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## Why you should give Mary Mitchell O'Connor your #1 Vote

### WORKING FOR YOU ALWAYS, AND NOT JUST AT ELECTION TIME

My constituents and my constituency are my priority. I've been working with residents, businesses, clubs, schools and community organisations to achieve solutions that will improve lives:

- Strategic Housing Developments (SHDs)
- Bus Connects - Route Reorganisation, Bus Corridors
- S2S (Sutton to Sandycove Cycleway)
- Local Property Tax (LPT) & Inheritance Tax (CAT)
- Security, Health, Childcare, Pensions
- Investment in Education



## Why you should give Fine Gael your #1 Vote

- The Best Team for Brexit
- A Better Deal for Families
- Fairer Taxes
- Real Climate Action
- More Frontline Gardaí



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## A future to **Look Forward to**



*"I have lived and worked in the Dun Laoghaire Constituency for over twenty years. As a local school Principal, Councillor, TD and now Minister, I am uniquely positioned to understand all your challenges and deliver solutions, both locally and at Government Level. "*

### **Strategic Housing Developments (SHDs)**

I was the only member of Government to make a submission on last year's public consultation on SHDs. We need more homes, but all development must be appropriate. SHDs remove a democratic stage of the planning process and remove a democratic avenue of appeal.

### **S2S (Sutton to Sandycove Cycleway)**

I recently chaired a meeting between Senior Officials from Dublin City Council, Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council, The National Transport Authority, Irish Rail, The Department of Culture Heritage and the Gaeltacht, and a representative from the S2S campaign to progress the S2S Cycleway.

### **Bus Connects**

**Route Reorganisation:** I have made extensive submissions regarding the plans to reorganise the bus services across the constituency, particularly plans for the No. 4 route.

**Bus Corridors:** I am vehemently opposed to the plans to turn the historic Shankill village into a highway. Improved cycle and bus infrastructure is needed but there are alternative routes.

### **St. Joseph's Shankill**

St. Joseph's provide essential day care and residential services for people with dementia. I fully support the retention of services at St. Joseph's and have been working with the hospital to secure its future. I am determined that the National Treatment Purchase Fund (NTPF) and St. Joseph's will reach an agreement for funding residential services.

### **Local Property Tax (LPT) & Inheritance Tax (CAT)**

With house prices in this constituency being among the highest in the Country, the people of Dun Laoghaire are disproportionately affected. I am pleased with plans to introduce a new lower 20% CAT rate for the first €250,000 in excess of the current threshold of €335,000. Local Property Tax will be reformed, with a focus on fairness and money raised locally will be spent locally.

### **Security**

With a spike in burglaries and theft with menace. I have spoken directly to the Minister for Justice as well as Garda Superintendents in Blackrock, Donnybrook and Dun Laoghaire.

### **Health**

€64 million investment in the National Rehabilitation Hospital ensures delivery of a much needed, state of the art facility. A new Primary Care Centre opened in Shankill last year; planning application submitted for another Primary Care Centre in Loughlinstown. EDoc, the first 24/7 GP service for the Dun Laoghaire area launched in early 2019.

### **Childcare**

I am committed to reducing childcare costs, extending paid parental leave, inclusive childcare, supporting the Childcare Sector and more flexible working arrangements for parents.

### **Pensions**

A new State Pathway Pension will be introduced for those retiring at 65 and a State Transition Pension will be introduced for those retiring at 66. We have also committed to increasing weekly pension payments by at least €25 over the next five years.



**Vote Mary Mitchell O'Connor #1 on Saturday February 8th**

## Minister of State, for Higher Education..... on the ground

### Investment in Education

During my time in the Department of Education and Skills, I was delighted to see schools across the constituency receiving funds for vital repairs and supports. These include:

#### Primary Schools:

- All Saints' National School
- Benincasa Special School
- Dalkey Project National School
- Dominican Primary School
- Gaelscoil Phádraig
- Glenageary Killiney National School
- Guardian Angels National School
- Holy Family School
- Loreto National School
- Monkstown Educate Together School
- Our Lady of Good Counsel Girls National School
- Saint Brigid's Boys National School
- Saint Brigid's Girls National School
- Saint Colmcille Senior National School
- Scoil Lorcáin
- Scoil Mhuire Shankill
- Saint John's National School
- Saint Patrick's Boys National School (Hollypark)
- The Harold School Glasthule
- The Red Door School

