



SINN FÉIN

THE ROUTE HOME



THE IRISH ABROAD

A century of Fianna Fáil and Fine Gael governments has been marked by generations of emigration. Today a generation is leaving because of the housing crisis.

A Sinn Féin led government would build an Ireland in which you have the opportunity of education, a well-paid job, a home to raise a family, and a place to grow old.

An Ireland in which emigration is a choice and the route home is always open. A nation in which our citizens and the wider diaspora can contribute to promoting our culture and shaping the future.

Sinn Féin is committed to:

→ Make housing affordable.

→ Abolish Universal Social Charge for average-paid workers.

→ Invest in education and provide childcare at €10 per day.

→ End the Carers Allowance Means Test

RETURNING IRISH CITIZENS

A Sinn Féin led government would tackle the barriers to returning home. We would seek to establish a one-stop shop for returning Irish Citizens. The process would begin before returning and be in place on arrival.

This would include practical steps for:

- The speedy provision of PPS numbers for returning Irish Citizens, advice on access to relevant benefits, schools, third-level education, housing and health care.
- Recognition for relevant work experience and qualifications of Irish Citizens earned while abroad. Particularly in the fields of Education, Health, and Trades.
- Mutual recognition of driving licenses

DIASPORA SHAPING THE FUTURE OF IRELAND

Sinn Féin is committed to:

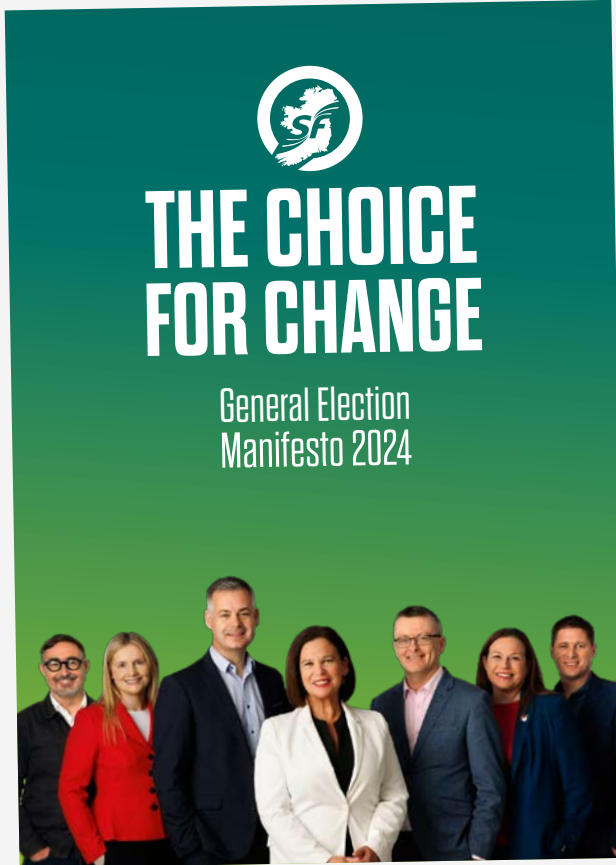
- Hold a referendum within the lifetime of the next Dáil on voting rights in Presidential elections for the people of the North and of the diaspora.
- Establish forums for the diaspora to have their say in building a United Ireland.
- Appoint a Minister of State for the Diaspora

SUPPORTING THE DIASPORA AND PROMOTING IRISH CULTURE.

Sinn Féin is committed to:

- Opening additional consulates in cities with a growing Irish diaspora, including Australia.
- Expanding upon Ireland's diplomatic presence, including reviewing with a view to expanding the network of Irish embassies in the southern hemisphere
- Increasing annual funding for Culture Ireland by €2m
- Supporting Irish language after-school clubs for diaspora communities, and efforts to create Irish Medium schools abroad using the Emigrant Support Programme, as part of our wider priorities for Irish in Education beyond our shores.

**Further details on Sinn Féin's Manifesto for Government
can be found here:**



[SinnFeinManifesto2024.pdf](#)



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