulnerable citizens in Irish society. In 2022, he was appointed by Government as a member of the national Disability Stakeholder Group - overseeing the implementation of Ireland's National Disability Inclusion Strategy and ensuring the Human Rights of Irish Citizens guaranteed by the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

Tom CLONAN is an Independent Trinity Candidate who is a proven Champion for Social Justice - achieving positive change in the areas of Gender Based Violence, Disability Rights, Health and Access to Education.

I am asking you as a fellow Trinity Graduate to use your vote and to Vote No.1 Tom CLONAN.

Vote for Positive Change. Vote No.1 for Tom CLONAN.

Maureen Gaffney's campaign leaflet:



Dr. Maureen Gaffney

University of Dublin Seanad Éireann
bye-election 2022

VoteNo.1

www.maureengaffney.ie

About Maureen Gaffney:

Maureen Gaffney is a psychologist, speaker, broadcaster and writer. Her last book *Your One Wild and Precious Life* was the winner of the RTE Audience Choice Award in the 2021 Book Awards,

I have served in many areas of Irish life, including:

- Director of **Doctoral Programme in Clinical Psychology**, Trinity College Dublin
- Board Member, **Health Service Executive**
- Member of the **The Law Reform Commission** with a special interest in reform of the laws on gender based violence
- Chair of the **National Economic and Social Forum**
- Chair, Programme for Revitalising Areas by Planning, Investment and Development **(RAPID)**
- **Chair**, Board of the **Insurance Ombudsman of Ireland**
- ***Yes Campaigner*** in the referenda to reform the laws on divorce, the Eighth Amendment and *marriage equality*

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I was born in Midleton, Co Cork and educated in St Mary's High School, the daughter of a bus-driver, and the first person in my family and in my local secondary school to attend university. I graduated from UCC with a B.A in Psychology, have a Masters degree in Behavioural Sciences from the University of Chicago, and a PhD from Trinity College.

I live in Dublin and am married to Dr. John Harris, Fellow Emeritus in Trinity College. We have two children, a daughter who is a Trinity graduate and a son who is currently a post-graduate student in the College. I am a regular contributor to radio and television, sharing the latest research and thinking on the psychology of wellbeing, resilience, and transformational change in both individuals and organisations.

I will bring all of my personal and work experience to bear on my work in the Senate. I am a truly independent candidate and have no affiliation with any political party.

My priorities as a Trinity senator in the Seanad will include:

- Promoting significant reform in the area of **mental health and wellbeing**
- Ensuring accessibility and adequate funding for excellence in **higher education**
- Advancing real social, **economic, political and gender equality**
- Supporting urgent and effective action on the **climate change** crisis
- Defending **civil liberties and human rights**
- Radical reform of planning to accelerate the building of **affordable housing for those in need of a home.**
- Fostering **peace and reconciliation** among all traditions on this island.

Hugo MacNeill's campaign leaflet:

If elected to the Seanad,
my priorities would be

1

Empowering Young People with Intellectual Disabilities

When I started work with the Trinity Centre for People with Intellectual Disabilities (TCPID), we had only four major Irish companies to employ our graduates - we now have 40. This is transforming the lives of the students and their families. I want to see this model expanded nationally and to see real inclusion for everyone in university and beyond. If elected to the Seanad I would use the platform to amplify this model nationally.

2

Building Relationships on These Islands

Relationships between North and South and Britian and Ireland have been really challenged in recent times and the outlook remains very uncertain. I have built strong relationships across these islands all my life through business, sports, politics, and charitable organisations. I have chaired the British Irish Association and the Ireland Funds for many years. I have played rugby for Ireland and the British & Irish Lions and captained Oxford University. I will be a voice of experience and reason, as we seek to build a shared future based on mutual respect and trust.

3

Building a Sustainable Economy

With my 30 years international business experience in New York, Hong Kong, London and Dublin, I will be a strong voice for business in the Oireachtas as we continue to build a fair, climate friendly and sustainable economy for all.

AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL

Hugo McNeill
Dan Square
Trinity College Dublin

11th March 1981

Dear Hugo

Congratulations on your decision not to go to South Africa which required a great deal of courage.

You will not regret it.

All the best and again congratulations.

Yours sincerely,

John Telford.
National Director.

Dear Trinity Graduate,

I want to thank all the graduates who voted for me in the Trinity College Seanad election in 2020. I came just behind three great incumbent Senators. I am asking again for your number 1 vote. I can be a new, strong independent voice, committed to Trinity and complementing our existing Senators.

