

IVANA BACIK TD | Working for a fairer city

THANK YOU!



Dear Constituent,

THANK YOU! I was honoured and delighted to be elected to represent you in the recent Dublin Bay South bye-election. I will be working hard over the coming term to advocate on your behalf and wish to thank all who supported me - I am deeply grateful.

This is a critical time. During the Covid-19 pandemic, many of us have reflected on how we want to shape the future. Now is the time to put those ideas into action. As we cautiously re-open Irish society, we have an opportunity to hope for change. Now more than ever, we need the core Labour values of equality, solidarity and fairness.

If you would like to contact my office, or if there is any way that I can be of assistance to you, please do not hesitate to send me an email at ivana.bacik@oireachtas.ie.

Go raibh maith agat,

Ivana

Issues I have been working on



Advocating for public ownership of the new National Maternity Hospital and better maternity care as we emerge from the pandemic



A €100m Catch Up for Children scheme to ensure that our children do not miss out due to prolonged school closures, targeted at vulnerable pupils



A 'New Fair Deal' to enable families to draw down funds to support care at home



Greater provision for autism classrooms and SNA allocation to ensure that all children can access education locally



Enhanced public amenities in our community to improve our outdoor spaces, tackle litter and anti-social behaviour, and ensure greater civic engagement



Meeting with officials from the Dublin Port Company to discuss community engagement and the conservation and development of Dublin Bay, Sept 2021.



Ivana with supporter and campaigner Ursula Quill at the RDS on Bye-Election Count day, July 2021.

I am delighted to have been appointed Labour Party spokesperson on Climate Change and on Children's Rights - two policy areas that are vital to our future, on which I have a strong track record of putting forward positive and constructive policies. Among other campaigns, I will work to ensure improved cycling infrastructure; better recycling facilities; and a universal public childcare scheme. I know these issues are of great importance to all of us in Dublin Bay South and would be glad to hear your views. Please contact me on ivana.bacik@oireachtas.ie on these or any other issues.



Signing the roll of the Dáil, July 2021.

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Oireachtas Bills I am working on

Reproductive Health Related Leave Bill 2021 – I have brought forward legislation to provide for paid leave of up to 20 days for women who suffer an early miscarriage, and up to 10 days for employees receiving treatments such as IVF.

Renters' Rights Bill 2021 – With my colleague Senator Rebecca Moynihan, I have introduced legislation to address security of tenure, unaffordable rents and deposits, and quality of rental accommodation. It would restrict the situations in which a tenancy can be ended; limit deposits to one month's rent; and allow renters to keep a pet and to rent unfurnished homes.

Dublin Bay Bill 2021 – I have published a Bill to establish a statutory Dublin Bay Taskforce, charged with preserving for future generations the distinctive character of Dublin Bay, protecting its ecology as a coastal resource, and enhancing it as an accessible public amenity.

Naturalisation of Minors Born in Ireland Bill – My Bill to provide for greater access to citizenship for all children born in Ireland to non-national parents is currently at Committee Stage in the Seanad.

Carbon Footprint Labelling Bill 2021 – This Bill would compel companies to disclose the carbon footprint of their products sold in Ireland by obliging the National Standards Authority to define a standard approach to carbon labelling.

Period Products (Free Provision) Bill 2020 - This Bill would make period products free in all schools, educational facilities and public service buildings.

Platform Workers and Bogus Self-Employment Bill 2021 – This Bill would give platform workers in the gig economy who work for companies such as Deliveroo access to increased workers' rights and protections.

Autism Empowerment Strategy Motion – Labour's motion to introduce a National Autism Empowerment Strategy recently passed the Dáil, addressing the lengthy delays experienced by many families seeking assessments for children and the profound shortage of school places for children with autism – a significant issue across Dublin Bay South.

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Local News

- Since my election in July, I have met with a range of different local community groups and organisations and have made many representations on behalf of individual constituents. In particular, I have received many calls from individual constituents experiencing housing difficulties, and problems obtaining passports and EU Digital Covid Certificates. Please do contact me if you would like me to meet with your own local group or to take up other issues on your behalf.

Here are just some of the local issues on which I am working:

- Cllr. Mary Freehill and I have been lobbying the Department of Defence to ensure that local sports clubs will have greater access to the playing fields at Cathal Brugha Barracks Rathmines. I have also been working with local sports clubs in the Ringsend/Irishtown area to ensure greater provision of public green spaces for use by our communities.
- I have been in contact with the Ministers for Education and Special Education seeking urgent action to tackle the recent rejection of significant numbers of local schools' applications for SNA allocation.
- I have written to the Minister for Social Protection following reports that multiple in-person Citizens Information services in Dublin Bay South are facing closure. These are indispensable services which must be protected.



Launching Sadaka's #NoWayToTreatAChild campaign to highlight the plight of schoolchildren in Palestine, August 2021.



With local residents at the Greenore Community Centre fundraiser event, Sept 2021.

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I update my website and social media regularly so that you can keep up with the work that I am doing on your behalf. If you would like to keep up to date on my work by way of occasional email updates, please get in touch with my office and I will be happy to add you to my mailing list.

Working with local **Labour Councillors in Dublin Bay South**
Kevin Donoghue, Mary Freehill and Dermot Lacey

