



The Freedom Alliance based on the Island of Ireland is not a political party, but we will support candidates in the coming elections on an agreed manifesto.

Elections

Elections must remain transparent with the ability of candidates and their agents to have unobstructed viewing of the process, (except for the voter marking their paper) from the opening of election stations to the sealing of boxes, opening of boxes at the count, and the count process. UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES EXCEPT VIOLENCE BY A CANDIDATE OR AGENT CAN THEY BE EXCLUDED FROM THE FULL PROCESS. There must not be electronic voting on any format.

This must apply to any electoral process at whatever level.

We will establish elections at a minimum of every four years, without excuse.

Conduct of democratic systems in legislative bodies.

We will work to establish democratic systems which will only allow decisions in line with any mandate from the people, determined by either the manifesto commitments or a referendum. A candidate can rely on a mandate expressed through other candidates votes, even though they themselves did not have it on their own manifesto. Any infringement on individuals rights can only take place if mandated as above, and even then as restricted by the laws governing our inalienable rights of thousands of years.

All legislation may only take place within the democratic process, within the constitution, with full debate, with the full legislature, scrutiny by committee, evidence (not merely opinion), to support the need for any restriction and after meaningful consultation with the whole of society.

There will never, in any circumstances, be authority to surrender any constitutional rights to foreign powers.

The conduct of business and debate will be decided by the elected representative of the people at the level of those elected to that legislature.

As defined in international law on human rights, decisions of ancestors cannot be binding on future generations. We hold however, with the international convention, that lawful decisions of a legislature must be respected and subject to change when there have been a significant change of circumstances (such as a war) or after a period showing the previous decision was respected and implemented, generally five years. In short if you don't get your way, the lawful decision must be respected and you cannot have vote after vote every few months, or a year or so, until you get your way.

Objectives for this election to the Northern Ireland Assembly 2022.

We will end the sectarian division of politics in the Northern Ireland assembly. We will do so by simply moving society forward and stop recognising this institutionalised apartheid.

We will not be designating a position as elected representatives with regard to religious or ethnic criteria. We will serve all the people as individual people, not sectarian tribes.

The Constitutional position of Northern Ireland is recognised as it presently stands, with the mechanism available to the people of Northern Ireland alone, through a democratic referendum to change that when **they** wish.

We will support candidates who will individually represent their local constituents over anyone else's, including a party policy. We may support those who may have membership in a party or independents as long as their constituents come first. **THE PARTY IS OVER!**

Barrier in the Irish Sea.

The protocol dividing Northern Ireland from Great Britain is a breach of the present constitutional position, as confirmed in a court case. The judge held the higher authority of the Westminster Government had a lawful right to do so. While lawfully that may be the case, it is a clear breach of the Belfast Agreement (Good Friday Agreement). We cannot pick and choose which parts of an agreement we want. Either it is all honoured, or none of it is.

This barrier is a significant trade disadvantage to both Northern Ireland and the rest of Ireland. It must be immediately removed.

Cross-border restrictions.

The Republic of Ireland Government has imposed significant cross border restrictions over recent years, including arrests and fines for merely crossing the border, by using undemocratic so-called Covid laws, including the arrest and fines on Ulster Protestants. They are in breach of the Belfast Agreement and the Constitution of Eire. We demand an immediate end to these undemocratic restrictions and the open access across the border between Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland as agreed with the Common Travel Area arrangements. The Sovereignty of the people of the UK and Ireland is paramount above any other outside influence, including supranational bodies.

Cross-community relations.

The time has come for this term to become redundant. We should by now be one community, respecting all cultures in Ulster and with good relationships with our neighbours across this Island and Great Britain. We will encourage new relations by removing all obstacles to the enjoyment of all cultures by all. We believe there is a need for better mixed education, cultural funding to be spent as local cultural and community groups decide, welcoming all to take part and with the open arms of friendship extended. We will develop all languages without threat to anyone.

The use of legislation which will make culture and language into a political weapon and football is counter productive and has been proven to be a failure, including in the rest of Ireland. We will remove restrictions on all cultures and encourage participation and growth in our shared culture and history. Everyone can now embrace the cultures of Orange and Green. The divisions of the past and those who still want to promote them need to be consigned to the dust bin.

Protection of constitutional and minority rights.

We will end the undemocratic processes of the present political system and replace them with normal democracy, with minority rights to be protected by a Constitutional Court, on the model of that recognised in South Tyrol semi-autonomous region in Northern Italy.

The processes of operation or standing orders of business will be decided by those elected, and will not be dictated by the civil service or others. The people through their elected representatives are the only legitimate authority.

Corruption.

We recognise that those elected to represent the people will require a wage to provide for them and their family. However, being an elected representative should be a calling and a privilege. It should not be a career. To that end we will be seeking a set wage for all elected representatives at the same rate. Following debate we believe will be fair between £35,000 to £50,000 per year, although we are not dogmatic about the final amount. We are however clear that it should be a set fixed wage. No one elected should receive one penny more for doing their job, including serving on a committee, serving as a minister at any level, or acting in any other capacity as an elected representative. There should be no pension or other benefits.

Expenses.

Expenses are a separate issue from pay and may even need increased. These however should be strictly controlled and must directly be of benefit to the electorate. For example, a local office to which the public can bring their issues, local office staff and researchers to assist elected representatives on behalf of the public, travel expenses and accommodation on official business, stationary etc. We do believe that some staff are presently over paid and this needs reviewed.

Other areas of corruption

All conflicts or possible conflicts of interests must be declared.

