

NO to Austerity
NO to the Household Tax

United Left
Alliance

Don't Register Don't Pay!

The turnout at the Campaign Against the Household Tax meetings around the country has been magnificent. Thousands of people have attended meetings from Donegal to Kerry.

The anger expressed at these meetings shows people are prepared to face the government down on this issue.

Government spin-doctors are telling us that the household tax only amounts to €2 a week. In reality the new tax is a step towards bringing in a property tax of between €500 and €1,000 for an average home and a new water tax of €400 to €500.

Rural areas are facing a double-whammy of the septic tank charge inspection fee of €50 as well the possibility of having to fork out up to €15,000 on updating their septic tank.

The money raised from these new taxes will not go to pay for local services as the government is spinning – instead it's going straight into the pockets of the bankers and speculators who have bankrupted the Irish economy.

Labour and Fine Gael both got elected on promises to stand up to the EU-IMF, Labour even promised to 'burn the bondholders', now they have made a conscious decision to bailout these parasites while our living standards get hammered! To add insult to injury they

are threatening working class people with court appearances if they refuse to register for the tax by 31st March which could result in a fine of €2,500.

The United Left Alliance (ULA) fully supports the Campaign Against Household and Water Taxes (CAHWT):

- **ULA TDs have given a commitment that they will boycott the household tax and stand in the front line of those resisting the charges.**
- **We fully support the CAHWT and its strategy of building a campaign of mass non-registration and non-payment.**
- **We also say – make the campaign visible – organize protests in your area. The ULA also supports the idea of a national day of coordinated protests.** Organize protests in response to any government intimidation campaigns – such as threatening letters or government 'information' booklets.
- **Bring the campaign into the unions and workplaces.** Distribute campaign leaflets to your workmates and pass motions in your trade union branch to support the campaign and calling on your union to do the same nationally.

Join the ULA

The ULA is opposed to all forms of austerity that is making ordinary people pay for a crisis that was not of their making.

The capitalist market in Ireland and Europe means an economy run for the profits of the "1%" that own and control the economy. We need an alternative to the madness of this system that is bringing misery for workers and unemployed people.

Ireland is not broke and austerity is not inevitable. The richest 5% have a combined wealth of €219 billion and in 2010 non-financial companies based in Ireland made profits of €38 billion. A wealth tax on these resources combined with a refusal to pay the bad gambling debts of the billionaire bondholders could generate billions of euro that could be used for public investment in a programme of job creation.

The ULA stands for the creation of a new party for working people that stands for democratic public ownership of the resources of the economy that can guarantee a decent standard of living for all.

Join us today.

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