

Member of the European Parliament for Dublin

BARRY ANDREWS MEP

Putting Dublin First in Europe

Dear Constituent, Since my last newsletter, I have been working hard on your behalf in the European Parliament. Over the past number of months, my work in the EU has included work on a housing research paper aimed at providing ideas to the government as they implement Housing for All. I have also been vocal on a number of ongoing humanitarian crises, including the scourge of landmines in Ukraine. More recently I have been voicing my deep concern about the role of so called 'Fast Fashion' in our society and the part that some major global textile companies are playing in that. I would like to see more public debate on this issue and will continue to raise this important topic in my role as a MEP. You can follow all of my activity by following my social media accounts, details of which are below. As always, don't hesitate to contact me on these or any other issues. I hope you find this newsletter informative.

Barry Andrews



Barry Andrews PROFILE

POLITICAL EXPERIENCE:

- MEP since 2019
- Minister for Children: 2008-2011
- TD: 2002 -2011
- County Councillor: 1999 - 2002



PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

- School Teacher: 1991-1997,
- Barrister: 1997-2003, CEO GOAL: 2012-2016,
- Director-General Institute of International & European Affairs: 2017-2019

WORK IN EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT:

- Member of the Development Committee
- Member of International Trade Committee
- Member of the EU-UK Partnership Assembly
- Founded the MLA MEP Roundtable with Members of the Northern Ireland Assembly
- Member of the Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality
- Founder and Chairperson of the SDG Alliance



OVER 80 SPEECHES IN PARLIAMENT INCLUDING RECENTLY ON:

- Good Friday Agreement
- Cross-border adoptions from third countries
- Deterioration of democracy in Israel and consequences on the occupied territories
- Windsor Framework
- Policy Coherence for Development
- Referendum on gender equality
- European migration policy
- SDGs and Green Transition
- Syria and Turkey earthquake
- Fighting the ban on female staff working in NGOs in Afghanistan
- EU's Global Gateway policy



Dublin UPDATE



With some of my Dublin Fianna Fáil colleagues at Leinster House; Jim O'Callaghan TD, Senator Mary Fitzpatrick, Cormac Devlin TD and Paul McAuliffe TD

HOUSING:

I have teamed up with 'Housing Europe' to produce a report on the housing situation in Dublin and how it compares with our EU neighbours. The purpose of the paper is to assess what the problems are, how we compare to our European counterparts and assess what EU-level initiatives are available to assist with our current housing policy. If you would like a copy of this report, you'll find it on barryandrews.ie.

CRIME:

In May, I attended the opening of a dedicated Garda Public Transport Hub at Heuston Station. The Hub will allow Gardai based at the hub to have oversight of all public transport networks including trains, buses and trams. The opening of the Transport Hub, which has a staff of 100 comprised of both Garda members and Garda staff, follows on from an ongoing campaign from Fianna Fáil's Dublin TDs and Senators who have been calling for the hub along with a dedicated public transport policing unit.



At the opening of the Public Transport Hub with Garda Commissioner Drew Harris.

ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR SURVEY:

Over the past number of weeks, my Fianna Fáil colleagues and I in Dublin have worked on preparing a survey which will help us in formulating our policy in relation to crime and anti-social behaviour. I invite you to complete the survey by scanning this QR code and answering the questions. Your feedback is greatly appreciated.



School Visit to Adamstown Community College



At the Launch of the The Dublin Learning City Festival in Pearse Street Library



Pictured after completing the Darkness into Light Walk in Cabinteely with Jonathan O'Keefe, Cllr. Michael Clarke, Cormac Devlin TD, and Cllr. Justin Moylan



At the Swords Celtic Football for All Blitz with colleagues Minister Darragh O'Brien and Cllr Darragh Butler and Swords Celtic Committee



Honoured to bump into Ireland soccer legend Paul McGrath



With President Michael D Higgins



Visiting Divine Mercy National School, Lucan with Cllr. Shane Moynihan



In Tallaght at the Launch of the Heatworks District Heating Network & Energy Centre opened by South Dublin County Council. Pictured with Minister Eamon Ryan and colleagues Mayor of South Dublin Emma Murphy, John Lahart TD and Cllr. Charlie O'Connor.