I know I can represent you and your values in the Oireachtas. I have been for over 30 years representing sport, business, communities, young people with Intellectual Disabilities and indeed Trinity and I will represent you with conviction and experience.

For the past 20 years my business role based in Dublin had been to support Ireland's leading companies, advising and securing finance for their development, international expansion and job creation.

Throughout my career in business I have also campaigned for social justice: taking a stand against Apartheid by refusing to play rugby for Ireland in South Africa in 1981, helping set up GOAL (the 3rd World Agency) in Trinity and the UK, working with the Ireland Funds to help charities across the island right up to the present day.

If elected I will continue this work to stand up for human rights and to continue to promote equality, diversity and inclusion for all.

I particularly continue this work today with the remarkable Trinity Centre for People with Intellectual Disabilities. This is a college programme that fully includes young people (who are amongst the most marginalised in Irish society with less than 1% in 3rd level education and less than 6% in full time employment) and facilitates them getting employment as graduates in Irish businesses. We have great momentum and potential. **I would use a Seanad seat to build this inclusive model across the country.**

My long-standing experience in British-Irish and Northern Ireland issues - through playing rugby for Ireland for 8 seasons, the rugby Peace International, the Ireland Funds and as the current Chairperson of the British-Irish Association - mean that I have trusted relationships across these islands and I will use my position to ensure that we build a future based on mutual respect and reconciliation, especially in the difficult years following Brexit.

In Seanad Eireann I will act as a voice of reason and reconciliation on your behalf. I ask you for your number 1 vote.

Hugo MacNeill

Aubrey McCarthy's campaign leaflet:

HOUSING

- We need affordable housing for all. If elected, I will campaign for measures to help ordinary people afford a house by supporting increased council development of mixed housing.
- Everyone's situation is different: housing allowances should be targeted towards different needs.
- Promote liveable communities which allow residents to remain in their homes and provide opportunities for all ages, ability levels, and backgrounds to engage fully in civic, economic, and social life.

EDUCATION

I witnessed family addiction as a child and suffered the deprivation that goes with it. Access to education helped me overcome my disadvantage and see the opportunity for others in similar situations. I have worked with the Institute of Technology Carlow to establish a unique third-level campus outreach at Tiglin.

If elected to the Seanad, I will:

- *Fight to remove barriers in education for the most vulnerable in society.*
- *Call for greater access to play therapy and family support for children affected by the trauma of addiction/violence in the home.*
- *Promote tailored programmes and methods of training working with individuals to identify their individual educational needs and pathways to achievement.*
- *Campaign for pathways to help homeless people earn a living.*
- *Prioritise increased funding to maintain Trinity's position as a world class university to train the leaders of tomorrow.*

ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY

I run a small business and we are committed to becoming environmentally sustainable. I am currently working with the Department of Agriculture to establish 'The Homeless Forest' in Co Wicklow: a new woodland of 10,000 trees contributing to nature while highlighting the problems facing homeless persons.

If elected, I will:

- Campaign for improved access to electric charging points for cars. Ireland can do better on this.
- Push for the rapid retrofitting of our current housing stock.
- Call for the introduction of green tax credits to enable households to invest in reducing their carbon footprint.

BUSINESS

Having started two successful businesses which today employ 40 people, I understand the difficulties in developing and running business today. Covid has brought new challenges and stresses for people in business and those who depend on them.

In the Seanad, I will:

- Champion entrepreneurship;
- Use my voice to support small and medium Irish business;
- Promote inclusivity in employment practices - the homeless and persons with disabilities need special support to get into the workplace.

TACKLING VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

Having witnessed violence in the home as a child, I have a deep commitment to creating a society where men and women are always respected equally.

Violence comes in many forms and is never acceptable. We must face up to the challenges that face women and children in particular in Ireland and worldwide. We need to further educate people against gender-based stigma. I will campaign to highlight the challenges we still face and the solutions we need to overcome them.

Aubrey pictured with Minister for Health Stephen Donnelly after a tour of Carraig Eden Residence in Greystones.

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PATRICIA McKENNA

A Seanad Seat that would be truly independent

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I will pursue the fearless assessment of government legislation before it is passed, holding decision makers to account. We need an effective Seanad, not just a rubber stamper of what Government & Dáil decides.

My priorities:

Encourage open and balanced debate

Fight for genuine critical analysis and assessment, especially on issues of controversy that impact the State. For example we need to assess the Pros and Cons of all EU policies and in that debate let the other side be heard as well.

