

# SINN FÉIN

## THE VOICE OF PRINCIPLED LEADERSHIP

**CUIREANN** Sinn Féin fáilte roimh an deis nua seo chun a thaispeáint go bhfuil tacaíocht dár seasamh prionsabálta in éadan Rialtas Shasana agus in éadan na nDilseoirí ag bailiú nirt. Seasann Sinn Féin gan leithscéal ar son ath-aontaithe náisiúnta agus ceart mhuintir na hÉireann cur in aghaidh rial Shasana.

**SINN FÉIN** welcomes the opportunity to again demonstrate the growing support for our principled stand against the British government and loyalism, and our unapologetic stand in support of national reunification and in defence of the right of Irish people to resist British occupation.

In last October's Assembly elections we promised that we would be active in raising the demand for Irish unity, would provide proper constituency representation and would be available to the people.

At grass-roots' level Sinn Féin has opened up full-time advice centres in all the constituencies contested last October. We have provided the people with a tireless service in their everyday social and economic struggles, whether in agriculture or against state injustices in housing and social welfare benefits, and in making grant or planning applications.

We have also challenged RUC, UDR and British army harassment of the nationalist people and demonstrated on the streets against their shoot-to-kill policy.

We are able to do this because we are an organisation of full-time voluntary workers. We are not a party of salaried, career politicians.

We ask the people to consider the following facts:

- Sinn Féin candidates are opposed by the

full resources of the British government. **Why?**

– Sinn Féin representatives are excluded from Britain. **Why?**

– Sinn Féin called upon the SDLP to enter into discussions in order to achieve maximum nationalist successes in the Westminster election. SDLP arrogance dictated that no agreement was reached. Our overtures were rejected. **Why?**

– Sinn Féin is excluded, at the request of the SDLP, from the Dublin Forum. **Why?**

– Sinn Féin is excluded from appearing on RTE. **Why?**

– The loyalist parties sought an electoral pact to defeat Sinn Féin. **Why?**

Sinn Féin is seen as principled and earnestly crusading on behalf of Irish unity and for a British withdrawal.

The SDLP – who are responsible for the hated ‘London’ prefix officially remaining before the proud name of Derry – are considered harmless and acceptable. And despite all the attempts to block our progress, Sinn Féin has succeeded in raising the national demand.

We see no point in attending Westminster. The London government asserts, by force of British arms, that the sovereignty of Ireland lies within the Westminster parliament. Sinn Féin asserts that the sovereignty of Ireland rests with the Irish people.

Sinn Féin rejects the loyalist veto and rejects British rule.

We see the six-county state as irreformable and believe that full civil rights, an end to discrimination, unemployment, social deprivation, and sectarianism can only be achieved when we achieve our national rights – that is, independence and unity.

We are opposed to the Assembly and believe it has dangerous potential as a vehicle for a return to Stormont rule.

We will campaign vigorously for a united Ireland, a democratic socialist republic, free from foreign occupation and sectarian rule.

Tiocfaidh ár lá.

– *For fearless leadership,  
a principled Irish stand and  
grass-roots’ constituency  
service,  
VOTE SINN FÉIN!*