

## Vote No.1 Daly

"A fresh voice with youth on his side"

"Ar scáth a chéile a mhairimid" (at the bottom of the front page?)

### **Profile:**

At 30 years old, I am the youngest candidate for a seat in Cork County Council in the Skibereen electoral area.

Married to Virge , we have one son Daniel aged 6 months. We live in Clonakilty where we run a Guesthouse.

A native of Drinagh, I attended Maria Immaculata Secondary school in Dunmanway.

I owned and managed the Courthouse Bar in Rosscarbery for seven years.

I am currently the Principal of Gaelscoil Dr. Uí Shúilleabháin in Skibereen, taught both primary and secondary level in Skibereen, Rosscarbery and Leap.

### **Experience:**

- A fluent Irish speaker who has always worked to promote our history, culture and language.
- As a Principal for over two years, no stranger to responsibility and leadership.
- Running my own business for almost ten years, I am well aware of the increasing difficulties associated with managing a small business.
- Involvement in community organisations has allowed me to play a strong role in the promotion of the West Cork area. Some examples of that are as follows:
- Currently joint chairperson of Clonakilty and District Chamber of tourism, and secretary of the Clonakilty and District B&B association.
- Former chairman of the Rosscarbery oyster festival and founding Chairman of the Rosscarbery Road Trotting association as well as secretary to the Rosscarbery Family Festival.
- A committee member of the IRDA (Irish Rural Dwellers Association) set up to empower the people to tackle the outrageous planning laws in this country.

### **Why Fine Gael?**

I am concerned for the future if this country does not have a credible alternative party in mainstream politics. I am a member of the Fine Gael party because of its untiring commitment to truth, accountability and honesty. I am bringing my youth, energy and enthusiasm to a party which recognises the need for young blood.

## **Commitments:**

### *(1) “From the playground to the pub!”*

As a teacher and parent, I am very aware of the appalling lack of facilities for teenagers in our towns and villages. **There is an urgent need to fill the void between the Playground and the Pub.** Our young people have no voice at local government; I am committed to ensuring that the Government takes notice of the lack of facilities such as swimming pools, cinemas, drop in centres and sports facilities throughout West cork. I believe that investment in these areas reaps great rewards in the reduction of costs associated later with crime, unemployment and other social problems.

### *(2) “Move up a World!”*

I still find it hard to come to terms with the various villages in post Celtic Tiger West Cork that still have not got basic needs like water and sewerage schemes. **Central government must return some of the taxes we are paying to bring our basic infrastructure from 3<sup>rd</sup> world standards in line with the 21<sup>st</sup> century.** All we hear about incinerators and toxic waste, and still we are happily pumping our raw sewerage into our rivers, lakes and seas. Cork County Council as local government must make this issue a priority with central government.

### *(3) “The weakest link”*

**There is a serious question mark over our treatment of the most vulnerable in society.** I have a keen interest in making sure that people with Disabilities and Special needs are treated in a fair and equal manner amongst all citizens of West cork.

*(4) “God helps those who help themselves!”*

If elected, I will work with any community or group who are willing to commit to starting up employment schemes in their area. West Cork has many examples of that great Co-Op movement set up almost one hundred years ago. **It’s time again that communities came together to call a halt to the decline in Rural villages and towns.** We have listened long enough to the promises of Government, let’s lead the development at local level, start up our own enterprises, keep our educated, talented youth at home and bring life back into our rural towns and villages.

*(5) “Knowledge is Power”*

Local government is supposed to bridge the gap between central government and the people. Never before have the people been so removed from politics and I believe that this suits our current style of government. If elected my top priority will be to inform the people of what local government is about. **I believe that it is vital to involve and inform the people and give them their say in the decision making process.**

It has never been so easy to communicate with people via the use of phone, text, e-mail etc. I will make it a priority to visit schools, communities and functions to keep people informed of upcoming debates and decisions and ensure that the people have their say. **Help me bring the power back to the people.**

*“If you always do what you always did, you will get what you always got”*

As the youngest candidate in these elections, I believe that with your vote I can **begin** some real change in West Cork. **Perhaps it is time for a fresh young and enthusiastic voice to be heard in the corridors of local government.**

**If you believe that change is possible – use your vote!**

**Vote no. 1 for Jim Daly** on June 11<sup>th</sup>; please continue your preferences for the other members of our Fine Gael team.

Cllr. John Collins

Cllr. Maura Cal McCarthy

Cllr. Tadhg O' Donovan

John O' Sullivan

**Vote No. 1 Simon Coveney in the European Elections on June 11<sup>th</sup>.**

Jim

**D**emand a better infrastructure for West cork.

**A**cknowledge the needs of the most vulnerable in society.

**L**ocal Government must be brought back to the people.

**Y**oung people need a voice.

