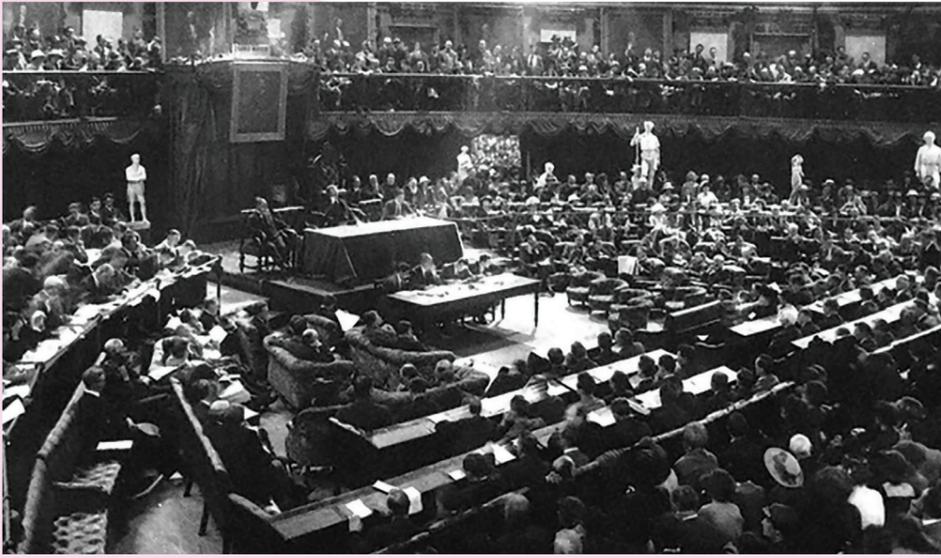


# LABOUR'S NEW DEMOCRATIC PROGRAMME 2019



*The Dáil sitting in the Mansion House in 1921*

We reaffirm the Republic's independence and sovereignty. We also acknowledge the inherent dignity and the equal and inalienable rights of all members of the human family. Through the European Union and the United Nations, the Republic shall promote international peace and co-operation with other countries, further the wellbeing of all peoples and strive for worldwide ecological sustainability.

We embrace the diverse origins and traditions, ethnic, historical, political and spiritual, of our people and our several social and cultural heritages. The Republic shall protect the individual and collective right to hold beliefs and to practise religion. We aspire to the unity of the island of Ireland in peace and reconciliation, on the basis of free and concurrent consent.

We reaffirm the fundamental principles of Liberty, Equality and Justice for all, as the essential foundations of our democratic and civic republican form of government.

We restate the right of all the people of Ireland to the ownership of Ireland and its resources, we reaffirm that all rights to private property must be subordinated to the public good and to the public's welfare, and we restate the people's right to a fair share of wealth so as to combat inequality and inherited disadvantage.

It is the duty of our people to contribute to society and the Republic, including through taxation, and it is the duty of Government to ensure the welfare and wellbeing of our people, in all of their diversity and differences, without discrimination.

The first duty of Government is to provide for the wellbeing, education and development of the children, regardless of origins, and to give them all an equal chance to fulfil their potential.

The Republic must ensure a minimum, adequate standard of living, especially supporting those who are vulnerable or disadvantaged and who cannot meet their needs unaided.

Work is a source of dignity which must be fairly recompensed and meaningful. The Republic shall strive to ensure that decent work is available, that working conditions are fair and that wages provide for decent living standards for workers and their dependents.

The Republic shall ensure a robust, sustainable and ethical economy and shall require enterprises to adhere to social and environmental standards. The Republic shall respect and support trade unions, co-operatives and other associations striving for a sustainable and ethical economy.

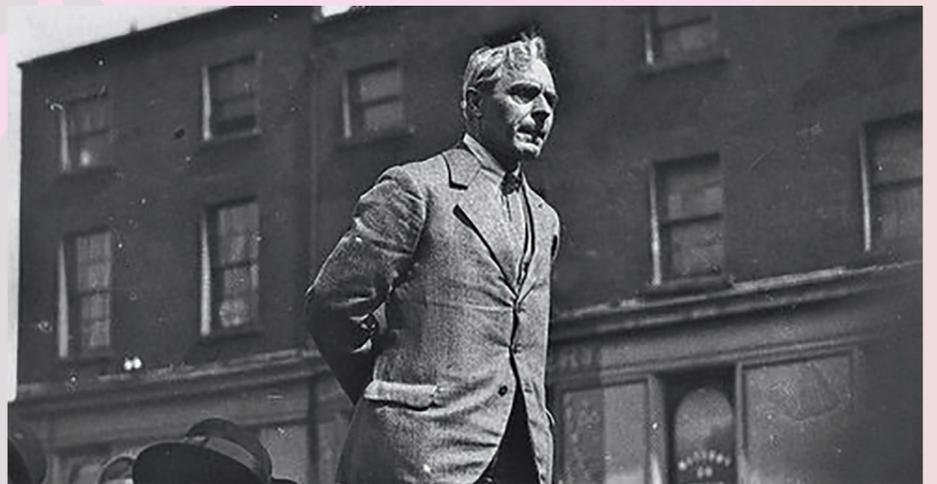
The Republic is under a duty to protect the environment as the common heritage of the people, to promote and follow policies of sustainable development and to safeguard the interests of future generations. It must work to mitigate and if possible reverse climate change, habitat loss and destruction and the degradation of the natural world. It must support those whose current livelihoods are unsustainable and ensure a just transition to new economic activity.

The Republic is committed to the continued public ownership and development of our infrastructure and resources, and our built and natural heritage, and shall maintain an active role for public enterprise in water, energy, transport, communications and other areas.

The Republic shall ensure that the essential needs of all our people, including for lifelong education, health and social care and other public services, are provided for by the State as secular services.

We acknowledge and value care work, paid and unpaid, and the role of organisations in the community and voluntary sector.

We declare that the wellbeing of our people derives from balancing work, care for others, personal development and leisure. The Republic shall ensure the means and opportunity for all to participate in sporting, artistic and cultural activity.



*Tom Johnson addressing a rally in Dublin, 1922*

It is the duty of the people to respect the democratic institutions of the Republic. It is the duty of the Republic to ensure that its democratic institutions continually renew themselves and to ensure the fullest participation of all in public deliberations and decisions.

The Republic shall stand by the people against corporate and commercial interests and shall by its laws protect and defend personal privacy and individual autonomy. It is the duty of Government to regulate technology to prevent the concentration of economic power and to ensure the public wellbeing.

It is the duty of all those administering the State and our public services to conduct themselves ethically, transparently and accountably, and to strive for continuous improvement.

We pledge ourselves to secure a future that promotes intergenerational solidarity and delivers sustainability, prosperity and equality for all of our people.

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