



Poblacht na nOibrithe

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Pádraic Mac Coitir to Stand in Local Elections

As the countdown to the May 5 local elections continues, it has been confirmed that Lenadoon resident Pádraic MacCoitir will be running for éirigi in the Upper Falls electoral area.

As a lifelong republican with a proven track record of community activism, Pádraic has the right experience to represent the hard-pressed communities of Andersonstown, Lenadoon and the rest of the Upper Falls.

éirigi's decision to contest the election was taken in the context of the deteriorating economic situation and the savage cutbacks being implemented by the Stormont regime. Unfortunately, there is nothing new about the current state of affairs. For as long as anyone can remember, West Belfast has been crippled by unemployment, discrimination and deprivation. The residents of this proud community have always been treated as suspect second class citizens by the British state, its police force and the Stormont regime.

Despite all the hype of the last 15 years, there has been no 'new dawn' for West Belfast. Virtually all of the wealth generated by the 'peace dividend' has ended up elsewhere. Now, the public services that we all rely on in our daily lives - our schools, hospitals, libraries, public transport and a lot more are to be starved of investment by Stormont and the British government.

A Community Fight Back

Voting for Pádraic won't change the world, but it will challenge the political establishment that has failed West Belfast for decades. A vote for Pádraic will send a message that you've had enough of the tired politics and broken promises of the past and that we as a community are going to fight back against the cutbacks. If Pádraic is elected he will provide a tireless voice for that fight back, both inside of City Hall and, more importantly, on the streets.



• Pádraic Mac Coitir

Glór Nua

Beidh cónaitheoir Léana Dúna agus gníomhaíoch éirigi Pádraic Mac Coitir ag seasamh i dtoghcheantar na bhFál Uachtaraigh sna toghcháin áitiúla ar an 5ú Bealtaine. Cuireadh bail ar mhuintir Iarthair Bhéal Feirste mar shaoránaigh ísealchéime le fada an lá ina dtír féin. D'ainneoin na bolscaireachta le cúig bliana déag anuas tá Iarthair Bhéal Feirste fós díothach d'acmhainní agus de sheirbhísí atá go mór mór de dhíth. Ní athróidh votáil ar son Phádraic cúrsaí an domhain ach cuirfidh sé dúshlán faoin bhunaíocht pholaitiúil agus cuirfidh sé iallach orthu míniú a thabhairt dúinn ar an fháth go bhfuil ár bpobail i measc na bpobal is díothaí in Iarthair na hEorpa. Lé chéile is féidir linn pobal frithbheartaíochta a atógáil in aghaidh córais agus rialtais a d'oibrigh i gcónaí in aghaidh leasanna lucht oibre na hÉireann.

éirigi - for a socialist republic

Pádraic MacCoitir

Pádraic MacCoitir is a 53-year-old native of Andersonstown and long-time Lenadoon resident.

Joining the republican struggle in 1970, Pádraic has been imprisoned on four separate occasions for his republican activities, spending a total of 15 years in captivity. Between July 1976 and 1979, he took part in the blanket and no wash protests for political status in the H-Blocks of Long Kesh.

Since being released from prison in 1996, Pádraic has been heavily involved in socialist republican and community politics, including working with the large political ex-prisoner population in West Belfast. He is an active trade unionist, a former chairperson of the National Graves Association, an Irish language enthusiast and a keen follower of Gaelic sports. Pádraic is also a founding member of the Turais political tour-guide company that aims to give visitors to West Belfast an accurate recount of the conflict. Over the coming months and years éirígí and Pádraic are committed to:

- Fighting the Stormont cutbacks to healthcare, education and other vital public services.
- Rebuilding a strong, vibrant and radical community of resistance in West Belfast.
- Working with communities to tackle the roots of crime and develop viable alternatives to the PSNI.



Do You Want to Help?

Handing out leaflets, putting up posters, canvassing and donating money are just some of the ways that you could help éirígí's election campaign. If you think it's time for a new socialist republican voice for West Belfast and you want to help phone 079 3595 0601 or email eirigibealfeirste@gmail.com



www.eirigi.org

Get Registered to Vote!

If you like what éirígí stands for and want to vote for Pádraic Mac Coitir on May 5th you will need to be registered to vote. You can check if you are on the current electoral register by contacting the Electoral

Office by phone **0800 4320 712** or email info@eoni.org.uk with your name, address and date of birth. If you are not registered to vote you can get on the register by contacting the Electoral Office.

Déan cinnte go gcluinfear thú ar an 5ú Bealtaine.

Make sure your voice is heard on May 5th.