



Tommy Broughan TD

BANK BAILOUT MUSTN'T DESTROY SOCIAL SOLIDARITY

Speaking recently at the 10th Anniversary celebration of the Darndale Village Centre, Dublin North East Deputy Tommy Broughan said that the bank bailout must not be allowed to weaken or destroy critical social and community infrastructure and services which have been painstakingly built up in Darndale and other communities across Dublin North East. Deputy Broughan paid a warm tribute to the Darndale Village Centre and its staff who provide a wide range of impressive services to the people of Darndale Belcamp Parish and to people throughout Dublin North East.

Deputy Broughan said that critical health, education, pension, transport, local authority and community infrastructure must be firmly protected in any resolution of Ireland's economic problems. "As with the Darndale Village Centre those very hard won developments were built up step by step and literally brick by brick", continued Deputy Broughan. We cannot allow those gains to be turned back or atrophy over the coming decade to 2021. I would hope that with colleagues on all sides of Dail Eireann, the new government will realise these truths and meet the current economic difficulties in a very fair and positive way. That must ensure that fully adequate budgets are provided in 2012 and subsequent years to protect the most vulnerable sectors of Irish society and the important social gains which were achieved prior to Autumn 2008."



THIRD-LEVEL AND RETRAINING PLACES FOR JOBSEEKERS

Launched in May 2011 by Minister Ruairi Quinn, the Springboard Programme will provide 6,000 higher education places for unemployed people.

Who is the Springboard Programme aimed at?

The programme is aimed at people who have previously been employed in construction, manufacturing or other sectors of the economy where employment levels are unlikely to recover to pre-recession levels. The courses start in autumn 2011.

Where can I find details?

Details on the range of courses available and who is eligible are on www.bluebrick.ie.

What type of courses?

Courses are offered in information and communications technology (ICT); the green economy and qualifications for the bio-pharma-pharmachem sectors. There are also some courses aimed at developing innovative business and entrepreneurship skill.



BROUGHAN URGES HOWTH MARINE TOURISM MEASURES

Tommy Broughan T.D. has urged Fisheries Minister Simon Coveney to consider a range of new measures to enhance Howth's harbour and marine tourism facilities. Deputy Broughan suggested a number of initiatives including dredging the harbour to tackle the build-up of mud; the enhancement and improvement of ship and boat repair facilities at Howth Port; incentives for small business and marine tourism development in Howth; the maximisation of public transport links (in particular bus, DART and rail services) to the Peninsula; and action on the issue of decommissioned vessels in Howth Port. Deputy Broughan has learnt from the Minister that, "almost €1.2 million has been allocated towards maintenance, development and upgrading works at Howth Fishery Harbour Centre as part of the Fishery Harbour and Coastal Infrastructure Development Programme."



● Howth

NEW DART WORKS & CLONGRIFFIN STATION

Deputy Tommy Broughan has warmly welcomed the allocation of €9000 for Raheny DART Station and €106,000 for Donaghmede (Howth Junction) DART Station for painting, maintenance and upgrade works under the €1 million Stations Upgrade Scheme. Deputy Broughan has also called on Irish Rail to review the level of train services through the new Clongirffin DART Station after Irish Rail published a revised timetable which Clongirffin residents strongly believe will significantly decrease the service through the new station.

KILBARRACK COMMUNITY SERVICES

Deputy Tommy Broughan has raised the protection of vital community services in Kilbarrack in a special Dail debate with the Minister for Health. Deputy Broughan asked the Minister to take all steps necessary in conjunction with local stakeholders to ensure that the Kilbarrack Coast Community Programme (KCCP) remains in the Kilbarrack Parish Community Hall given the large range of active programmes for the support and recreation of the young people and families of Kilbarrack and for the drug prevention and education services which KCCP provides. Deputy Broughan was also delighted recently to meet a delegation of local Kilbarrack Community leaders in Dail Eireann with other local representatives.



● Tommy Welcomes Kilbarrack Delegation to Dail

RECYCLING CENTRES

Tommy Broughan T.D. has called for local green waste recycling facilities to open on weekends and Bank Holidays. "Many residents report that weekends and bank holidays are the only times that they get for gardening and DIY and to go to the recycling facility, in particular if they are working during the week", said Deputy Broughan.

CLARE HALL & NORTH FRINGE TRAFFIC MEASURES

Dublin City Council has suggested that there may be funding later on in the year for two new pedestrian crossings on Clare Hall Avenue. Deputy Tommy Broughan had contacted DCC a number of times in relation to traffic signals on Clare Hall Avenue and the proposed lights at the Clare Hall/Grange Road/Hole in the Wall Roundabout. Labour Cllr. Brian McDowell has now learnt from DCC that it is preparing "submissions to the National Transport Authority for funding for new or improved pedestrian facilities including for new pedestrian crossings at two locations on Clare Hall Avenue 1) east of Malahide Road Junction at bus stops and 2) at Clare Hall roundabout." DCC also informed Deputy Broughan and Cllr. McDowell that, "additional bus priority measures have been designed which include the removal of the roundabout at the junction of the Grange Road and the Hole in the Wall Road."

BALGRIFFIN CEMETERY

Portmarnock Labour representatives Tommy Broughan T.D. and Cllr Peter Coyle have welcomed Fingal County Council's refusal of planning permission for private speculators for a new burial ground and crematorium adjacent to St Doolagh's Nursing Home in Balgriffin. This was an outrageous and totally insensitive proposal and Cllr. Coyle objected because, "No proper legislation exists allowing for the management of private burial grounds. Cemeteries have to be managed and maintained in a manner that respects their associated heritage and culture" Cllr. Coyle and Deputy Broughan have demanded all development of new cemeteries is done in a sustainable manner for the community involved.



