

Clondalkin native puts principles ahead of party politics for election

CLONDALKIN native Paul Doran is hoping to dispel party politics and concentrate on the debt issue head on by running in the local elections for The Communist Party of Ireland.

This would be the first occasion that someone in the area has run in the local elections for the party since the 1970s.

Speaking to *The Echo* Paul said: "The main issue I am campaigning for is the debt issue – an issue that still hasn't gone away. Look at that case of the woman in Clondalkin being told she would have to wait nine years or more for a house and is forced to live in her car. We are piling the debt onto people like that."

As a long-standing resident of Clondalkin (over thirty years) Paul

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is no stranger to community services, having served on the Board of Management of Coláiste Chillian and as a former member of Sinn Féin.

Speaking from his experience working with the local school and youth, Paul noted that "youth unemployment is a serious issue in Clondalkin". He also appealed for young people to "get involved in real politics".

He spoke about the lack of decent housing and that there is "a huge housing problem in Clondalkin".

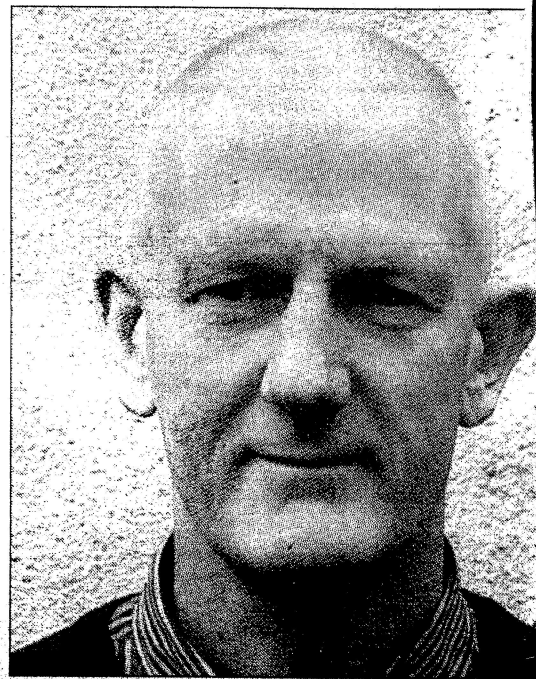
"I remember a time when the cost of your house was one-twentieth of

your wage; now mortgages have gone up over 50 per cent," he said.

The election for Paul is only a platform rather than a direct ideal about getting elected, as he feels that the most important issue is "raising awareness" about the debt issue and the "total attack on people's wages" and our loss of sovereignty to the EU.

The Communist Party, he says "stands for sovereignty, being in control of our own affairs, and our own banking system, which is getting worse every day". Local politicians don't highlight certain issues like the housing crisis, and youth unemployment".

Instead, Doran argues "they put people on schemes like JobBridge, which is cheap labour by the back door".



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