

LOCAL ELECTION PLEDGE



COMMUNITY MATTERS

#VALUECOMMUNITY

A strong, vibrant and independent charity, community and voluntary and social enterprise sector is essential for a fair and just society and a healthy democracy.

We are asking you, as a candidate for the local elections, to support The Wheel's Community Matters campaign by:

1. Signing our pledge, and
2. Championing the work of Ireland's community, voluntary and charity sector in local government.

Sign our pledge at www.wheel.ie/elections and show your support by using: #valuecommunity

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Stronger Charities.
Stronger Communities.



The Wheel is Ireland's national association of charities, community, voluntary organisations and social enterprises. We are a representative voice and a supportive resource that offers advice, training, leadership, influence and advocacy for the sector.

Visit www.wheel.ie for more information.

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CHY Number: 13288
Company Number: 302282

As a local leader, I will work to support charities and community and voluntary organisations by:

1 VALUING THE NONPROFIT SECTOR

The charity, community and voluntary sector is the backbone of every local community. It champions diversity and inclusion, offering supports for those most vulnerable in society.

If elected, I commit to:

Actively engaging with my local organisations, learning about their work and striving to assist them by acting as an informed ambassador for their contribution to society.



2 SECURING OUR FUTURE

Charity, community and voluntary organisations need secure multi-annual funding to plan their work.

If elected, I commit to:

Supporting fair and equal access to commissioning processes, as well as working to extend the supports available through Local Enterprise Offices to community and voluntary groups, charities and social enterprises.



3 LISTENING LOCAL, ADVOCATING NATIONAL

We need strong links between national and local government to enable community and voluntary organisations to participate in policymaking.

If elected, I commit to:

Communicating the needs of local charities, community and voluntary organisations, and the people they support, on a local as well as a national level, as well as supporting the practical implementation of the new Government policies on Volunteering, Social Enterprise and Local/Community Development.



4 FOCUSING ON THOSE WE SUPPORT

In recent years, charities, community and voluntary organisations have experienced a big increase in compliance requirements. While ensuring good governance is essential, this comes at a cost and takes time.

If elected, I commit to:

Supporting a review of local government procedures and regulation to help streamline reporting and compliance requirements, while working to ensure that resources are available for charities to meet compliance requirements.



5 GIVING US A SEAT AT THE TABLE

Local charity, community and voluntary organisations work directly with the most vulnerable people in our communities. It is important that organisations can contribute effectively in local government.

If elected, I commit to:

Encouraging and enabling all charity, community and voluntary organisations to participate in Public Participation Networks (PPNs) with adequate resources to facilitate the independent delivery of their work.



By signing the Community Matters pledge at www.wheel.ie/elections, you are committing to using your voice in local government to champion the valuable contribution the charity, community and voluntary sector makes in every community across Ireland.

Thank you for your support.