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TIMETABLE FOR FOUNDING CONFERENCE FOR NEW PARTY

- 10.30am - Adoption of Standing Orders and Steering Committee Recommendations.
Election of Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson.
Election of Tellers.
- 10.50am Opening Address by Cllr. Liz McManus.
- 11.00am Debate on party name, draft constitution, political principles and practices.
- 12.15pm Ballot on party name and vote on any amendments to constitution, principles and practices.
- 12.30pm Debate on draft interim rules.
1. 20pm Votes on any amendments to rules.
1. 30pm LUNCH BREAK
2. 15pm Debate on draft outlines of policy to be taken in sequence in the following order:
1) The Economy,
2) Northern Ireland,
3) Health /Education/ Women,
4) Culture/Civil Liberties/International Affairs/Youth
4. 00pm Announcements, introductory speech.
4. 15pm Keynote address by Proinsias De Rossa TD
5. 00pm Close of conference.

STANDING ORDERS FOR FOUNDING CONFERENCE FOR NEW PARTY

R.D.S. SATURDAY MARCH 28TH 1992

1. The purpose of this Founding Conference shall be to formally establish the new party, decide upon a name, elect a President and Executive, approve an interim constitution, rules and statements of political principle and practice, and subject to the availability of time adopt outlines of party policy.
2. Once adopted it shall take a two thirds majority to change or suspend Standing Orders or the Recommendations of the Steering Committee. Motions to suspend or change Standing Orders or Recommendations of the Steering Committee shall be put to the floor without debate.
3. The Conference shall be open to all registered members and, subject to the availability of space, invited observers.
4. Only registered members may speak, or propose or second motions, amendments or addenda.
5. Members must speak from the rostrum and must indicate their branch or area.
6. Any amendments or addenda, not received prior to the specified deadline, may only be tabled with the consent of the Steering Committee. Any such amendments or addenda shall be submitted in writing; be signed by the proposer and seconder; and submitted through the Steering Committee.
7. The speaker delivering the opening address shall be given ten minutes. The main proposer of the section dealing with the name, constitution and principles, shall be given ten minutes each. The key note speech by the President shall be 30 minutes. All other speakers shall be allowed three minutes each.
8. Those wishing to speak must submit their names to the Steering Committee, who will prepare a list of speakers for the Chair. The Chair at his/her discretion may limit the number of speakers.
9. On the motion being moved and seconded from the floor 'that the motion be now put', the Chair shall immediately put that motion to a vote without debate. If the motion is carried the Chairperson shall immediately put the motion and any amendments under discussion to a vote.
10. There shall be 8 tellers/scrutineers plus a chairperson and assistant chairperson for the counting of votes.
11. Persons nominated for election to the executive or as Party President shall not act as tellers for election to those positions.

12. The party name shall be selected from the short-list prepared by the Party Organising Committee. The vote on the selection of a party name shall be by secret ballot using the 'weighted majority' system of proportional representation.

13. All motions, amendments or addenda require a simple majority and the votes shall be taken by a show of cards by members sitting in the designated areas.

14. Amendments to a motion not reached before the time limit for a particular debate expires may be formally proposed and seconded and voted on.

13. The vote for the executive shall be by secret ballot, in the event of their being more candidates than seats to be filled, using the 'weighted majority' system of proportional representation.

14. The vote for the Party President shall be by secret ballot, in the event of their being more than one candidate. If there are more than two candidates the 'weighted majority' system of proportional representation shall be used.

