

## Green Surroundings

**Our vision for Dublin is a clean vibrant city in a green thriving county.**

We're inspired by Europe's Green Cities: Stockholm, Ham burg and Berlin,

We'll end the scandal of patchwork rezoning of productive farm land. We'll create vibrant mixed-use communities where you can walk or cycle to work or school. We'll provide nature reserves and corridors and landscape restoration with any road schemes and along our water-courses

We'll lead the way with water recycling, composting, insulating buildings and make the public transport system work. We want to see every building in Dublin (including schools) maximise their potential to become a renewable energy centre supplying its own and local needs. Households will have black, green and brown bins for recycling waste.

Dublin will power public buildings with locally-produced renewable energy, attaining the highest standards of energy efficiency. We hope that this will act as a powerful incentive to local communities to use energy that they themselves produce, thereby reducing dependency on external energy sources.

### Greens Councillors will:

**make** rezoning history in County Dublin

**provide** the time buses leaves at every bus stop

**plant** trees on every residential street, as well as urban forests in larger parks

**generate** power from the roofs of public buildings

**tame** the traffic so that citizens are safe

**improve** access to our beaches and coastline

## Dublin City

- Develop the South Docks and Poolbeg Peninsula as flagship eco-districts

- Provide allotments in the Phoenix Park, and an open-air café in Stephens Green

- Provide cycle paths and walkways along our canals.

- Build the Sutton to Sandycove cycle-way

- Make Bull Island car-free

- Set up a Dublin Rivers Taskforce

- Make Dublin Bay clean and sparkling

- Provide a car-free College Green

- Join the Luas lines in Dublin - down O'Connell Street, Dawson

- Street and College Green and continue to Finglas

- Provide urban beaches over the summer months in city parks

- Transform the Quays into a Liffey Boulevard that's car-free one Sunday a month

- Natural flood protection with green eco-parks near waterways

## North Dublin

- Link Baldoyle to Ballymun by Luas

- A Coastal walk and cycleway from Baldoyle to Portmarnock, and beside the railway causeway across Malahide Estuary

- Provide a link from Howth's Claremont Beach across the railway to Claremont Road, and renovate the promenade

- Protect Howth Head with a Special Amenity Area Order

- Improve access to the sea at Balscadden Beach, a beautiful swimming cove

- Provide Allotments and community gardens in green belt lands between Baldoyle, Portmarnock, Malahide and Swords

## South Dublin and Dún Laoghaire

- Upgrade the Luas green line to Metro South from the Stephens Green to Sandycove and on to Bray

- Provide new Luas lines to Poolbeg and Rathfarnham • Create a National Park in the Dublin Mountains from Tallaght to Dún Laoghaire

- Provide new solar powered public swimming pool with children's pool and café at the old Dún Laoghaire baths

## West Dublin

- Restore the natural amenity value of the Grand Canal from Harold's Cross to Adamstown

- Extend the Luas from Tallaght to Saggart

- Protect the rural villages of Newcastle, Saggart and Rathcoole

- Create a Liffey Valley National Park from Islandbridge to Straffan

- Limit the height of development in Blanchardstown to three stories

- Widen footpaths at the humpback bridge linking Blanchardstown to Castleknock train station

- Provide more public allotments in West Dublin to cater for growing demand

- Restore natural amenity value of the Royal Canal from Castleknock Marina to Clonsilla Station and into Dublin City

# Our Dublin Vision

✓ clean, green and thriving

✓ robust green economy

✓ quality open spaces

✓ excellent public transport

✓ great places to work

✓ low carbon communities

**Cities like Stockholm, Ham burg and Berlin inspire us**



## Creating Communities

Dublin is more than the sum of its parts. It's a celebration of communities, villages and towns that are proud to wear the blue jersey from Balbriggan to Bray and from Howth to Clonsilla

Proper parks and public spaces help make great communities. A lighter carbon footprint means that we'll spend more time in our own community. We'll make sure that you can walk or bike to the office, church and pub.

We'll make safe routes to school so your children can explore and engage with the outside world. We'll make it easier for you and your family to get to the beach, the mountains or the countryside.

We'll promote the heritage of a city that's a thousand years old, and look forward to the changes of the next millennium. The Greens will add to their track record in protecting older buildings and communities.

We'll celebrate Dublin's changing cultures by giving every community a festival that celebrates its cultures, past, present and future. Local creativity and enthusiasm will be harnessed and encouraged.

Next year you'll elect a mayor that for the first time in a century represents all Dubliners. We'll give the Mayor power to listen to your views, and change the city for the better.

### Green Councillors will:

**ensure** every citizen has access to a park within ten minutes walk of their home

**provide** space for traditional sports like soccer and tennis, and new ones like tag rugby and boot camp

**promote** parks that protect urban wildlife, serve up a latte or let you grow your own

**clean** up our canals, rivers and coastline, so that you can paddle your own canoe, catch tiddlers with your kids or enjoy the thrill of kite-surfing in Dublin Bay

## Dublin's Green Economy

Most of the new jobs are green jobs, and the Green Party supports a thriving local enterprise culture. The future is low-carbon and sustainable, and green councillors have the know-how to make this happen.

Dublin can create flagship jobs in renewable energy. We'll look to cities like Güssing in Austria, where jobs from the sun, wind and forests have transformed the local economy.

### Greens Councillors will:

**prioritise** local green procurement and jobs close to home

**support** clean energy projects such as micro-generation

**allow** businesses to make 'money from muck' by supporting jobs in recycling

**push** for A1 rated homes and district heating in new developments

**make** more space available for farmers markets and budding entrepreneurs

**encourage** fairs to showcase local products and services

## Clean reliable city transport

The Green Party wants to make Dublin more pedestrian and cycle-friendly, and allow people to leave the car at home.

We will promote clean buses and build more Luas lines. We will ensure that every neighbourhood in the suburbs and villages of Dublin has a car-free main street or town centre with a proper traffic plan. We encourage safe routes to schools for our children as well as cycle-routes through our parks.

We support car-free days and encourage car-free residential projects. We will make sure that Dublin follows best practice of other European cities, using strategies to calm the traffic and promote walking and cycling.

### Greens Councillors will:

**double** pedestrian green times at traffic lights

**scrap** plans for an Eastern Bypass across Dublin Bay, and spend the money on public transport

**insist** that Dublin Bus radically reform to better serve the travelling public

**bypass** villages and main streets to provide car-free shopping areas

**never** forget that people are more important than cars

**provide** speed limits of 30 kph (20 mph) in residential areas to make our children safe

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