Reform Seanad

Reform procedure for filling all Seanad seats in particular the Panels, which are currently filled by a political party controlled system that is untransparent & undemocratic.

The 6 university seats are the only chance for genuine neutral voices - the only seats where the procedure is not party politically controlled, but still not perfect as not inclusive of all graduates from other 3rd level institutions.

My historic priorities still stand including:

Protection of our planet, its biodiversity and resources.

Promote peaceful solutions NOT WAR and militarism

Protection of human rights, civil liberties, minority rights and fundamental freedoms.

About me:

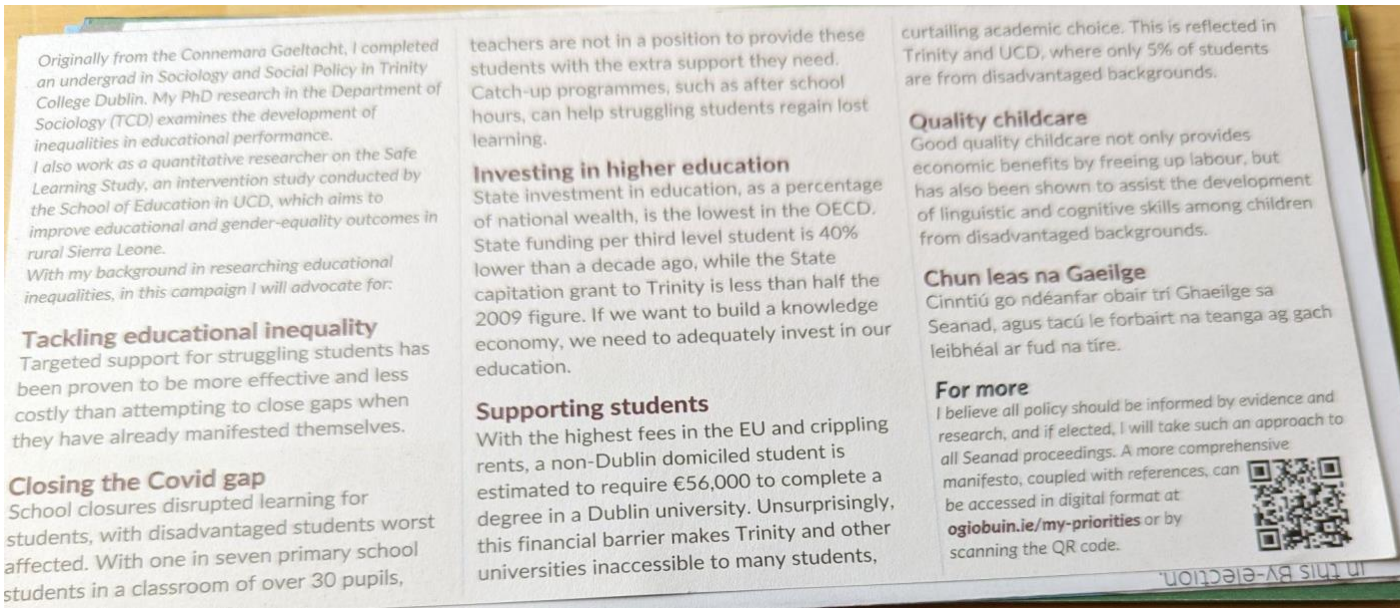
A graduate of Trinity College – Law & Politics, Kings Inns, NCAD, Limerick School of Art and Letterkenny IT.

A Green MEP 1994-2004. Now non-party/unaffiliated since leaving the Greens in 2009 after the Bank Bail-outs and NAMA.

Successfully challenged Government's abuse of taxpayers' money in the Supreme Court 1995 McKenna v An Taoiseach.

Patricia McKenna's campaign leaflet:

Ryan Alberto Ó Giobúin's campaign leaflet:



Originally from the Connemara Gaeltacht, I completed an undergrad in Sociology and Social Policy in Trinity College Dublin. My PhD research in the Department of Sociology (TCD) examines the development of inequalities in educational performance.
I also work as a quantitative researcher on the Safe Learning Study, an intervention study conducted by the School of Education in UCD, which aims to improve educational and gender-equality outcomes in rural Sierra Leone.
With my background in researching educational inequalities, in this campaign I will advocate for:

Tackling educational inequality
Targeted support for struggling students has been proven to be more effective and less costly than attempting to close gaps when they have already manifested themselves.

