

CAMPAIGN AGAINST

REFUSE CHARGES

BIN THE BIN TAX

GREENHILLS/ PERRYSTOWN

MEETING

MONDAY JUNE 16TH

8:00PM

GREENHILLS COMMUNITY CENTRE

(beside Greenhills Church)

All local TDs have been invited

- RESIST NEW LEGISLATION
- DON'T BE BULLIED BY THE POLITICIANS

The government is currently putting legislation through the Dáil which will allow the Councils to stop collecting bins from people who are refusing to pay the unjust refuse tax. Section 22 of the *Protection of the Environment Bill 2003* will give South Dublin County Council – and other local authorities throughout the State – the right to leave bins uncollected where a charge has not been paid.

This is a blatant attempt to smash the widespread boycott of the bin tax that is happening all across Dublin, and in other counties. The attempt to impose this double tax has proved universally unpopular with up to 70% of people refusing to pay. The politicians know that they are losing the battle, they know that they will never be able to take everyone to court to force them to pay. That is why they are introducing this new law.

The *Campaign Against Refuse Charges* is ready for this new challenge. We have linked up with the anti-bin tax campaigns in the other Dublin counties to plan a campaign which will see the legislation defeated. If and when Councils seek to implement this new law, they will be met with strong, peaceful, firm people power. In our communities, the campaigns will organise direct action peaceful protests which will force the Councils to collect everyone's rubbish.

The bin tax is being resisted so strongly by householders and PAYE workers because we know that if it is accepted it will rise relentlessly year after year. The real agenda of the government is the imposition of local taxes of up to €1,000 a year per household. This comes, of course, on top of all the price increases which we have had to put up with over the past couple of years, which have made Ireland the most expensive country in the EU.

We also resist because we have already paid for these services through our income tax. If the local authorities are short of money, or if the government needs to raise further taxation, they should be going after the millionaire stud farm owners or other wealthy individuals or businesses, instead of trying to take even more from the already overburdened PAYE sector.

GET INVOLVED

We need YOUR involvement in this campaign. By refusing to pay the tax you have made a significant step in heralding your opposition. The next step is to join the campaign, and to help build it in your area. The *Campaign Against Refuse Charges* is organising in all areas. We need people in every estate and on every road to distribute leaflets among their neighbours. Can you help out by delivering even 50 leaflets in your area?

We are also building a fund which will be used to defend people who may be taken to court and to organise protests and meetings to fight the new legislation. We need as many people as possible to join the Campaign and pay the €5 membership fee. Remember that solidarity is strength. By joining the Campaign, by agreeing to help out in even a small way, you will be doing your bit to help defeat this unjust tax.

Public meetings are being held across the County to allow people to let the TDs know how we feel about this legislation. Come along to your local meeting and show your anger at the bullying politicians.:-

To get involved in the *Campaign Against Refuse Charges* contact the local rep. on the Steering Committee, Pat Dunne on 01-4509571 or else ring Mick Murphy/Lisa Maher on 01-4934696 or Gregor Kerr on 087-6996046.

Contact the Campaign by E-mail – binthebill@eircom.net

Visit the Campaign website – www.stopthebintax.com

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