● Tommy and Cllr Peter Coyle

NORTHSIDE COMMUNITY LAW CENTRE

Deputy Tommy Broughan has asked Social Protection Minister Joan Burton to ensure that core funding for the Northside Community Law Centre (NCLC), Coolock, Dublin 17 is provided in the Social Protection Budget 2012. "The NCLC provides an outstanding service particularly given the often unaffordable costs of mainstream legal services", said Deputy Broughan. He also attended a recent briefing in Dail Eireann from Mr. Colin Daly, Solicitor-in-Charge of the NCLC, and Mr. Tom Brennan PC, the Chairperson of the Centre.

MICHAEL D. HIGGINS

Deputy Tommy Broughan has warmly welcomed the selection of his friend and colleague Michael D. Higgins to contest the forthcoming Presidential elections for the Labour Party. Michael D. Higgins has represented Ireland and Irish citizens with courage and integrity at every level of political life as Councillor, Mayor, Senator, T.D., Cabinet Minister and President of the European Council of Culture Ministers. As Ireland's first Minister for Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht, Michael D. was responsible for reinvigorating the Irish film industry, establishing TG4, revitalising our canal networks including the reconnection of Dublin's Royal and Grand Canals, initiating a new network of local arts venues, and supporting employment initiatives in economically disadvantaged areas across the country. Michael D. has a powerful record as a champion of human rights and equality in Ireland and abroad. He is also a poet and writer with a deep commitment to the Irish language as well as the longstanding President of Galway Utd. FC and a strong supporter of Gaelic Football and Hurling. "Michael D. has always promoted a strong and sustainable Irish economy and society based on equality and respect" concluded Deputy Broughan.



Michael D. Higgins

NATIONAL INTERNSHIP SCHEME

Am I eligible?

Anyone who has been in receipt of Job Seekers Allowance/Benefit for at least 3 months.

How do I apply?

Interested candidates can contact the employers directly. Further details can be found at www.jobbridge.ie.

You can also contact your local FÁS office by sending an email to govinternprg@fas.ie, or contact my office to receive further information.

Will I be paid?

Participants will receive an extra €50 in addition to holding on to their jobseekers/benefit.

How long is the internship for?

Internships will be for 6 or 9 months.

Where will the internships take place?

Public, private, community and voluntary sectors are all included in this internship scheme.

FÁS WORK PLACEMENT SCHEME

Am I eligible?

There are 2 streams in the Work Placement Programme. Stream 1 offers places for graduates and Stream 2 offers places for unemployed people, with a number of these places reserved for those aged under 34. If you are an unemployed graduate, you can apply for place in either stream.

How do I apply?

You can then apply to your local FÁS office. If you are already registered with FÁS, you can record an 'expression of interest' on Freephone 1800 611 116 or (046) 973 8000.

FÁS will refer you to an employer who is registered as a provider with the Work Placement Programme.

Will I keep my social welfare payment?

While you are on the Work Placement Programme you may continue to get your payment, subject to the approval of the Department of Social Protection, and only if you are getting the payment for at least 3 months.

ELECTRIC VEHICLE GRANT SCHEME

In April 2011, Minister for Energy, Pat Rabbitte announced the opening of the Electric Vehicle grant scheme. All vehicles with CO2 emissions of less than 75g CO2 per km will be eligible for a purchase subsidy of up to €5,000. Qualifying vehicles sold after 1st January 2011 are eligible for the grant. The aim is to have 10% of vehicles (approximately 220,000) powered or part powered by electricity from the grid by 2020.

With new lithium-ion battery powered cars offering ranges of up to 160km, consumers in Ireland are well suited to become early electric vehicle adopters.

This scheme will encourage these early adopters and allow Ireland to quickly benefit from this technology, while enhancing our energy independence and reducing transport emissions.

The initial rollout of up to 1,500 charge points nationwide by December 2011 has already begun and there are plans to install up to 30 fast charge points across Ireland by the end of 2011.



How to apply for a grant

Information about the grant process is available from SEAI's website grant section - www.seai.ie/Grants/Electric_Vehicle_Grant_Scheme or Lo-call 1850 376 666

Working for Dublin North East



● Tommy at the Bonnybrook Parish Exhibition



● Tommy, Fr. Eoin McCrystal, Bernard Byrne, Cllr. Brian McDowell, Michael Carruth & Lord Mayor Montague



● Tommy and Michael D. Higgins



● Cllr. Cian O'Callaghan

LORD MAYOR MONTAGUE



Bernard Byrne, Lord Mayor Andrew Montague, Tommy Broughan TD and Area Manager Elaine Mulvenny at the Donaghmede Festival.

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Every MONDAY

11.00 am BESC Offices, Darndale Village

2nd / 4th FRIDAY

7.00 pm Concorde, Edenmore Shopping Centre

7.45 pm Foxhound Inn, Greendale Shopping Centre

8.30 pm Marine Hotel, Sutton

9.15 pm Abbey, Howth / Golf Links Inn, Portmarnock

Every SATURDAY

10.00 am Clonsaugh Shopping Centre

11.30 am Donaghmede Shopping Centre

1.15 pm Madigans, Kilbarrack Shopping Centre

1st / 3rd SATURDAY

2.00 pm Bayside Shopping Centre

2.45 pm Baldoyle House (Graingers)/Racecourse Inn, Racecourse Shopping Centre

2nd / 4th SATURDAY

2.30 pm Walkabout in one of the 16 parishes of Dublin North East.



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