Closing the Covid gap
School closures disrupted learning for students, with disadvantaged students worst affected. With one in seven primary school students in a classroom of over 30 pupils, teachers are not in a position to provide these students with the extra support they need. Catch-up programmes, such as after school hours, can help struggling students regain lost learning.

Investing in higher education
State investment in education, as a percentage of national wealth, is the lowest in the OECD. State funding per third level student is 40% lower than a decade ago, while the State capitation grant to Trinity is less than half the 2009 figure. If we want to build a knowledge economy, we need to adequately invest in our education.

Supporting students
With the highest fees in the EU and crippling rents, a non-Dublin domiciled student is estimated to require €56,000 to complete a degree in a Dublin university. Unsurprisingly, this financial barrier makes Trinity and other universities inaccessible to many students, curtailing academic choice. This is reflected in Trinity and UCD, where only 5% of students are from disadvantaged backgrounds.

Quality childcare
Good quality childcare not only provides economic benefits by freeing up labour, but has also been shown to assist the development of linguistic and cognitive skills among children from disadvantaged backgrounds.

Chun leas na Gaeilge
Cinntiú go ndéanfar obair trí Ghaeilge sa Seanad, agus tacú le forbairt na teanga ag gach leibhéal ar fud na tíre.

For more
I believe all policy should be informed by evidence and research, and if elected, I will take such an approach to all Seanad proceedings. A more comprehensive manifesto, coupled with references, can be accessed in digital format at **ogiobuin.ie/my-priorities** *or by scanning the QR code.*

In this by-election.

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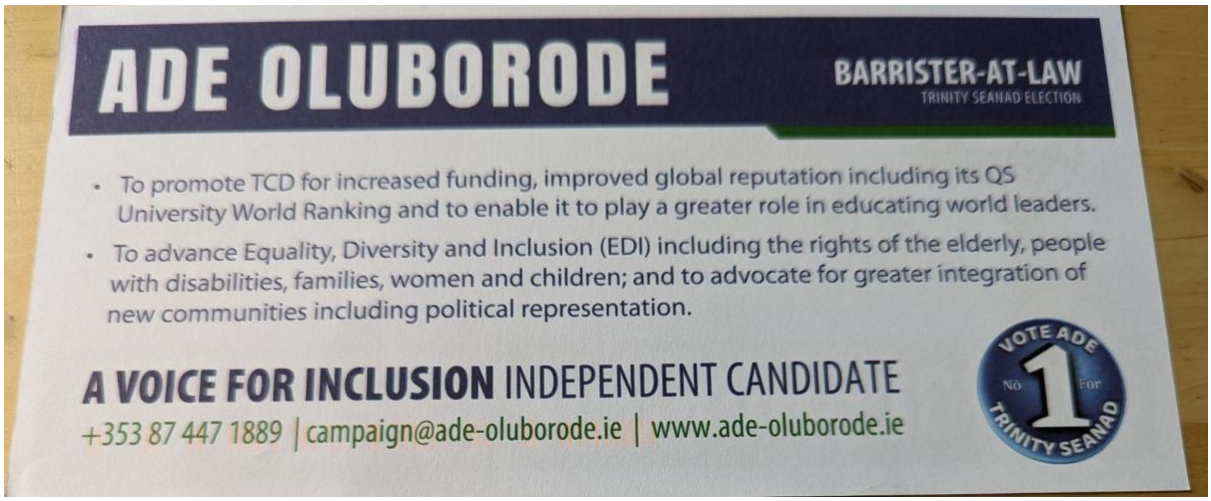
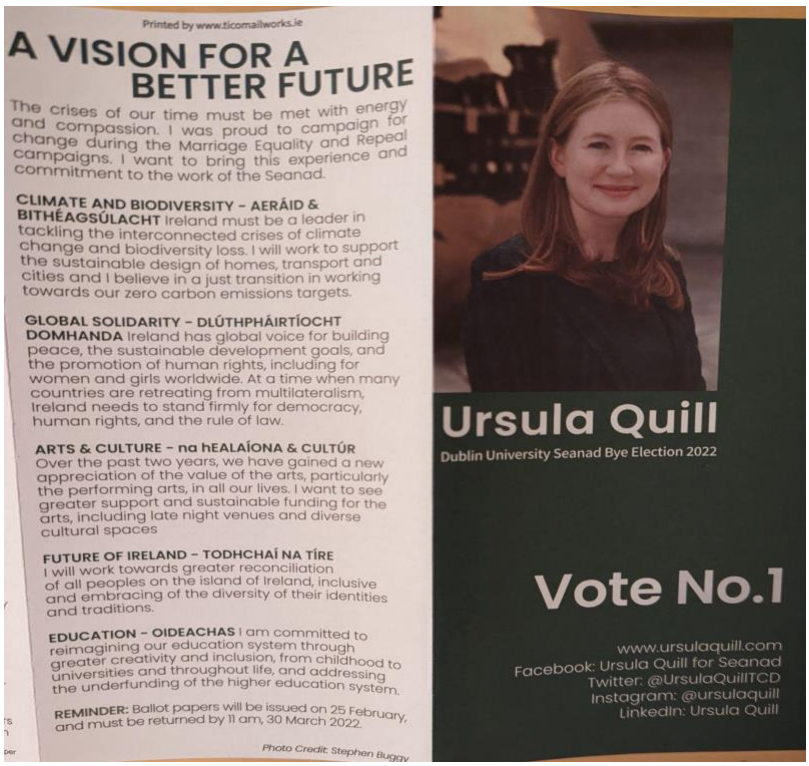


