

2016
RISING

RIGHT 2 CHANGE

RIGHT 2 WATER

ANOTHER IRELAND

IS POSSIBLE!

NATIONAL DEMONSTRATION

20.02.16

PARNELL SQUARE,

DUBLIN 1 2:00pm



Here are **18** reasons to get out and join this historic demonstration:

Right2Water/Right2Change are hosting a national protest against water charges and a festival for change ahead of the 2016 election.

'Another Ireland is Possible', but we have to fight for it. We have a Right2Water, a Right2Health, a Right2Education, a Right2Housing and we deserve a country that's not based on cronyism, corruption or greed, but instead one based on equality, democracy and social justice.

- 1** Ireland is one of the most unequal countries in the European Union.
- 2** More than 10% of people suffer from food poverty.
- 3** 1,500 children are living in emergency accommodation.
- 4** Lone parents - who are the most deprived group in the State with 63% already experiencing material deprivation - had their supports cut.
- 5** 36 percent of children experience multiple deprivation.
- 6** 73 families are becoming homeless every month.
- 7** 300,000 have emigrated since the current government took power.
- 8** Despite the enormous emigration figures, 200,000 are still in search of a job.
- 9** We have the second highest prevalence of low pay in the entire OECD.
- 10** There are 130,000 people on the social housing waiting lists
- 11** The Phoenix Project expects 50,000 families to lose their homes in the next few years.
- 12** We have the second highest prevalence of under-employment in the EU15 (ie 147,000 workers who want more hours but their employer will not give them those hours).
- 13** We have record numbers of people (600) waiting on trolleys in our underfunded public hospitals.
- 14** 470,000 people have nothing left to spend after all bills are paid and 1.7 million say they have less than €100 to spend after all essential bills have been paid.
- 15** The number of millionaires in Ireland has increased from 16,000 in 2008 to 91,000 in 2014.
- 16** Water charges will be continued unless we achieve real change in Dáil Éireann.
- 17** 37,000 families are in mortgage arrears of two years or more.
- 18** 11,000 patients have been waiting 18 months or more for an outpatient appointment.

This is not a "recovery" for the vast majority of people in this country and it is certainly not the vision of the heroes of 1916. So on Saturday, 20th February 2016, we will be assembling at the Garden of Remembrance and marching for a new Ireland, one that put people first instead of financiers, speculators and corporations.

Be part of the change you need and deserve!