FOUNDING CONFERENCE LIST OF AMENDMENTS

CONSTITUTION

- 1.1 X Before item 1.1 insert 'This is an interim Constitution and shall cease to have effect after twelve months'.
Dublin North.
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- 1.2 To delete the word 'secular'.
Dún Laoghaire.
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- A. 1.3 X To delete 'States' and substitute 'Countries'.
Tallaght East/Greenhills.
- B. 1.3 X To delete 'in both states on' and substitute 'throughout'.
Dún Laoghaire/Tallaght East/Greenhills.
- C. 1.3 X To delete 'both States on the island of' and substitute 'Ireland, North and South'.
Galway West.
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- A. 2.1(a) To delete the word 'secular' and substitute 'pluralist'.
Dún Laoghaire.
- B. 2.1(a) To delete 'secular'.
Wicklow.
- C. 2.1(a) X To delete 'in Ireland' and substitute 'in both parts of Ireland'.
Dublin North Central.
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2. 1(d) To insert before 'cultural' 'sport and'.
Tallaght East/Greenhills.
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2. 1(e) To delete paragraph and substitute 'To create the conditions of genuine equality between men and women'.
Wicklow.
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- A. 2.1(f) Add after 'exploitation' in line 1 'including discrimination based on....'.
Wicklow.
- B. 2.1(f) To insert 'and discrimination' between 'exploitation' and 'based'.
Dublin South Central/Dún Laoghaire.

A. 2.1(g) Delete all and substitute 'To see the protection of the environment from planet to locality as paramount and as superseding any economic interests'.
X
Dublin South East.

B. 2.1(g) Add 'social' before 'economic'.
Wicklow

2.1(h) To delete sentence and substitute 'Social equality through democratic control of the economy and the elimination of poverty in all its forms'.
Wicklow.

2.1(i) After 2.1(i) to insert a new paragraph; 2.1(j) 'An active commitment to peace and political reconciliation in Ireland in accordance with international conventions on human rights both individual and collective'.
Dublin South Central.

A. 2.1(j) To delete the words 'third world' and substitute the words 'developing countries, and that the words 'third world' in all subsequent pages be replaced with 'developing countries'.
Galway West.

B. 2.1(j) to delete 'development' and substitute 'liberation and self-development'.
X
Dún Laoghaire.

C. 2.1(j) After 2(j) to insert the following 2.(k) 'To promote the use of the Irish language in daily life and to strengthen the economic and social development of the Gaeltachts'.
Galway West.

3.2 X To delete all after 'organisations'.
Wicklow.

A. 4.3 To delete second sentence and substitute 'Where consensus cannot be reached decisions are made by majority vote'.
Dublin South East.

B. 4.3 To delete 'majority'
Dublin North.

C. 4.3 X To delete all words after 'vote' and substitute 'where possible this will be done by multiple choice PR'.
Dublin North.

- A. 4.4 After the words 'elected democratically' insert 'by the members'.
Dún Laoghaire/Dublin North.
- B. 4.4 After 'membership' to add 'that elected public representatives of the party be equally accountable to the membership'.
~~X~~ Galway West.
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- A. 4.6 Delete 'simple' and substitute 'two-thirds'.
~~X~~ Dublin North.
- B. 4.6 After 4.6 to add a new paragraph 4.7 'Elections to all positions within the party will be by proportional representation and secret ballot'.
~~X~~ Dublin North.

DRAFT INTERIM RULES

- A. 4 To delete 'The relationship between an individual member and the party is a two way process'.
Dublin South East.
- B. 4. To delete second sentence in paragraph three and substitute 'A paid up member who becomes inactive to an extent unacceptable to his/her branch will still be regarded as a member and can attend meetings but cannot hold office or vote in party elections or on policy matters until his/her level of activity becomes acceptable to his/her branch.'
Dublin South East.
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15. To delete 'whose initial function shall be to help the campaign for voting rights for Irish emigrants in Irish elections'.
Tallaght East/Greenhills.
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- A. 17. To delete first sentence and substitute 'There shall be a constituency council in each European, Parliamentary and local government constituency'.
Dublin South East.
- B. 17. After the word 'members' add 'as defined in Clause 4, paragraph 3.'
Dún Laoghaire.
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32. To delete (b)
Dublin South East.

