

GENERAL ELECTION 2016

**WILL THE NEXT
GOVERNMENT
WORK FOR
A FAIRER
SOCIETY?**



STRONGER TOGETHER

CONGRESS

Irish Congress of Trade Unions

CONGRESS PLATFORM FOR A FAIR SOCIETY



Before you vote on February 26, think about what type of society you would like to see in the coming years and what needs to be done to ensure it will be fairer and more equal.

If you want to see a fairer Ireland then it makes sense to support the parties and candidates who will back: a Living Wage, Decent Jobs, Fair Pensions and Good Public Services.

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LIVING WAGE

Low pay is bad for our economy and society. It keeps people in poverty, deepens inequality and stifles growth. The only people who benefit are bad employers. The current recommended rate for the Living Wage is €11.50 per hour and this ensures people can reach an agreed minimum standard of living and meet all essential costs. Raising wages is the best antidote to national and global inequality.

www.ictu.ie/livingwage

***Do the candidates in your
area support the Living Wage?***



DECENT JOBS

Low hour contracts and precarious work are commonplace, making it impossible for many workers – mainly young and female – to plan their lives and save for the future. But the government spends hundreds of millions every year on social welfare supports for people in low paid, precarious work. Workers are entitled to security of hours and certainty of income. They also have the right to union representation and to be treated with respect in the workplace.

www.ictu.ie/decentjobs

Do the candidates in your area support Decent Work?

FAIR PENSIONS

Everyone is entitled to a living income in retirement which ensures they can afford their essential needs and enjoy a dignified life after work. No retired worker should live in poverty or be forced to go without because of income insecurity. A living income must be guaranteed through the pension system.

www.ictu.ie/fairpensions

***Do the candidates in your area
support Fair Pensions?***



GOOD PUBLIC SERVICES

Investing in quality public services – like health and education – will boost economic growth, achieve a better quality of life for all citizens and help create a more equal society. Good public services should be funded through a system of fair and progressive taxation.

www.ictu.ie/goodservices

Do the candidates in your area support Good Public Services funded by progressive taxation?



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