

NATIONAL CONFERENCE AGENDA

Social
Democrats

Friday, 6th February – TIVOLI SUITE (MAIN HALL)

TIME	EVENT
17:30 – 18:00	REGISTRATION with Tea & Coffee
18:00 – 18:10	CONFERENCE OPENING Colm Byrne (<i>Party Chair</i>)
18:10 – 18:30	REPORTS FROM STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE, NATIONAL EXECUTIVE, GENERAL SECRETARY AND TREASURER Elaine Hickey, Colm Byrne, Sabrina Ryan, Dave Quinn
18:30 – 19:15	PARTY PANEL 1 Meet the new Social Democrats Councillors Chaired by Cllr Nuala Killeen (<i>Kildare North</i>) Cllr Ann Bambury (<i>Cork SW</i>), Cllr Claire O'Rourke (<i>Kildare North</i>), Cllr Eamonn Horgan (<i>Cork East</i>), Cllr Jesslyn Henry (<i>Dublin Bay North</i>)
19:15 – 19:50	PLENARY SESSION 1 Five Policy Motions on Supporting Vulnerable Citizens & Fighting Discrimination Supporting Survivors of Institutional Abuse (PM11, PM16) Cost of Living Measures (PM18) Socio Economic Rights (PM3), Disability Rights & Employment (PM15)
19:50 – 20:40	PANEL A The Changing Landscape of Political Communications Chaired by Cllr Mary Roche (<i>Waterford</i>) Louise McSharry (<i>Podcaster, DJ</i>), Leon Diop (<i>Black & Irish</i>), Claire McGowran (<i>Catherine Connolly Presidential Campaign</i>)
20:40 – 21:00	GUEST SPEAKER The Palestinian Ambassador to Ireland Introduced by Holly Cairns TD
21:00 – LATE	SOCIALISING Music Bingo, organised by Cork South Central Branch

Saturday, 7th February – TIVOLI SUITE (MAIN HALL)

TIME	EVENT
08:45 – 09:15	REGISTRATION with Tea & Coffee
09:15 – 10:30	PANEL B A Seismic Shift? Examining Trends in Irish Politics Chaired by Gary Gannon TD Theresa Reidy (<i>UCC</i>), Gary Murphy (<i>DCU</i>), Aidan Regan (<i>UCD</i>)
10:30 – 11:30	PLENARY SESSION 2 Five Motions on Party Operations and Strategic Planning Candidate Selection Principles (PA3, PA5), Codifying National Exec Functions (CA3) Motion on Left Wing Govt (PA1), Ethics in Politics (PM10)
11:30 – 12:30	PARTY PANEL 2 Policy under a Social Democratic Government Chaired by Jennifer Whitmore TD And featuring the new members of the Social Democrats Parliamentary Party
12:30 – 13:00	INTERVIEW WITH OUR BY-ELECTION CANDIDATES Chaired by Cllr Niamh O'Connor (<i>Cork South Central</i>) Daniel Ennis (<i>Dublin Central</i>) and Mide Nic Fhionnlaoich (<i>Galway West</i>)
13:00 – 14:00	LUNCH , provided by the Party
14:00 – 15:00	PANEL C Irish Unity Chaired by Sinéad Gibney TD Fintan O'Toole (<i>Irish Times</i>) and Sam McBride (<i>Belfast Telegraph</i>)

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15:00 – 16:00	PLENARY SESSION 3 Six Motions on Topics re Party Operations and Rules Bilingualism in Party Structures (CA5) The National Executive and Election Preparation (CA1, PA4) National Council Reform (CA2, PA7, CA4)
16:00 – 17:00	PANEL E Housing Rory Hearne TD, Cllr Lesley Byrne (<i>Dublin South Central</i>), Frank O'Connor and Jude Sherry (<i>Derelict Ireland</i>) Featuring motions on Housing (PM14) and the Far Right (PA6)
17:00 – 17:30	PLENARY SESSION 4 Health Policy Motions (x4) On HIQA (PM1), Mental Health (PM9, PM17), Postnatal Care (PM19)
17:30 – 18:00	REFRESHMENT BREAK (with finger food)
18:00 – 18:30	PRESENTATION OF THE INAUGURAL KODZO SELORMEY AWARD Announcement of the National Exec and SOC Election Results Intro to the Party Leader's Speech – Cian O'Callaghan TD
18:30 – 19:00	LEADER'S SPEECH Holly Cairns TD
19:00 – LATE	SOCIALISING



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13:30 – 13:50	POP-UP GAELTACHT Tar anseo agus comhraigh le do chairde sa pháirtí.
13:50 – 14:50	PANEL D: MEMBER WORKSHOP (in Gaeilge agus Béarla) Promoting An Gaeilge in Politics and in the Party Jen Cummins TD, Cllr John Hurley, John Prendergast (<i>Conradh na Gaeilge</i>) Featuring two motions (PM8, PA2) on the Irish Language
16:00 – 16:50	PANEL F: REWILDING OUR SEAS Jennifer Whitmore TD, Cllr Joan Hopkins (<i>Fingal East</i>) Padraic Fogarty (<i>Ecologist</i>), Dolf D'Hont (<i>Save Our Sprat</i>)
16:50 – 17:30	PLENARY SESSION 5 Miscellaneous Policy Motions (x7) On Early Childhood (PM13) Traffic Safety (PM5) Rural Issues (PM6, PM12) Peacekeeping (PM7), SMEs (PM2) and the Circular Economy (PM4)

Saturday, 7th February – HARBOUR 7

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14:00 – 15:00	THE QUEER CORNER facilitated by Pádraig Rice TD A Gathering to Discuss LGBTQI+ Policy and Plan Future Events
16:30 – 17:30	MORE MNÁ? Space for Women Candidates and Campaign Team Members to Share and Reflect on Their Experiences of 2024

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