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THE WORKERS' PARTY
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REPEAL THE 8th AMENDMENT

In a Republic women must have control
over their bodies and reproductive choices.

Repeal not Replace

After the pro-choice conclusions of the Citizens' Assembly, Leo Varadkar has announced that a referendum on the 8th amendment will take place in 2018. We need to keep the pressure on the government to hold a referendum that offers us the opportunity to take abortion out of the constitution completely – straightforward repeal of the 8th, not replacement with another restrictive amendment.

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If and when the 8th amendment is repealed we will still have to fight for pro-choice legislation. In 2016 over 3,400 women travelled abroad from Ireland to access abortion. Many more women in Ireland procure abortions through abortion pills like mifepristone and misoprostol. Abortion in Ireland is a reality – we need to make it free, safe, legal and accessible.

Separate Church and State - Build a Secular Republic

The Workers' Party was the only party in the Dáil to oppose the introduction of the eighth amendment in 1983. We have long advocated the separation of church and state in Ireland and the building of a secular republic. We believe that the state must take ownership and control of our health and education through a process of compulsory divestment, and create publicly-owned, universal, secular health and education systems.

The Workers' Party played a key role in the opposition earlier this year to the new National Maternity Hospital being controlled by the Sisters of Charity. Workers' Party Dublin City Councillor Éilís Ryan organised the protest (pictured below) at the Department of Health in opposition to the decision.

The Workers' Party stands for:

- Repeal the 8th amendment
- Legislate for free and safe abortion and post-abortion care in Ireland
- Free access to contraception
- Support for women and men who do choose to have children, including free and quality childcare, and adequate support for lone and low-income parents.
- Secular public health and education systems funded properly through progressive taxation
- Introduce evidence-based sex education in all schools
- A new secular constitution

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Join The Workers' Party

Help us to Build a new Republic

The Irish Republic is a Republic in name only.

It has left us with 7,000 people homeless and over 100,000 households on the housing waiting list.

It has handed control of our health and education to the Catholic Church and has given us the misery of the Magdalene Laundries, the 8th amendment and a society that viewed women as second-class citizens.

It has delivered unemployment, emigration and poverty to the working class and young people.

The Workers' Party wants to build a new Republic. A republic that is run in the interest of the great majority of people: the working class.

We want to take power away from the class that has run this so-called Republic into the ground and profited from it at the same time. The bankers, developers, landlords and the cosy political establishment who line their own pockets at the expense of working class people.

We want an Ireland which can work for everyone and where everyone can work.

To do this we need our own party – a party that wants to win power for the working class - one that goes beyond slogans and has a plan for how to achieve a better life for all.

With your help, The Workers' Party can be that party.

If you want a Republic that guarantees the right to a home, to a living-wage job and to quality healthcare, you'll have to fight for it.

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