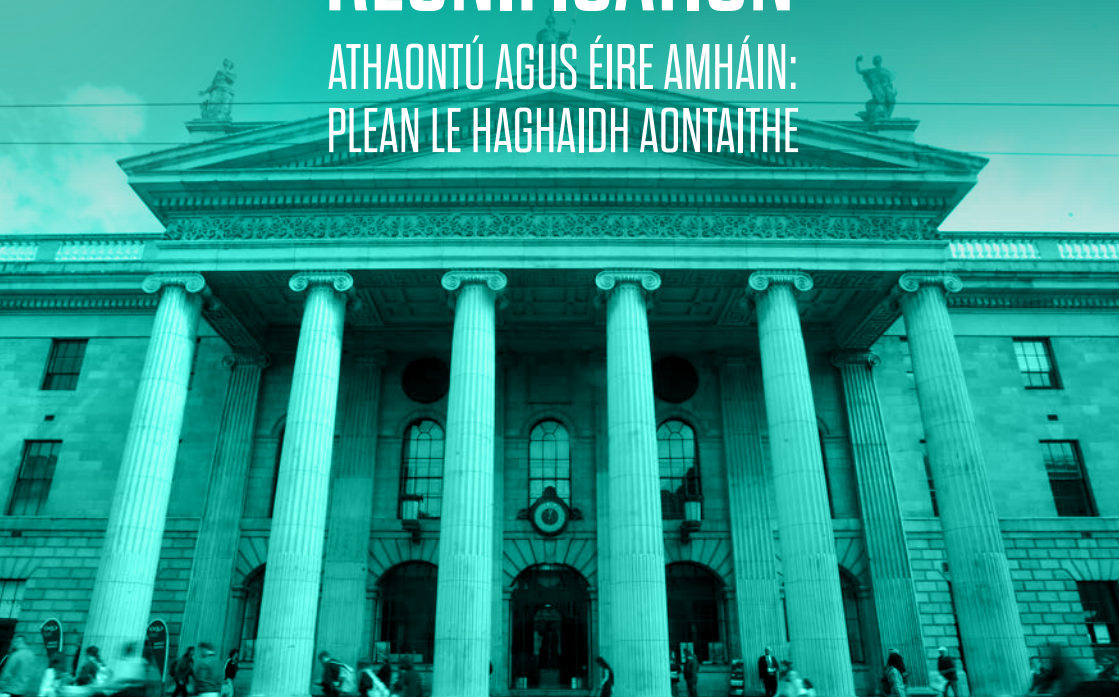




A UNITED IRELAND A PLAN FOR REUNIFICATION

ATHAONTÚ AGUS ÉIRE AMHÁIN:
PLEAN LE HAGHAIDH AONTAITHE



INTRODUCTION RÉAMHRÁ

Sinn Féin is a United Ireland party.

A Sinn Féin led Government will make the achievement of Irish unity a priority.

The reunification of Ireland presents the single greatest opportunity to unlock the potential of our island, to deliver prosperity for all.

Together, we can build a better, fairer, stronger country where we can realise our full potential as a nation.

Change is underway now, and there is a growing demand to hold a referendum on Irish Unity.

Sinn Féin has a plan for unity that would drive constitutional, legislative and political change.

Páirtí atá ar son Aontú na hÉireann is ea Sinn Féin.

Beidh Aontú na hÉireann mar thosaíocht ag Rialtas faoi cheannasaíocht Shinn Féin.

Is é athaontú na hÉireann an deis is fearr atá againn barr acmhainne ár n-oileáin a bhaint amach agus rathúnas a chinntiú do chách.

Is féidir linn, le chéile, tír níos fearr, níos cothroime agus níos láidre a fhorbairt inar féidir linn acmhainneacht iomlán ár náisiúin a fhíorú.

Tá athrú ag teacht anois, agus tá éileamh níos mó anois ann reifreann a ghairm ar Aontú na hÉireann.

Tá plean um aontú ag Sinn Féin a thacódh le hathrú bunreachtúil, reachtúil agus polaitiúil.

