

Public Service Champions Charter

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2020

On public service pay and working time

1. Will you commit to negotiations to reach a pay deal to succeed the PSSA?
2. Will you commit to inflation-plus pay increases for the public sector?
3. Will you commit to addressing the issue of additional hours introduced as an emergency crisis measure as part of the 2013 pay deal?

On trade union rights

1. Will you support legislation that strengthens workers' legal rights to be represented by the union of their choice?
2. Will you support legislation to tackle bogus self-employment?

On climate action

1. Will you set legally-binding targets to reduce carbon emissions?
2. Will you establish a Just Transition Task Force?

Community employment supervisors

1. Will you commit to resolving the dispute with CE Supervisors in line with the 2008 Labour Court recommendation?

Education

1. Will you ensure an end to the two-tier pay system for school secretaries?
2. Will you commit to maintaining the link between each SNA and their specific student?
3. Will you commit to progressively increasing higher education funding to OECD average levels over the lifetime of the next government?

Local services and democracy

1. Will you commit to an early referendum to enshrine public ownership of water in our constitution?
2. Will you commit to the re-municipalisation of waste services by local authorities?
3. Will you commit to the establishment of a new, local authority-led, cost rental public housing model?
4. Will you commit to a large-scale public home-building programme?

Health and social services

1. Will you support the full implementation of Sláintecare?
2. Will you support the necessary recruitment of health and social care professionals to meet existing service demands and the needs of Sláintecare?
3. Will you work to establish a structured, fair and sustainable funding model for 'section 39' agencies?
4. Will you (and your party) invest in mental health services, and consult with workers and service-users to develop appropriate services?

Civil service

1. Will you make the necessary amendment to the Industrial Relations Acts to give civil servants access to the WRC and Labour Court?
2. Will you and your party legislate to allow the majority of civil servants to engage in political activity?

Other issues

1. Will you commit to the establishment of a citizens' assembly to explore a shorter working week?
2. Will you support the re-introduction of tax relief on trade union subscriptions?
3. Will you quickly introduce laws to require employers to publish their organisation's gender pay gap?
4. Will you support publicly-provided and publicly-funded affordable childcare for working people?