Sadhbh O'Neill's campaign leaflet:

Ursula Quill's campaign leaflet:



GUTH NUA DON SEANAD

A chara,

I am writing to ask for your vote in this election so I can work on behalf of the graduates of Trinity College and Dublin Institute of Technology. If elected to the Seanad, I will focus on climate and biodiversity, arts and culture, global solidarity, our shared island, and education. I worked for four years with former Senator Ivana Bacik and during that time I gained valuable experience from the referendum to repeal the Eighth Amendment, as well as the Vótáil100 programme celebrating 100 years of women's suffrage. I worked with Senator Sean Barrett on the Oireachtas Banking Inquiry.

I graduated from Trinity in 2012 with a BA in English and Irish and I was Auditor of the Hist in my final year. I have a Higher Diploma in Psychology from UCD and a Diploma in Legal Studies from the Honorable Society of King's Inns. I am a doctoral student at the School of Law at Trinity College with a Provost's PhD Award for the project "Citizen-Led Constitutional Reform: Assessing the Promise of Deliberative Democracy". I am also undergoing the Barrister-at-Law Degree at the King's Inns

With David McConnell, Mary Henry, Nóirín Hayes, and Ivana Bacik

Trinity has remained part of my life and I continue to volunteer with the Hist, mentoring upcoming leaders and participating in College events. As Director of Hist250, I worked with Professor David McConnell and the Alumni Office to reconnect with Trinity graduates during celebrations of the society's 250th anniversary. With students and staff at the Library, I co-curated the Hist250 exhibition, opened by the Chancellor, Dr Mary McAleese in the Long Room. I am now a Vice-President of the Hist.

A committed European, I was part of the Emerging Voices Group, at the Institute of International and European Affairs from 2018 to 2020 and contributed a piece on Social Europe and the Sustainable Development Goals to ***A Future of Europe Anthology***. I am now a board member of the IIEA. The Arts, in all forms and genres, have always been an important part of my life. I was managing editor of ***Comhar's Portráidí na Scríbhneoirí Gaeilge - Portraits of Irish Language Writers*** and have recently been appointed to the board of Mermaid Arts Centre in Bray, Co. Wicklow.

With Yes Equality Wicklow, 2015

In recent years, Irish citizens have driven important political change, including the two landslide referendums, for marriage equality and abortion services. This constitutional reform was driven by citizens, both at grassroots level and through the deliberative Citizens' Assembly. I believe in the kind of participative and representative engagement of the Citizens' Assembly – this is the focus of my PhD research at the School of Law in Trinity; I want to bring that learning with me to the Seanad.

From the questions around our shared island in the years ahead, to reviving our cities and towns sustainably, to addressing the interconnected crises of climate change and biodiversity, to addressing inequality at all levels of our education system, I believe that better political solutions can be found by working with people constructively and creatively.

With Mrs Justice Catherine McGuinness 26 May 2018

I believe in the future of democracy. Our political culture should and can be more responsive to the problems that face us. We can bring new energy into our democracy with deliberative and participative solutions. These solutions can be at the heart of discussions on equality, on climate action, on culture and the arts, on education, and on the future of Ireland and Ireland's place in Europe and the world.

With Climate Case Ireland at the March for Climate Justice November 2021

Tá léirithe le blianta beaga anuas gur féidir leis an bpolaitíocht athruithe fónta a chur i gcrích. Tá tábhacht leis an bpolaitíocht, le fís don tír sna blianta amach romhainn agus le tuiscint ar an obair atá le déanamh chun é seo a bhaint amach. Ba mhór an onóir dom é, dá dtoghfaí mé, obair ar son chéimithe Choláiste na Trionóide agus Ollscoil Theicniúil Bhaile Átha Cliath with Ollscoil Átha Cliath.

