

Senator Mary Fitzpatrick

SENATOR IN DUBLIN CENTRAL. SPOKESPERSON ON HOUSING, LOCAL GOVERNMENT & HERITAGE.



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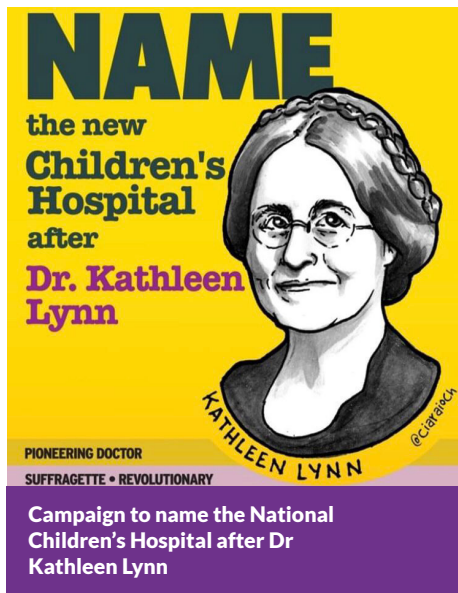
I hope that you are keeping well. In this newsletter are updates on my work to champion Government support for Dublin Central, to increase the supply of affordable housing, the **Menopause clinic** at the Rotunda, youth services, **Dalymount, the Fruit & Vegetable market, Na Piobairí Uilleann** as well as the campaign to name the National Children's hospital after **Dr Kathleen Lynn**. Russia's war on Ukraine continues to increase our cost of living so I have included information on financial supports available. Please contact me if I can be of any assistance.

All the Best,

Mary Fitzpatrick



Launching Fianna Fáil Public Transport Safety Survey



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Campaign to name the National Children's Hospital after Dr Kathleen Lynn



Opening the new Menopause Clinic with Minister for Health Stephen Donnelly and Senator Lisa Chambers

MONTHLY IN-PERSON CLINICS:

3rd Monday of each month at:

- Naomh Fionnbarra GAA Club, Cabra West
- Maples Hotel, Iona Road, Glasnevin

If you would like to make an appointment, please contact me at mary.fitzpatrick@oir.ie or at 085 838 3427.

Visiting Dalymount Park with Minister Thomas Byrne and Councillor Eimer McCormack



Dalymount Update

In 2015 as a City Councillor, I supported Dublin City Council's purchase of Dalymount Park. Under the last government progress was too slow but following my visit with Fianna Fáil Minister for Sport Thomas Byrne TD an application for planning permission should be made in May 2023



With the Save Our Hall Campaign in Leinster House

Corpus Christi Hall

Young girls in Corpus Christi NS and the local community need access to their school hall. Following my representations to the Minister for Education, Norma Foley TD, there have been positive developments to re-open Corpus Christi Hall in Drumcondra. Stakeholders are engaging to divest the hall to the trustees of Corpus Christi NS. I continue to work with the school, local community, Department of Education and others to reopen the hall at the earliest opportunity.



With Minister for Housing, Darragh O'Brien, at O'Devaney Gardens

INCREASING HOUSING SUPPLY

Since my last newsletter keys to new homes have been given to tenants on Benburb Street, O'Devaney Gardens, Dominick Street, North King Street, Ballybough and Cabra. There are 1,000+ new social homes currently under development locally.

The fastest and most sustainable way to increase housing supply is to reuse existing vacant properties. I secured Government approval for a Vacant Property grant in Dublin City. The Croí Cionnaithe grant provides €30,000 to convert vacant properties and €50,000 to convert derelict properties into homes.

4 ways to make home ownership more affordable:

Help to Buy scheme gives you €30,000 tax refund towards a deposit.



First Home Scheme provides up to 30% of the cost of your new home as Government equity. Visit



Local Authority Home Loan provides a 90% low-interest state backed mortgage.



Affordable Purchase Scheme enables you to buy a home at a 20% reduction.



At the launch of the HAY youth diversion programme with Minister James Browne

Mol an oige agus tiocfaidh siad, support young people and they will flourish

I am founding director of a youth service, youth diversion programme and a mother.

My commitment to supporting young people to reach their full potential informs all my work. We have reduced the cost of childcare, education, public transport, healthcare and secured funding for dedicated youth services, clubs and schools in Dublin Central.





We all should feel safe where we live and work. Increased anti-social behaviour on public transport and in public spaces is unacceptable. As a director of a community policing forum and public representative, I work closely with Gardai to make our area safer. The reopening of Fitzgibbon Street Garda Station was a big win for our community. We need greater garda presence on our streets and on public transport. I am working to secure greater garda presence in our area from the increased Garda recruitment. In the meantime, please help make our area safer by reporting any suspicious activity to 999.



I am painfully aware of how underserved women have been by our health service for decades. Within Fianna Fáil I am working to change and improve womens health services. We have produced the first womens health policy and secured unprecedented funding for women's health. Free contraception is giving young women independence and autonomy never experienced by previous generations. The opening of a dedicated Menopause and new gynaecology clinic at the Rotunda is providing women and GPs with expert women's health care. Additionally, I continue to work with the Rotunda and the Minister for Health to deliver a new West-wing critical care unit on Parnell Square.



Na Píobairí Uilleann on Henrietta Street is home to "the sound of Ireland" where the teaching and making of uilleann pipes is taught. I am working with Na Píobairí Uilleann to secure Government funding to construct an International Uilleann Piping Centre.



Gaelscoil Choláiste Mhuire
After decades of campaigning it was great to welcome Minister for Education Norma Foley to visit Gaelscoil Choláiste Mhuire in their "temporary" facilities on Parnell Square. Following the Minister's visit the build went to tender. I am now working to get the Department of Public Expenditure to approve funds so building can commence on Dominick Street.

Fruit & Veg
Part of the Government granted €120million Urban Regeneration funding for the north inner city is being used to fund a conservation who are working to enable the reopening of the Fruit & Veg Market.

Moore Street National Monument
The Minister for the Office of Public Works must commence construction of a 1916 Commemorative Centre at the National Monument, 14-17 Moore Street. The state must take urgent action to recognise our history, regenerate the street and reverse the decline.



Cost of Living Supports



To help you cope with increased cost of living Fianna Fáil in government is putting money back in your pocket:

- €600 Electricity Credit
- €200 payment to working families, lone-parents, low-income families, carers, disability payment recipients and pensioners
- €500 Renters tax back
- 25 Reduction in Childcare Fees
- €100 increase in Back-to-School Clothing and Footwear allowance.
- 12-14% increase in SUSI grants
- Lower income tax thresholds approx. €800+ saving
- Abolished Hospital in-patient charges
- Free contraception
- Reduced Public Transport Fees

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DR. KATHLEEN LYNN



Dr Kathleen Lynn was a pioneer of children's, women's and public health, a revolutionary and a champion of social justice. In 1919, she founded Ireland's first children's hospital, St Ultan's, in Dublin. In Leinster House I hosted the launch of the 1916 Relatives Association's campaign to name the new National Children's Hospital after Dr Kathleen Lynn. Thanks to Fianna Fáil, SIPTU, Fórsa, National Women's Council, Labour and Sinn Féin for their support.

Visiting the Christ the King schools in Cabra



Visiting Gaelscoil Choláiste Mhuire with Minister Norma Foley and Minister Paschal Donohoe



St Peter's National School visiting Leinster House



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