

We are told on all sides that there's no point challenging the dominance of the politics of communal identity – Orange versus Green.

But Orange–Green politics delivers less and less to working–class people on either side. Across our society, the gap between the well–to–do and the less well–off is growing. That's the real divide.

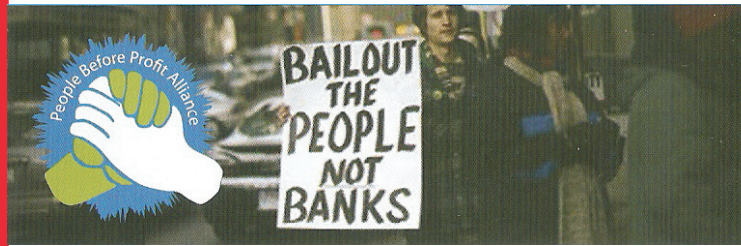
This doesn't mean forgetting which community we came from, if either, or renouncing the culture that feels most congenial, or ignoring any community's grievances. It means that community background doesn't have to be – and should not be – the one aspect of life that shapes political allegiance.

We are an all–Ireland party. Two People Before Profit TDs were elected to the Dail earlier this year and we want to build on that in the North. But we have more in common with the millions mobilising against cut–backs and job losses in Britain than with anyone in any part of Ireland telling us that “the cuts have to come”.

When it comes to working–class interests, borders everywhere are increasingly blurred.

We identify ourselves with all who challenge oppression and put themselves on the line in the cause of freedom.

We want to change the world, starting with our own little patch of the world.



- We will present a clear alternative to the cut–back and carve–up politics of the current Stormont Executive.
- We stand for all in the bottom half of society, irrespective of the community they come from.
- We believe that mobilising at grass–roots level is the best way to win real change.
- We will focus on the tax–scam culture which allows giant companies and super–rich individuals to defraud the rest of us – the real cause of the deficit which Westminster and Stormont want to bridge by cuts in spending.
- We will campaign against benefit “re–forms” which drive workers into no–hope jobs at rock–bottom wages or face a collapse in household income. We will fight to the cuts in Housing Benefits.
- We want all utilities back into the public sector and run in an accountable way.
- We stand for liberation and equality for women in all aspects of life
- We are for equality for disabled people, minorities, migrant workers and Travellers and the LGBT community.
- We want votes at 16.
- We will campaign for integrated, all–ability schools; support life–long learning; demand massive expansion of child–care; defend the Educational Maintenance Allowance and support an end to student fees.
- We want a Derry University appropriate to a city of our size. This is being stopped not only by spite from the past but by the funding crisis in higher and further education in the present. The fight for a proper university has to be connected to the broader fight against the cuts.
- We will defend civil liberties against measures such as last year's draconian Assemblies Bill proposed by DUP/Sinn Fein.
- We will work with all cancer support groups to secure funding to build, equip and staff the promised Altnagelvin radiotherapy unit.
- We will work to create thousands of jobs for our young people through a massive public works scheme, building houses, repairing infrastructure and developing the green industries of the future.
- We are against militarism and paramilitarism. There are many in both communities who are angry at the way they have been abandoned by the establishment parties. We will offer them an alternative to paramilitary groups.
- We want MLAs' salaries set at the average NI wage.