Creidim go bhfuil an fís, fuinneamh agus taithí agam dífear polaitiúil a dhéanamh in Éirinn agus dul i ngleic le ceisteanna móra ár linne: an ghéarchéim aeráide agus bithéagsúlachta, todhchaí na tíre i ndiaidh an Bhreatimeachta, cothú na healaíona, agus forbairt an chórais oideachais. Bheinn an-bhuíoch as do vóta #1 sa chorrthoghchán seo.

I will bring the political will and experience to realise the vision we share for a better future. I want to build on Trinity's proud tradition of electing liberal, feminist and progressive Senators and I am asking for a generous Number 1 Vote in this bye-election.

Go raibh mile maith agat.

VOTE NUMBER 1
Ursula Quill

Paula Roseingrave's campaign leaflet:

Dear Graduate,

My name is Paula Roseingrave and I am a chartered counselling psychologist of the Psychological Society of Ireland. I graduated from Trinity in 1990 with a Diploma in counselling psychology and completed my MSc in counselling psychology in 1995. I am going forward in the Seanad by-election for the TCD panel, to help to bring about awareness and change at a systems level of society, in the following contexts.

VOTE No. 1

A new voice for women in Ireland

I will highlight the rights of women in Irish society. My own experiences both personal and professional are testament to the many challenges and barriers that women in Ireland face in all aspects of their lives.

As both a student and an academic, I have witnessed the dangers and difficulties which are experienced at all levels of university life for women. I was a victim of sexual harassment during my training and developed full blown PTSD. Despite my attempts to report my abuser, as far as I am aware the institutions that I reported him to have failed to hold him to account.
Having completed a PG Certificate in the University of Chester in psychological trauma and a PG Certificate in CBT for psychological trauma in the University of Oxford I am now a campaigner to help improve reporting processes so that women can be protected from the long-term impact of such abuse.
As a Senator on the Trinity panel, I will work tirelessly to facilitate greater protections and safety for women on college campuses as well as the protection of women in both public and private spaces in Ireland. The deaths of young women like Ashling Murphy, Nadine Lott, Jastine Valdez and Ana Kriegel point to a serious problem of abuse of women in Ireland. This needs to be addressed NOW! This can be a watershed moment, but only if enough women are in positions of power to change the cultures and laws undermining their rights to live in Ireland safely and securely. This will be a top priority for me - I don't want anybody to experience what I and so many others have gone through. Until we address the gender imbalance in all institutions, board rooms and indeed in politics, this vision will not be achievable.

A voice for those with disabilities, marginalised groups, and for transformation of mental health services in Ireland

As a hearing-impaired woman I have had to continuously fight for my rights to hear and be heard. On academic campuses all those who enter need to be on a level playing field with their fellow students or co-workers. Institutions and public services in Ireland do the bare minimum to ensure the fuller integration of people with disabilities and from minority backgrounds. Our academic campuses should enhance and support the learning potential of students and the further development of all staff. This will not be achieved without understanding and respect of the problems people like myself and others experience. We must ensure that across all campuses in Ireland, and across all public and private sectors, rules and laws are mandated and implemented to ensure that everyone is allowed to fully participate in Irish society, no matter what disability , gender, ethnicity, religion or other background.
On the TCD panel to date, terrific work has been done by the two current sitting Senators, Lynn Ruane and David Norris, who have focused on creating accessibility for all, often bravely and with great success. I will add my voice on the TCD panel to demand change within the houses of the Oireachtas in these and many other areas, as they have done.

As a psychologist with three decades of experience I am also acutely aware of the crisis that exists in the delivery of mental health services in Ireland. Having seen some excellent step care and specialised psychological services provided by the NHS in the UK I really believe that with the full commitment of our government we can begin to roll out a national programme of psychological care. This needs to be locally accessible and with the appropriate psychological therapies to meet individual needs. Slaintecare does appear to provide a framework for which this might be achieved, however, its implementation is well overdue and needs to be prioritised by this government.