STEPS TO UNITY / *dTreo an Aontaithe*

A Sinn Féin led Government will take the following steps to advance Irish unity;

- We would commence planning for and actively working toward the holding, by the end of this decade, of the referendums on Irish reunification provided for in the Good Friday Agreement
- Produce a government 'Green Paper' in the first 100 days setting out our vision for a new and United Ireland
- Establish a 'Reunification and One Ireland' unit within the Department of An Taoiseach
- Appoint a Minister of State for Reunification and One Ireland
- Initiate a diplomatic offensive to promote Irish unity through the many international forums and bodies of which the Irish government is a member, including the United Nations and the European Union
- Establish a joint Oireachtas Committee on reunification and future constitutional change
- Begin the necessary planning and preparation for unity by establishing a Citizens' Assembly or Assemblies on our constitutional future
- Hold a referendum within the lifetime of the next Dáil on voting rights in Presidential elections for the people of the North and of the diaspora
- Continue the work of the North South Ministerial Council in maximising the benefits for all citizens. And where possible expand in areas such as education, health, All-Ireland economy and other areas of mutual interest and benefit
- Give MPs from the North speaking rights in the Oireachtas
- Maximise the benefits of the all-island economy to ensure prosperity and growth, delivering social, environmental and economic benefits improving the lives of people across the island
- Prepare for an Irish National Health Service

PLANNING AND PREPARING FOR UNITY *PLEANÁIL AGUS ULLMHÚ DON AONTÚ*

It is critically important that we plan and prepare for Irish unity.

Growing international opinions recognise that the potential for constitutional change is now on the political horizon.

Economists, business organisations and academic researchers are all extensively modelling the economic opportunities and changes that would derive from a new constitutional settlement.

The Shared Island Unit is an important project that is contributing to this work.

GROWING SUPPORT FOR UNITY *TACAÍOCHT DON AONTÚ AG DUL I MÉID*

In the Assembly election of 2022, Sinn Féin emerged as the largest party in the Assembly and Michelle O'Neill became First Minister; an historic achievement.

In the local government election last year in the North, the pro-unity vote was greater than the pro-union vote.

In recent weeks the General Election Survey 2024 report confirmed that the proportion of people in the North supporting the union with Britain in recent elections is now below 50% of the population while the numbers positively looking at Irish Unity has increased by five percentage points.

When the voting pattern for those under 25 years of age is examined, those supporting Irish Unity is now equal (47%) to those in favour of retaining the link with Britain.



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MANAGING CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGE

ATHRÚ BUNREACHTÚIL A BHAINISTIÚ

There is an obligation on the British and Irish governments to deepen the conversation about unity, to acknowledge that change is in motion and to accept that working together to accommodate that change is the way forward.

This means having a mature, confident and pragmatic approach to managing constitutional change between Dublin and London.

Twenty-six years ago, a generation of courageous peacemakers came together and achieved what many thought impossible - The Good Friday Agreement - a peaceful and democratic alternative to conflict and an opportunity to design a better future for everyone in the North, across Ireland and between these islands.

The achievement of the Good Friday Agreement was a watershed moment in our political relationship.

Both the British and Irish governments have a responsibility to work together for the good of the people as co-guarantors of peace, reconciliation and the realisation of a new future.

Sinn Féin in government North and South would strengthen and enhance this process.

It is by working in the spirit of friendship that we will together write a new and successful chapter in British-Irish relations.

Part of this new chapter must be the realisation that constitutional change in Ireland is coming, and that preparation and planning is now critical.

The Joint Oireachtas Committee on the Good Friday Agreement, which includes representatives of all the major parties in the Dáil, pointed the way forward in July.

It called on the Irish government to begin planning for Unity.

It stated that there 'are no insurmountable economic or financial barriers to unification. That the economic success of a new Ireland is in our own hands. What is needed now is detailed and ambitious preparations.'

It concluded that: 'Preparation for referenda on Irish unification will be a historic task. The Committee calls for preparation to begin immediately.'

UNITY CONVERSATION *COMHRÁ AN AONTAITHE*

The conversation on Irish Unity and future constitutional change is now centre stage.

It has become a mainstream topic of conversation among citizens regardless of background or tradition.

The Sinn Féin Commission on the Future of Ireland has held People's Assemblies and sectorial meetings across the island of Ireland.

It is actively promoting the need for citizens to have their say in future constitutional change and the shape of the new Ireland.

We have also encouraged the Diaspora to have their say through similar gatherings.

OUR FUTURE, TOGETHER *ÁR dTODHCHAÍ, LE CHÉILE*

Change is happening across Ireland.

A United Ireland presents the single greatest opportunity to unlock the potential of our island and deliver prosperity for all.

Our future will be defined by how we rise to the challenges and how we seize the opportunities.

A Sinn Féin led government would make Irish unity a key priority.

Ultimately, it is the people of this island who will decide their future as provided for in the Good Friday Agreement.

So, let's seize the opportunity.

Together, let's build a better, fairer, stronger country.

A United Ireland for all our people.