While an elected representative, the source and total amounts of all income should be declared while in office. Spending by elected representatives as with everyone else, is a private matter and should only be declared if there is a conflict in interest with their position in the legislature, or all investments in any company, stocks, shares or other body, whether a profit is made or not. The same must apply to the immediate family of the representative if a possible conflict exists.

This must also include any involvement by an elected representative with any company or body whether any financial or other incentive is involved or not. For example, giving voluntary advice.

On leaving a position as an elected representative, they should not act on payment or otherwise within a company or body that the legislature have had any dealings with during their period of serving. This would not apply to merely returning to their old job at a roughly equivalent rate of pay, or taking up a job below senior management in a company equivalent to other similarly skilled employees such as the civil service, lorry driver, or site worker etc.

The legislature will conduct all its dealings respecting our rights which have been articulated in the Magna Carta, the Bill of Rights 1688 and Common Law.

Handling of Covid 19 issue.

We will establish a completely transparent public enquiry which will be judge led, have full powers to compel witnesses, will take full factual evidence, will only permit expert opinion where that is interpreting facts and where the expert can evidence their expertise in terms of training, qualifications, experience, and relate the opinion they are giving to matters of fact, based on previous factual investigations and experiments.

The examination of witnesses will be by a representative of the legislature, lawful representation of the witness if they wish, the Judge leading the enquiry and a lawful representative of legitimate interested party. This enquiry will be to determine the facts but is not to determine criminal liability, although evidence that may emerge of any criminality may lead to criminal prosecution.

Government.

The Government in Northern Ireland is administered by an executive. We will ensure the population fully understand the executive is only a servant of the Legislature and as a body or as an individual minister or civil servant in it, they hold no power other than to carry out the wishes of the legislature, and only then when the legislature has complied to use democratic process and law.

Policing and Justice.

We will ensure there is a clear separation of Government and the judicial process.

The judicial process will be returned to the judiciary at appropriate levels, and by Constables and Sheriffs acting appropriately within their powers in common law, restricted by the will of the people through the legislature and case stated.

We will reorganise policing to provide for local constables servicing their community, supported by a criminal investigation body to deal with serious crime, and a road policing unit to deal with road policing. All the investigators will act under the authority of a lawful warrant as a constable. This will not prohibit the use of experts such as doctors, forensic and photographic professionals to assist in gathering evidence.

With the exception of acting as an agent of the coroner in appropriate cases, Constables will be strictly prohibited from carrying out any role for any other agency or body.

Constables will be held individually responsible for their actions within the law.

People will be free to hire legal representation at their own expense, but we will intend to provide legal representation from a new body of defence experts for every person appearing before a court or legal tribunal.

Education.

Education will be reviewed to return power over the child solely to the parent/guardian.

The estate of the education system will be examined to provide a wider choice for education and at local community level.

The curriculum will be evaluated to ensure our children and young people are taught relevant skills for life such as reading, writing, communication, health, finance, economy, taxation, mortgages, agriculture, power production, the basics of law, human rights, history and culture, geography/geology, relevant mathematics, language skills, arts, music, individual physical education, information technology, home economics, woodwork, metal work, etc.

We believe further education should be provided free to citizens of Northern Ireland.

Health.

We will ensure all health provision as a universal right is equal to all and under the control of the public, not for profit.

We will not block private health care for those who wish to avail of it, but not at the expense of national health care system.

We will establish the rights of the individual as paramount in their health care.

We will ensure both physical and mental health receive equal priority within a framework that puts serious risk to life such as serious trauma or terminal illness as a priority.

Illness or trauma that creates serious pain or disability.

Prevention of these illnesses by scientific proven methods with the free choice of the patient or potential patient.

Lesser illness and trauma, ranked in those causing more serious pain and debility issues to less serious.

Life of the unborn child: We believe the decisions on this issue must be a decision for the people in Northern Ireland and them alone. The undemocratic imposition of laws on such devolved matters is unacceptable and will be stopped. We the people here, through your representatives will decide.

Taxation.

Taxes should be calculated on the basis of finance needed for specific projects such as roads, education, health, justice etc and then added as one figure. When collected that will be divided as designed in the budget, deciding the taxation level. Taxes collected for one purpose will not be diverted to others, except at specified points when a surplus occurs.

Nuclear waste dump.

Northern Ireland has already been ear marked as a nuclear waste dump for waste from around the world. We will stop this destruction of our country and the ruin of 25% of our land where prospecting and mining has been planned. We will not allow our land to be destroyed by nuclear waste and toxic chemicals.

Farming.

It is intended to remove our farms from their present owners and put them into the hands of international companies that will destroy our ability to produce food in some of the most fertile land in the world. We will ensure farming continues under local ownership. Farmers will have restrictions lifted so as they can make a profit without the need for subsidies. At present laws being passed will mean the loss of about 85% of all animals on our farms in the next few decades. We will protect farmers and prevent this happening.

5G.

We will establish an evidenced based public enquiry to properly assess the impact of technology such as 5G on our environment and health.

Workers Rights.

At present there is a raft of protections for workers in legislation. However these have been diluted over the years, over complicated and all too often such as with Health and Safety ignored and abused by employers including the Government. When a breach does occur it is a mountainous task for individuals to put up their own money to hold those breaking the law to task. The levels of compensation is no deterrent, with many companies prepared to take the financial hit to achieve their selfish ends while still leaving the worker without a job, out of pocket, or abused.

You can compare this analogy to the past, where companies were happy to pick up the fines of their employees who deliberately endangered people by travelling at high speeds in company cars. This ended when measures were introduced that included prison and disqualification.

We will ensure the Government will simplify but uphold workers rights and ensure they have proper representation.