A voice for the Environment to help mitigate the climate crisis

In this election I will be running as an independent candidate. I am a member of the Green Party and ran for the party as the candidate for Wexford in the 2020 General Election. I have over the last 20 years been involved in the development of political and environmental psychology. I'm currently a member of a special interest group in the Psychological Society of Ireland, whose purpose is to address the climate and environmental emergency, raising awareness of the catastrophe that we now face. By understanding them, we are helping to resolve issues that impede action to mediate the crisis. What gives me most hope is the enormous behavioural changes and sacrifice made by people at all levels of society during the pandemic. I believe as a psychologist that this will become an important blueprint for how we should tackle the challenges facing us now as a result of climate change. What is sad is that such a tragedy had to occur in order to learn how precarious our lives and the ecological environment we depend on is. I believe that psychologists can play a pivotal role in helping to change the trajectory of the climate crisis, by understanding the psychological and behavioural dynamics that are undermining action on climate change.

There will be many excellent candidates in this by election, I believe my background and particular set of experiences, both personally and professionally is what is needed in the Seanad in Ireland today. With this in mind, I hope you will give me your **No 1 vote.**

What I want to achieve can be summed up in three words.

PROTECT. RESPECT. POWER.

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Gisèle Scanlon's campaign leaflet:

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Ballot papers are issued on Friday February 25th 2022, please remember to return by Wednesday 30th March 2022. Thank you.

VOTE NO.1

Biography

Born and raised in Lisselton, Ballydonoghue, Listowel, Co. Kerry.

Education

→Public Policy & Economics, Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University (2021 - ongoing)

→The Economics of the Property Market, Trinity College Dublin (2021)

→M.Phil. in the History of Art and Architecture, Trinity College Dublin (ongoing)

→M.Phil. in English Literature, Trinity College Dublin (2018)

→M.Phil. in Creative Writing, Oscar Wilde Centre, Trinity College Dublin (2016 - 17)

Awards

→An Post Irish Book Award for *The Goddess Guide* (HaperCollins UK / William Morrow US)

Trinity College Committees, National Memberships & Charity work

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lected TCD Graduate Students' nion President (2020-21) 021-22)
lected TCD Graduate Students' ion Vice-President (2019-20)

D Board Member:
Board, Trinity College Dublin, 20-22)

20,000

Hours worked at Trinity on campus with students and staff, and working on policy at committees which include HR, Covid-19, Equality and Safety.

Charity work: Supported the Peter McVerry Trust, FLAC, The Big Sleepout in Trinity College Dublin

Memberships:
- Amnesty international 1961
- Birdwatch Ireland
- Irish Georgian Society
- Irish Wildlife Trust
- Trinity Women Graduates 1922 centenary committee member
- College Historical Society, *The Hist*, 1747
- University Philosophical Society, *The Phil*, 1683
- International Academy of Digital Arts and Sciences

My priorities if elected will include:

INNOVATION

More Investment in Innovation, Inclusion and Safety

I worked tirelessly to support safety and security in Trinity during COVID-19 and have been a strong advocate for measures to challenge violence against others, including management of a safe Library and study space programme for the Trinity College community.

I will continue to advocate for safe space and resources to tackle violence at a national level, and I will also promote innovative safety policies online and in the digital sphere. I want to support and inform citizens on how to protect their data and to demand their digital rights and policy for safety in the workplace, at home, online and in the wider community.

As a member of Trinity's Tangent Academic Oversight Committee, I have seen how critical it is to press for more investment in innovative third-level life-long learning and accessibility programmes so that everyone can be a participant at a national level in building a safer, inclusive, successful Ireland.

COMMUNITY

More Housing and Public Services

At the Harvard Kennedy School of Government, I developed new housing policy in 2021 with the mayor's office in Burlington, Vermont, to compliment Bernie Sander's policy and bring equality in housing.

I've pushed for public housing and rental protection, raised money for the homeless, and published academically on homelessness. Currently there are over 9000 experiencing homelessness and a mere several hundred properties available to them in the private rental market. This needs to change.

We deserve a healthy housing system where families can access proper homes through both the market and social housing. We need a new national long-term building programme to create more homes.

I believe we can create innovative solutions and deliver quality public services as a national priority. I will support a rights-based approach to health, housing, affordable childcare and education and legislate to ensure equality of access.

ACCESSIBILITY

More Participation and Inclusion

I stand for a culture and society where everyone can participate fully. From helping those with hidden disabilities in our community through the Trinity College Disability Service to delivering notetaking and facilitation supports around exams and lectures, I always take real and direct action to support inclusion.

I work daily with young people who lose employment or shelter and I understand at grassroots level the impediments faced and the investment needed in education, community development, social care and mental health supports.

I will continue to promote equality of representation in all areas of national life, including arts, sport, STEM and our educational institutions and I am committed to community engagement to help bring Seanad reform.

