

# NATIONAL CONFERENCE AGENDA

Social  
Democrats

## Friday, 6th February - TIVOLI SUITE (MAIN HALL)

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

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TIME	EVENT
08:45 - 09:15	<b>REGISTRATION</b> with Tea & Coffee
09:15 - 10:30	<b>PANEL B</b> <b>A Seismic Shift? Examining Trends in Irish Politics</b> Chaired by Gary Gannon TD Theresa Reidy ( <i>UCC</i> ), Gary Murphy ( <i>DCU</i> ), Aidan Regan ( <i>UCD</i> )
10:30 - 11:30	<b>PLENARY SESSION 2</b> <b>Five Motions on Party Operations and Strategic Planning</b> Candidate Selection Principles (PA3, PA5), Codifying National Exec Functions (CA3) Motion on Left Wing Govt (PA1), Ethics in Politics (PM10)
11:30 - 12:30	<b>PARTY PANEL 2</b> <b>Policy under a Social Democratic Government</b> Chaired by Jennifer Whitmore TD And featuring the new members of the Social Democrats Parliamentary Party
12:30 - 13:00	<b>INTERVIEW WITH OUR BY-ELECTION CANDIDATES</b> Chaired by Cllr Niamh O'Connor ( <i>Cork South Central</i> ) Daniel Ennis ( <i>Dublin Central</i> ) and Míde Nic Fhionnlaoich ( <i>Galway West</i> )
13:00 - 14:00	<b>LUNCH, provided by the Party</b>
14:00 - 15:00	<b>PANEL C</b> <b>Irish Unity</b> 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	<b>PLENARY SESSION 3</b> 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	<b>PANEL E</b> <b>Housing</b> 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	<b>PLENARY SESSION 4</b> <b>Health Policy Motions (x4)</b> On HIQA (PM1), Mental Health (PM9, PM17), Postnatal Care (PM19)
17:30 - 18:00	<b>REFRESHMENT BREAK (with finger food)</b>
18:00 - 18:30	<b>PRESENTATION OF THE INAUGURAL KODZO SELORMEY AWARD</b> Announcement of the National Exec and SOC Election Results Intro to the Party Leader's Speech – Cian O'Callaghan TD
18:30 - 19:00	<b>LEADER'S SPEECH</b> Holly Cairns TD
19:00 - LATE	<b>SOCIALISING</b>

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13:30 - 13:50	<b>POP-UP GAELTACHT</b> Tar anseo agus comhráigh le do chairde sa pháirtí.
13:50 - 14:50	<b>PANEL D: MEMBER WORKSHOP (in Gaeilge agus Béarla)</b> <b>Promoting An Gaeilge in Politics and in the Party</b> 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	<b>PANEL F: REWILDING OUR SEAS</b> Jennifer Whitmore TD, Cllr Joan Hopkins ( <i>Fingal East</i> ) Padraig Fogarty ( <i>Ecologist</i> ), Dolf D'Hont ( <i>Save Our Sprat</i> )
16:50 - 17:30	<b>PLENARY SESSION 5</b> <b>Miscellaneous Policy Motions (x7)</b> 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	<b>THE QUEER CORNER</b> facilitated by Pádraig Rice TD A Gathering to Discuss LGBTQI+ Policy and Plan Future Events
16:30 - 17:30	<b>MORE MNÁ?</b> Space for Women Candidates and Campaign Team Members to Share and Reflect on Their Experiences of 2024

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