35. Delete all after the word 'Branch'.
Dublin South East.
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37. At end of first paragraph add 'candidates for the Executive may produce a manifesto which may be distributed by the party centre'.
Dún Laoghaire.
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- A. 40. Add new paragraph (f) 'two representatives of elected councillors'.
Dún Laoghaire.
- B. 40. To delete last sentence and substitute 'The Chairperson of the Central council shall be elected from and by that body'.
Dublin South East.
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- A. 49. To delete 49 and substitute 'The General Secretary shall be appointed or removed from office by the Central Council.
Dublin South East.
- B. 49. To delete 'five' and substitute 'two'.
Dún Laoghaire.
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59. After 59 to add a new rule '60. That a 'no smoking' rule shall apply in all meeting rooms before, during and after party meetings'.
Dungannon.

POLITICS OF THE NEW PARTY

- A. 1.1 To delete 'Party of the unemployed and the low-paid' and substitute 'a Party of all workers, employed and unemployed including carers in the home'.
Leixlip.
- B. 1.1 To insert in line 2 after 'society' 'we are the party of working people'.
Wicklow.
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- A. 1.3 To delete 'poor' and substitute 'impoverished'.
Tallaght East/Greenhills.
- B. 1.3 After 'poor' to insert 'rural and urban'.
Dublin North Central.
- C. 1.3 To delete all after the word 'women' in the first sentence and insert 'with children and the aged, with the PAYE worker and the unemployed, with the small farmer and the fishing community, the abled and the disabled in the quest for a better life'.
Galway West.

- D. 1.3 Insert after 'for a better life' 'We recognise the right of the travelling people to have their cultural and social status strengthened and their full integration into Irish society facilitated.
Galway West.
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- A. 1.5 Before the word 'poor' insert 'urban and rural'.
Dún Laoghaire.
- B. 1.5 To insert after 'unemployed' 'the low-paid, those forced to emigrate'.
Tallaght East/Greenhills.
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- A. 1.9 To delete the words 'The endemic' and substitute 'any'.
Dún Laoghaire.
- B. 1.9 To delete all after the word 'out'.
Dublin South East.
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- 1.10 After the word 'worship' to insert 'or not'.
Dublin South East.
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- A. 1.11 After the word 'religion' to insert 'ethos'.
Galway West.
- B. 1.11 After 'orientation' to add 'age, disability and any other basis'.
Dún Laoghaire.
- C. 1.11 After 'sexual orientation' to add 'or disability'.
Dublin North West.
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- A. 1.13 To delete paragraph 1.13 and substitute; 'We seek by consent of the people of Ireland, to change the Republic's claim on Northern Ireland and have it replaced by an aspiration for the sustainable unity of the people of this island. We support the search for structures which would help to reconcile the conflicting national loyalties at the heart of division in Northern Ireland.
Dublin North West.
- B. 1.13 To delete the word 'end' (on first line) and substitute the word 'review'.
Galway West.
- C. 1.13 To delete 'national loyalties' and substitute 'allegiances'.
Dún Laoghaire.

- 1.14 To delete 'based on collective security' in sentence two.
~~X~~ Dublin South East.
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- 1.16 After the words 'efforts' to insert 'of the people of the third world'.
 Dún Laoghaire.

POLITICAL PRACTICES OF THE PARTY

- A. 2.2 To delete 'to be the voice' and substitute 'to give voice'.
 Dún Laoghaire.
- B. 2.2 To delete the word 'ordinary'.
 Dún Laoghaire.
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- 2.4 To delete all words to 'analysis' and substitute 'We will make the party a centre of analysis...'
 Dún Laoghaire.
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- A. 2.7 To delete the word 'seek' and substitute 'ensure'.
 Dún Laoghaire.
- B. 2.7 After 'policy' to add; 'We recognise the role young people have to play in building the future of society and the future of our own party and therefore are committed to ensuring that young people are fully represented at every level of the party organisation.
 Dublin North Central.
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- 2.10 To insert the word 'to' before the word 'undermine'.
 Galway West.
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- 2.11 To insert a new clause to read as follows; after 2.10 'In keeping with our objective for an open, democratic society that we enable our members to play the fullest possible part in the party through training and personal development'.
 Wicklow.

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