RESEARCH & THE ARTS

More Resources for Research & the Arts

At Trinity, I secured contracts for PhD workers, advocate for institutional autonomy and continue to call for a reformed pay policy for research in STEAM, Humanities and the Arts.

Pressing government to properly resource mental health supports, cancer care and the National Dementia Strategy will be a priority.

Medical, nursing and social care graduates and teachers need to be valued, cared for and encouraged to stay in Ireland. I'll be fighting to improve their working conditions, so we can value them in our system.

As an author, I understand the power and value of culture and I will work tirelessly to bring in new policies that protect and support the rights and pay of writers, poets, musicians and auxiliary technicians within the Arts landscape.

EQUALITY

More Environmental/Human Rights

I have a strong track record on environmental issues and climate justice for over a decade, campaigning for an exit from fossil fuels and worked hard to protect pollinators and biodiversity.

I activated the swift bird callers over two years during the pandemic to save a red listed swift bird species on the Trinity campus and helped secure safe bicycle corridors in Trinity and the wider city. I lead students and staff in the campaign to #HelpSaveCollegePark.

We are in the midst of three environmental emergencies: climate change, biodiversity collapse and pollution. I will address all three head-on and promote a Just Transition to a cleaner, greener Ireland.

In my work I have recognised and supported the diverse identities and experiences of our graduates and advocated for the rights of minorities, the marginalised and the LGBTQ+I community who suffer persecution worldwide. I will promote equality of representation in all areas of national life including, sport, STEM, our educational institutions and the arts. I will also continue to speak up and show solidarity on international human rights.

Gisèle's understanding of heritage and tradition from a scholarly perspective alongside her deep knowledge of literature, art history and social economics makes her a unique candidate to both protect Trinity's and Ireland's heritage and to champion innovation.

Christine Casey, Associate Professor History of Art and Architecture, B.A., (N.U.I), M.A., (N.U.I.), PH.D., F.T.C.D

Catherine Stocker's campaign leaflet:

My Priorities

Catherine STOCKER

Vote 1

My focus in politics is to build a progressive, equitable, sustainable Ireland.
Here are some of my immediate priorities:

- **Separation of Church and State:** A citizen's assembly on divestment of religious-owned schools; a National Maternity Hospital that is publicly owned and fully secular.
- **Affordable Housing:** Social and affordable housing on public lands; end the financialisation of housing supply; a constitutional referendum on the right to housing - housing is a human right not a financial product; build communities appropriate for full life-cycle living. not just blocks of rental apartments; strengthen local democracy in zoning and planning.
- **Gender based violence:** It's time for a culture shift. Evidence based sexualities, relationship and consent education in schools and third level institutions. Promote these discussions throughout society via unions, professional organisations & corporations.
- **PhD Students:** Properly pay PhD students and researchers, with full workers' rights. Protect academic independence and address tenure to remove precariousness.

- **Climate Action:** Advocate for a Just Transition at all levels; ensure biodiversity crisis is not overlooked; support nature-based climate solutions.
- **Repeal Review:** liminate barriers to accessing abortion care, particularly outside main cities; Implement measures to guarantee safe access zones.
- **Accessible Healthcare:** Accelerate implementation of Sláintecare.
  - ***Mental Health:*** Fully resourced and fully staffed mental health care; focus on care in the community.
  - ***Maternity Care:*** Implement the National Maternity Strategy; midwife led care, birthing centres, support for home birth; expanded perinatal mental health care including mother and baby beds for bereaved breastfeeding support.
  - ***Additional Needs:*** A rights-based approach to families with children with additional needs; ensure access to assessments and appropriate supports.
  - ***State funded IVF:*** Hold Government accountable on 2017 pledge to fund IVF; Ireland is the only state in Europe without state funded IVF.
- **Strong and Competitive Economy:** Support home-grown entrepreneurs and businesses; ensure Irish companies can access the same financial supports as multinationals; rebalance tax incentives to foster domestic innovation.

To find out more, see **www.catherinestocker.ie**

Nominations

Catherine Stocker is nominated by: Gary Gannon, TD and Nicholas Grene, Professor Emeritus, TCD School of English.

Her assentors include: Sarah Grimson, course coordinator Trinity Access Programmes foundation courses; Dr Cliona Hannon, former director of the Trinity Access Programmes; Dr. Clare Hayes-Brady; Cllr Carly Bailey; Brian Sheehan, co-director Yes Equality marriage referendum campaign; David Malone; Kali Dunne and Karl Stanley.

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