

A message from Anthony Staines

**I'm asking you to give me your first preference vote in the Seanad election.
Why should you support me?**

I'm a medical doctor (TCD 1984), with a PhD, living in North Dublin, with my wife Una (Microbiology 1985), and our two children. I've worked in public health and child health in the UK and Ireland. I'm now a lecturer, and a researcher, and the first Professor of Health Systems in DCU. I study health care, and seek ways of making health care better, safer, more accessible, fairer, and more affordable. I often write and speak on health and healthcare in the media. I also work with marginalized groups, including people with autism and other disabilities, and Irish Travellers. I have worked closely with civil servants, service managers, clinical staff, and community groups. I know how to persuade, build alliances, and act effectively, to get things done in Ireland.

Since the Seanad was set up in 1922, the Trinity senators have been effective voices for progress in Ireland. If you choose to elect me, I will be the same.



I am Anthony Staines, a new independent candidate for the Seanad. I'm a medical doctor, trained in paediatrics, a public health specialist, an academic, and an activist. I've led major research projects in Ireland, and across Europe. My earlier work is on diabetes and cancer in children, and blood cancers in adults. Much of my recent work is on health care, making it fairer, more sustainable, and more accessible.

I've worked, for many years, to improve the lives of children and young adults, and of marginalised groups, e.g. those with autism, or intellectual disability, the homeless, and Travellers.

I have a long track record of effective public service. If you do me the honour of electing me, I will be a useful, accessible, and independent representative.

My priorities:

- A better, fairer, sustainable health service
- Better lives for our children and young people
- Better services for those with disability
- Protecting and strengthening higher education
- Accountability in public life and public service

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About Anthony

- From Skerries, North County Dublin
- Doctor, academic, and writer
- Works in School of Nursing in Dublin City University
- Active in political and social reform movements in Ireland
- An experienced director, with knowledge of financial management and health economics
- Chair of Irish Blood Transfusion Service
- Chair of Quality Matters, a small charity
- Rights based approach to health, and children's lives
- Committed to reducing obesity and overweight in Irish children and adults
- Committed to better use of modern information systems in the public services - big potential for job creation in Ireland
- Committed to effective action on climate change - Ireland could and should be a world leader here

Sustainable Health Care

- Irish health care is expensive, and in permanent crisis.
- Services need to be more efficient and of higher quality
- We need to work out a common vision for our health services
- I support a system based on a right to healthcare, providing care in our communities, urban and rural
- I support freely accessible, but properly resourced GP care for all families

Higher Education

- Higher and further education are both critical for the future of Ireland
- As a former member of the Higher Education Authority, and a senior academic, I know our system very well
- I argue for a fairly funded, autonomous and accountable education system, affordable to all, and fit for a modern society
- Our universities matter for all of us, and need to be safeguarded

Housing, homelessness, and the environment

- Too many families are homeless, or in unsustainable housing. Only a large scale program of building social and affordable accommodation can fix this.
- It is increasingly difficult for young people to find accommodation. Special measures need to be taken to support young people setting up their own homes, whether as tenants or purchasers.
- Ireland needs a proper environmentally sustainable program of housing, covering both where housing is built, and how it is built. We need higher standards of energy efficiency in our housing.
- Irish public transport needs planning and investment.

Nominated	Work I am proudest of		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prof. Joe Barry, Head of Population Health TCD • Mr. John Hennessy, Outgoing chair of HEA, former M.D. Ericssons • Prof. Jane Farrar, Genetics, TCD • Prof. Anne Hickey, Head of Psychology RCSI • Prof. Louis Brennan, Business Studies TCD • Mr. Mark Sanfey, Senior Counsel • Prof. Des O'Neill, Gerontology TCD, Writer, Columnist Irish Times • Prof. Des Higgins, Bioinformatics, UCD • Prof. Paul Browne, Head of Medical School, TCD, Haematologist • Prof. Clive Lee, Head of Anatomy RCSI & RHA 	<p>Moving ahead</p> <p>I worked on the living conditions of people with intellectual disability (ID) in Ireland, working with people with ID, their families and service providers.</p> <p>We looked together at good and bad practices in supporting the move from big institutions into more appropriate housing in their communities.</p> <p>I will support a rights based service culture for people with Intellectual Disability, giving them more control over their lives.</p>	<p>SOPHIE</p> <p>Special Olympics Ireland (SOI) provides a vital social outlet for many people with ID here. I was a volunteer at the World Games in Croke Park in 2003.</p> <p>I am working with SOI to show, and quantify, how their work benefits their members, their families, and the country. This is the economic evidence needed to argue for continued investment in SOI.</p>	<p>Health service information systems</p> <p>I designed, and got the original funding for the Irish Health Atlas, now the main planning tool used within HSE. It is built on an Open source platform.</p> <p>In 2013 and 2014 I worked on a strategy for modernising the IT systems in the Irish health service.</p> <p>This includes plans for privacy, and data security, individual health identifiers, common financial and clinical information systems, with links to GP systems.</p>