

The aim of Direct Democracy Ireland is to introduce a new system of participatory democracy in Ireland, which will entail, at a minimum, the right of the people to:

- 1. Initiative** – Any citizen can collect a certain number of signatures (a certain % of the population), to call a referendum.
- 2. Referenda** – The referendum will empower the people to veto ministerial decisions or government legislation, such as NAMA, Anglo Irish Bank etc.
- 3. Recall** – A mechanism will also be introduced whereby politicians can be 'removed' if they are not performing their job to the satisfaction of the electorate.
- 4. Economy** - To create realistic economic choices based on public debate and transparent policies, with greatly reduced vested interests and party politics.

POSSIBLE IMPLICATIONS OF DIRECT DEMOCRACY:

- The ability of citizens to call general elections and bye-elections.
- Public participation in policy formation, such as the national development plan and health care.
- The possible reversal of decisions to close hospitals, schools, and garda stations, etc.
- Public participation in decision making on how your tax money is spent.
- Absolute 'free' freedom of information for all government documents.
- All public officials accountable for their actions.
- Restructure national bureaucracy to reflect Irish culture, prosperity, heritage and sustainability.
- Real democracy is alive not passive.

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Change The System NOT The Politicians

A TRUE DEMOCRACY FOR A REAL REPUBLIC

Your Direct
VOICE



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WHAT IS DIRECT DEMOCRACY ?

Direct democracy is a system of government that gives citizens the ability to have a say in government decisions, and allows them to propose or veto legislation and other initiatives. It also gives citizens the power to recall or sack elected representatives or ministers who are not working for the interest of the people. Worldwide there is a growing trend and an increasing interest towards the concept of direct democracy in countries such as in the U.S. U.K. and across Europe.



A HISTORY OF DIRECT DEMOCRACY IN IRELAND :

The founders of the Constitution of the Irish Free State (1922) gave the powers of initiative and referendum to the Irish people, in articles 47 & 48. However, these rights were never implemented as the first party to get into power removed these rights from the people of Ireland and gave those powers to themselves. Now only members of the Oireachtas, or a legal challenge to the Constitution can initiate a referendum. DDI aims to reintroduce these rights to re-define what we call democracy in the Republic of Ireland.

VOTE FOR THE PEOPLE NOT THE POLITICIANS :

Direct democracy offers the opportunity for people to live in a fairer society by participating in the decision making process on an ongoing basis, rather than ticking a box every four or five years. Direct democracy limits the influence of vested interest groups in the decision making process. Direct democracy gives power back to the people. We invite you to help us achieve these goals by signing up as a member, or endorsing our policy as a candidate for reintroducing direct democracy to Ireland after its removal 78 years ago.



Our strategy will include setting up an online web based forum where the public can scrutinize political decisions, make proposals, and put forward candidates for election. The era of vested interests, corruption and cronyism has to end if we are to succeed in turning this nation around. It is time for people power and **POLITICS WITHOUT THE TRICKS.**



POBLACHT NA H EIREANN - "We declare the right of the people of Ireland to the ownership of Ireland, and to the unfettered control of Irish destinies, to be sovereign and indefeasible."

ABOUT GERRY KELLY:



I grew up in Walkinstown, and most of my family and friends still live in that area. I have spent much of my adult life working with voluntary community groups across Dublin. I am tired of seeing our country run in a manner which would be unacceptable in any properly run club or organisation. I believe we must fundamentally change our democracy or we are doomed to continue failing and will continue exporting our people. I trust the people to know what's best for our country. Please vote to improve, restore and upgrade our democracy. Help make us a TRUE democracy and a REAL Republic.

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