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## STAD TÁILLÍ UISCE



# STOP WATER CHARGES

## TACAIGH LEIS AN BHFEACHTAS CHUN DEIREADH A CHUR LE TÁILLÍ UISCE

Sinn Féin is opposed to the introduction of water charges and will campaign side by side with communities to abolish them. Water is a right for all our citizens and is paid for already through general taxation. With your support these charges can be defeated.

If they are not defeated by people power on the streets, Sinn Féin have given a clear commitment to reverse them.

Sinn Féin is also pressing for the right to water to be enshrined in the constitution, including a provision to prevent any future privatisation of water services in this state.

### WHAT YOU CAN DO:

- » Get involved with your local Right2Water campaign group
- » Join protests and marches taking place nationally and locally
- » Let your local Fine Gael and Labour TDs know how you feel about this issue.

Tá Sinn Féin in éadan táillí uisce a thabhairt isteach agus déanfaidh sé a sheacht ndícheall dul i mbun feachtasaíochta taobh le taobh leis na pobail chun deireadh a chur leo. Is ceart dár saoránaigh ar fad é uisce agus íocann siad as tríd na gcánachas ginearálta. Le do chuid tacaíochta is féidir linn na táillí seo a chloí.

Mura gcloíonn cumhacht an phobail ar na sráideanna iad tá tiomantas soiléir tugtha ag Sinn Féin iad a fhreaschur má bhíonn sé sa Rialtas.

Tá Sinn Féin freisin ag brú na gcearta chun go mbeidh uisce cosanta sa bhunreacht agus soláthar ann chun cosc a chur ar phríobháidíú seirbhísí uisce sa toadhchá sa stát seo.

### CAD É IS FÉIDIR LEAT A DHÉANAMH:

- » Glac páirt leis an ngrúpa áitiúil feachtasaíochta Right2Water
- » Glac páirt in ágóidí agus i mórshuílta a bheidh ag tarlú ar bhonn náisiúnta agus áitiúil
- » Cuir in iúl do na Teachtaí Dála Fhine Gael agus Pháirtí an Lucht Oibre i do cheantar féin do thuairimí ar an gceist

## JOIN RIGHT 2 WATER PROTEST

December 10th at 1pm

Leinster House

[www.right2water.ie](http://www.right2water.ie)



# OUT OF TOUCH GOVERNMENT REWARDS THE WEALTHY

## SINN FÉIN OFFERS A FAIR ALTERNATIVE

Budget 2015 provided an opportunity for real change. Sinn Féin put forward a plan for the abolition of water charges and the property tax, and a fair deal for those on low and middle incomes. This budget was an opportunity for the government to show that they had listened to the people who have suffered under the burden of austerity since the economic collapse. It was an opportunity to show that they are listening to the people who are taking to the streets in their thousands to oppose water charges and who sent a clear message that they wanted change in the Local and European elections. What this out of touch government delivered was a budget that rewards the wealthiest and fails the fairness test.

## RESTORE THE RESPITE CARE GRANT

Sinn Féin supports the restoration of the Respite Care Grant - it was included in Sinn Féin's alternative budget. Budget 2015 should have been the budget that eased the financial strain on family carers.

Carers are among the hardest-working groups in society. The work they do is invaluable to their families and communities and their work saves the state millions of euro year in year out.

The government had many options in terms of trying to reverse some of the worst impacts of successive austerity budgets. Restoring the Respite Care Grant should have been a priority. It is not too late. In the overall scheme of things it is not a huge sum of money – just €29.6 million – out of a budget of billions.

### FINE GAEL / LABOUR AUSTERITY BUDGET

Vs

### SINN FÉIN'S FAIR ALTERNATIVE BUDGET

1	Water charges	Vs	The abolition of water charges
2	Property tax	Vs	The abolition of the property tax
3	A cut in the top rate of tax which will mean that someone on the Taoiseach's income will gain €670	Vs	A 3rd rate of tax of 48% on income over €100,000
4	An individual earning €30,000 will have less money as a result of this budget	Vs	An individual earning €30,000 would have an average €400 more money in their pockets
5	Cut capitation grant for schools by 1%	Vs	Increase the capitation grant for schools by 1%
6	No help for carers	Vs	Increase respite grant for carers by €325
7	Reduce income disregard for single parents in work	Vs	Increase the income disregard for single parents to €120 to help them return to work
8	Promise of 2,500 housing units next year	Vs	€1 billion investment in social housing to build 6,600 housing units in the next 18 months
9	Take 80,000 low paid workers out of the tax net	Vs	Take 296,000 low paid workers who earn between €193 - €337 a week out of the tax net
10	No investment in mental health	Vs	Almost €20 million additional funding for suicide prevention and mental health supports



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