#### Secondary Schools:

- Cabinteely Community Schools
- Clonkeen College
- Coláiste Íosagáin
- Dominican College Sion Hill
- Holy Child Community School
- Holy Child Secondary School
- Newpark Comprehensive School
- Rockford Manor Secondary School
- Saint Joseph of Cluny
- St. Laurence College

In this time we also welcomed two new primary schools – Dun Laoghaire Educate Together National School and Gaelscoil Laighean. I will continue to work with both schools as they look forward to permanent locations. I'm delighted that the Department has acquired a site for DLETNS.



### Sports Capital Grants 2017-2019

We have a wealth of fantastic sports clubs and organisations across the constituency. I am delighted that the following clubs received support for equipment and/or capital projects over the past three years:

- Blackrock Bowling & Tennis Club: €50,000
- Blackrock College Rugby Football Club: €150,000
- Bray Emmetts GAA Club: €54,421
- Dalkey Rowing Club: €19,526
- Dalkey Scuba Divers: €20,830
- Dalkey Sea Scouts: €4,500
- De Vesci Lawn Tennis Club: €5,822
- Dun Laoghaire Motor Yacht Club: €18,515
- Irish National Sailing Club: €40,058
- Monkstown Boxing Club: €5,800
- Monkstown Lawn Tennis Club: €83,241
- Newpark Comprehensive School/Avoca Hockey Club: €138,776
- Royal Irish Yacht Club: €25,000
- Sailing in Dublin Club Ltd : €20,000
- Seapoint Rugby Club: €146,940
- Shankill Tennis Club: €43,392
- St. Joseph's AFC : €100,441 + €17,844
- St. Michael's Rowing Club Dun Laoghaire: €21,089
- The National Yacht Club: €142,375
- The Royal St. George Yacht Club: €31,225



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Vote 2, 3 in order of your choice  
Jennifer CARROLL MacNEILL, Barry WARD



#### Parent, Dun Laoghaire Educate Together National School

"...thank you for your efforts to secure a permanent school building for Dun Laoghaire Educate Together. Thank you for following up on your promises".

#### Dr. Anna Kelly – Director UCD Access & Lifelong Learning

'Each time I have met the Minister, I have been impressed by her leadership, passion and energy...The Minister has been particularly encouraging of our work in UCD to diversify the student profile.... students with disabilities, students from low-income households, mature students, ethnic minorities, and lone parents, those who study on a part-time basis, refugees, and asylum seekers.'

#### Professor Andrew J Deeks, President UCD

'Minister Mary Mitchell O'Connor has been a tireless champion for higher education in Government. The Minister has supported UCD's strategy to grow the university in size and quality over the coming ten years.

**Philip, Constituent** – "I am very grateful for your ongoing work with Cllr. Jim Gildea with respect to the Bus Connects proposals for Shankill".

**Ann, Constituent** – "thanks so much for your help with my medical card application".

#### Carl O'Brien – Education Correspondent, The Irish Times.

'...an energetic Minister for Higher Education, introducing female only professorships, employment standards for English language teachers and securing large chunks of funding for higher education.'

**Seapoint Rugby Club** - "...thank you for your support in achieving this very welcome grant to upgrade our Clubhouse"

**Monkstown Lawn Tennis Club** - "profound thanks to you for your guidance in helping us to navigate the application process ... to secure Sports Capital Grant funding".

#### Dr. Joseph Ryan – CEO The Technological Higher Education Authority (THEA)

I wish, on behalf of THEA, to acknowledge the value that a dedicated Ministry for Higher Education has added to the system. Her tenure saw the move toward a reversal of the decline in investment in higher education and the transformation of the landscape most notably through her dedicated championing of the evolution of technological universities.'

#### Dr Michael Byrne - Head of Student Health, University College Cork.

'I would like to thank Minister Mitchell O'Connor for the leadership and the real commitment she has shown in the area of student welfare and well-being in her time in office. Much appreciated.'

#### Dr. Pádraig MacNeela, NUI Galway, Department of Psychology

'From our perspective, your sectoral leadership and the development pathway in the Consent Framework have moved Higher EI's forward more quickly in 18 months than was the case in the previous decade or more.'



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