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OUT AND ABOUT IN DUBLIN



UKRAINE

In April I was invited to Kyiv by the landmine clearance NGO, The HALO Trust, and spent three days speaking to their staff, diplomats and Ukrainian officials. I also had the opportunity to see this delicate work in action.

Ukrainian territory that requires de-mining is approximately the same area as Great Britain. For every day that the war continues, one month of landmine clearance is required. The decision to support de-mining efforts in Ukraine through the Irish Defence Forces drew criticism from the People Before Profit party, which considered it a breach of our neutrality. De-mining is, as most people will recognise, helping to demilitarise areas so civilians can return to affected farms and buildings. It is the opposite of militarisation. Far from being a breach of our neutrality, it would be a breach of our humanity not to do it.

In Kyiv with the HALO Trust



In Nigeria as part of election monitoring



With former president of South Africa, Thabo Mbeki, during Election Monitoring in Nigeria

NIGERIA

In December 2022, I was appointed by the EU's High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, Josep Borrell, as Chief Observer of the EU Electoral Observation Mission to Nigeria. Nigeria is Africa's most populous country, with 220 million inhabitants. It is a fast-growing economy, though insecurity and terrorism disrupt the daily lives of millions. Election monitoring is more important than ever in an age of democratic recession.

Addressing a Syrian Protest on O'Connell Street.



With former Taoiseach Bertie Ahern, MEP Nathalie Loiseau, Commissioner Mairead McGuinness and Vice President of the European Commission, Maros Sefcovic



Celebrating Pride Month With Colleagues in the European Parliament



MEDIA CORNER

- 10: Taking questions with Taoiseach Micheál Martin and MEP Colleague Billy Kelleher
- 11: Media scrum in Nigeria
- 12: Appearing on Newstalk Radio
- 13: Television Interview live from European Parliament
- 14: Live interview on Nigerian TV

CSDDD AND FAST FASHION

A new proposed EU Directive known as the Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence Directive will force large companies to take responsibility for damage to the planet and to people in their value chain.

The idea is to take oil spills, deforestation and human rights abuses out of our shopping baskets. Companies will have to carry out due diligence to make sure that their supply chains, upstream and downstream, don't contribute to environmental damage and human rights abuses. As lead negotiator for the Trade Committee, I have pushed for a more ambitious approach to the new law so that more businesses and their activities are within the scope of the legislation.

CONSULTATIVE FORUM ON NEUTRALITY

The Tánaiste, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Minister for Defence, Micheál Martin, has announced plans for a Consultative Forum on International Security Policy that will take place in June.

The Forum will build a deeper understanding of the threats faced by the State, and the links to, and between, our foreign, security and defence policy. I have produced a paper on this topic entitled: 'Irish Neutrality in a changing Europe' You can find a copy of this paper on my website at barryandrews.ie.

SUSTAINABILITY

I set up the SDG Alliance in 2020, to highlight sustainable development in the European Parliament. There are 28 MEPs from 12 different countries in the group from across the political spectrum and I am delighted to chair the group. The SDGs are the only globally agreed road map that will help to deliver carbon targets and ensure that this is done in a fair way for all countries. Ireland played a key role in developing the SDGs in 2015.

WORKING WITH:

Barry Andrews MEP working with your Fianna Fáil team in Dublin:

MINISTERS: Darragh O'Brien TD & Jack Chambers TD

TDS: Jim O'Callaghan TD
Cormac Devlin TD, Sean Haughey TD, John Lahart TD, Paul McAulliffe TD

SENATORS: Catherine Ardagh, Lorraine Clifford-Lee, Mary Fitzpatrick, Gerry Horkan

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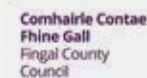
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