

Citizen-led Democracy

Holding elected representatives to account.

In early 2016 on the 100th anniversary of the 1916 Uprising, Irish Citizens have the opportunity to revitalise the spirit of a Republican Democracy. In spite of repeated breaches of trust by leaders across the spectrum of Public Life we are not Powerless. You have the Power of One!

Mindful of Barack Obama's exhortation in his College Green Speech on the 23rd of May 2011 "Is Féidir Linn", each one of us voters can do our individual bit to end corruption in Public Life by formally requesting each candidate to sign up to the **ISO-Halo** standard, The Nolan Principles Seven Principles of Public Life.

INSTRUCTIONS

- Print out copies of this page and have them ready when election candidates call to your door. Specifically request each candidate to sign this form and witness it with your signature. Keep your form for future use.
- Alternatively, email each candidate with this PDF form and request them to fill it in and return it to you for your safe keeping. If possible, as with the paper copy, publish each signed form online eg. Facebook..
- Alternatively, each candidate can proactively download the form, fill it in and publish it on their website with a copy emailed to me at ogogainl@gmail.com, which I will retain in trust, in the public interest.

Principle	ISO-Halo	Write Y(es) / N(o)
Integrity	Holders of public office must avoid placing themselves under any obligation to people or organisations that might try inappropriately to influence them in their work. They should not act or take decisions in order to gain financial or other material benefits for themselves, their family, or their friends. They must declare and resolve any interests and relationships.	
Selflessness	Holders of public office should act solely in terms of the public interest.	
Objectivity	Holders of public office must act and take decisions impartially, fairly and on merit, using the best evidence and without discrimination or bias.	
Honesty	Holders of public office should be truthful.	
Accountability	Holders of public office are accountable to the public for their decisions and actions and must submit themselves to the scrutiny necessary to ensure this.	
Leadership	Holders of public office should exhibit these principles in their own behaviour. They should actively promote and robustly support the principles and be willing to challenge poor behaviour wherever it occurs.	
Openness	Holders of public office should act and take decisions in an open and transparent manner. Information should not be withheld from the public unless there are clear and lawful reasons for so doing.	

I, [Name in Capitals] _____, in seeking your vote for the upcoming Election as Your Public Representative, undertake to abide by the Nolan Principles of Public Life as set out above. Furthermore, I undertake, that in the event of me failing to abide by any one or more of these Principles, based on the Civil Law Standard of Proof of the Balance of Probabilities, I will immediately resign my elected position.

Signed:- _____

Witnessed by:- _____

Date:- _____

Date:- _____

"The world is in greater peril from those who tolerate or encourage evil than from those who actually commit it.".....Albert Einstein

Join the process of rebuilding trust in the political process!

Background Material

References:-

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- "Is féidir linn," Barack Obama's famous campaign slogan 'Yes we can'. a rousing speech at College Green in Dublin <http://www.breakingnews.ie/ireland/is-feidir-linn-obama-cheers-crowd-with-closing-comments-506148.html>
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- "At their inauguration, public leaders must swear to uphold unwritten law and weep to atone for their presumption to hold office –"
From the Republic of Conscience by Seamus Heaney <http://genius.com/Seamus-heaney-from-the-republic-of-conscience-annotated>
- Have a look at the guided tour through the intricate workings of the Proportional Representation Voting system at "Helping Voters Understand how PR voting works - A public service podcast .mp4 (part 1 of 5)" <https://youtu.be/inZlZXzt5EA>