

A TIME FOR CHANGE: The Evolution and Development of the *Integrity Ireland* Project - 2016



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The I-I S.O.S. GUIDE



Arrest of Garda Commissioner (video)

The good news is that a lot of people are contacting us for support. The not-so-good news is that we are so overwhelmed that we cannot keep up with demand. As a result, some people feel they are being overlooked or ignored. This is regrettable, but at present unavoidable. It is an unfortunate reality that the justice system in this country is driving thousands of people to distraction and despair. Having exhausted all the statutory options open to them, many have turned to *Integrity Ireland* in the hope of some relief or assistance. However, the plain fact of the matter is that we are operating with insufficient funding, and without enough support or resources to be able to cope in any proficient way with the demands being made of us. This is one of the main reasons why we published the [S.O.S. Guide](#) as a first-stage guidebook for people who find themselves in difficulties with rogue operators within the agencies of the State. The **SOS Guide** has been specifically designed to bring new or prospective I-I members up to date on what the REAL problem is; how and why it is happening in the first place; and what we can each do about it. It is absolutely vital that we ALL understand that the main reason rogue authorities keep getting away with what they're doing is because of OUR lack of understanding and OUR lack of unity. It will always be easy for rogue authorities to dominate and oppress isolated individuals – especially those who can't (or won't) understand 'the rules' (*their* rules, that is). This is why we keep promoting unity, cooperation and collaboration amongst I-I members and supporters – so that we ALL benefit from each other's experiences, and from our collective support. It should be clear to everyone by now that if we are to get justice in any of our cases, and if we are to effect SOME positive long-term change in the Irish justice system, that the ONLY chance we have is to work together and focus on the things that actually work. Talk is cheap. Sitting on the sidelines is easy, and complaining about what *isn't* being done is distracting and unhelpful. The fact of the matter is that we are doing our level best to move a volunteer organisation forwards in something approaching a 'professional' manner – but without any of the usual professional supports, and without the requisite funding or 'expert' personnel to oversee each stage of development. And whether or not everyone involved in I-I understands the dynamics of project development, the fact of the matter is that there MUST be a central philosophy; there MUST be a plan for development; and there MUST be unity of purpose amongst the membership – otherwise, like so many other well-intentioned activist initiatives, *Integrity Ireland* will suffer the inevitable failings of any project that lacks a clear focus, or that lacks a solid central vision and practical methods of operation. This is why it is vitally important that we have a core philosophy and a system of membership that ensures three main things:

- (i) That *Integrity Ireland* is seen by the general public as a legitimate and appropriate response to the chronic failings of the Irish justice system.
- (ii) That membership of I-I will bring some hope, support and relief to its members.
- (iii) That I-I will naturally grow into a national association that is accessible to everyone in the country – and beyond, where appropriate.



It seems fair to say that in many cases we have achieved the first two criteria – and in doing so we have placed several rogue authority figures 'on notice' that there WILL be consequences if they abuse their positions when dealing with I-I members.

However, in considering the third criteria; that of being ‘available’ to everyone in the country, it is clear that we have reached a stage where our organisational structure and communications systems need to be adjusted if we are to remain as effective as possible. Until now there has only been ONE central point of administration via the I-I Administrator (Stephen Manning) who has undertaken the main responsibility for the development of the I-I websites; for processing membership applications; for producing updates and videos; for the organising of meetings and presentations; and for organising Court support. In addition Stephen is also managing a database of several thousand members and supporters, is sending out these I-I updates and, with the support of a small number of helpers is responding to hundreds of emails, texts, phone calls and Facebook messages on a weekly basis. He is doing this on top of his other responsibilities as a husband and father; as a book publisher; as a sports official; as someone pursuing a number of private prosecutions and civil cases against the State; and as a prospective independent candidate in the upcoming election. As anyone can see this is an unmanageable and unworkable scenario if *Integrity Ireland* is to continue to grow organically and is to remain as effective for the individual member as it is as a citizens-driven association which is directly challenging several senior authority figures in the State.



The fact that we are being actively monitored by An Garda Síochána; that our post and online communications are being intercepted; and that members’ phones and computers have been seized also needs to be taken into consideration – and even though there are no legitimate or lawful justification for these actions, the fact remains that keeping all our key communications and operations in one central source is both impractical and unwise.

Accordingly, we have now moved to a system of communication based on the County where you live, and we are busy setting up local groups as we speak. The corresponding Facebook pages will be the first point of contact for all prospective members and supporters where you can seek and offer support, share contact details, arrange meetings in your locality, and generally keep in touch with each other. The local facilitators and administrators will be in touch with ‘I-I Central’ which will continue to put up important notices and focus on issues and cases which have a bearing on all of us, but *local* support and communications will now transfer to your *local* I-I Facebook platform. Some of these local groups are still being set up so if you do not get a response from your nearest local group then please try another bordering County. It will take some time to get every County in Ireland to be represented by a local I-I administrator, but if you would like to perform this straightforward service for others please contact Stephen directly at admin@integrityireland.ie. Thank you.

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 Citizens for Justice, Transparency & Accountability

Contact your local I-I Facilitator or Administrator here..

Please respect the fact that the I-I Facilitators listed below are active I-I Members who have volunteered their time to assist you in your initial enquiries about membership.

You should have read our [Terms & Guidelines](#) and conditions for membership before contacting them.

The County table below contain links to your local I-I Facebook page.

Once you are a signed up member, you will be advised how you can contribute and how to get assistance in your case.

We ask that you only contact Facilitators between the hours of 12 noon to 7pm - except by prior arrangement.

Thank you.

Important: This facility is for first-time contact by new prospects. If leaving a message, you should give your full proper name, your location (town or village) and a return phone number. Please allow up to 3 days for a return call.

NEW!
 Click on the County names to access local Facebook pages or call the numbers given..

CONTACT & SUPPORT	number coming	number coming	number coming
Antrim	number coming	Leitrim	number coming
Armagh	number coming	Limerick	085 209 2119
Carlow	087 090 8000	Longford	number coming
Cavan	number coming	Louth	number coming
Clare	number coming	Mayo (N)	086 828 6210
Cork	number coming	Mayo (W)	087 104 6021
Derry	number coming	Meath	number coming
Donegal	number coming	Monaghan	number coming
Down	number coming	Offaly	number coming
Dublin 12	number coming	Roscommon (E)	089 452 9823
Fermanagh	number coming	Sligo	087 279 6818
Galway	087 324 1446	Tipperary	number coming
Kerry	number coming	Tyrone	number coming
Kildare	087 241 4559	Waterford	number coming
Kilkenny	085 861 4624	Westmeath	number coming
Laois	number coming	Wexford	number coming
		Wicklow	number coming

Regional Facilitators should only be contacted in the case of an emergency.

- Ulster number coming
- Munster number coming
- Leinster number coming
- Connaught number coming
- UK number coming
- EU mainland number coming
- USA number coming
- Australia/NZ number coming

Our growing I-I project has the potential to bring some genuine and lasting reform to our broken justice system but only if we each do our bit – and do so with a united sense of purpose and determination. Clearly, we are having a major unsettling effect on rogue authority figures but ‘they’ remain very active behind the scenes doing whatever they can to block and obstruct us. We need to remember that one of our core I-I principles is that we each *get* help by *giving* help; and that those trying to drive this project forwards without proper funding, without adequate resources and in the face of determined obstructionism by agents of the State are only human. We need YOUR help and active support too. Our central strength lies in building a community of mutually-supportive activists in a compassionate and understanding way – so please keep the faith, please keep positive, and please do your bit.

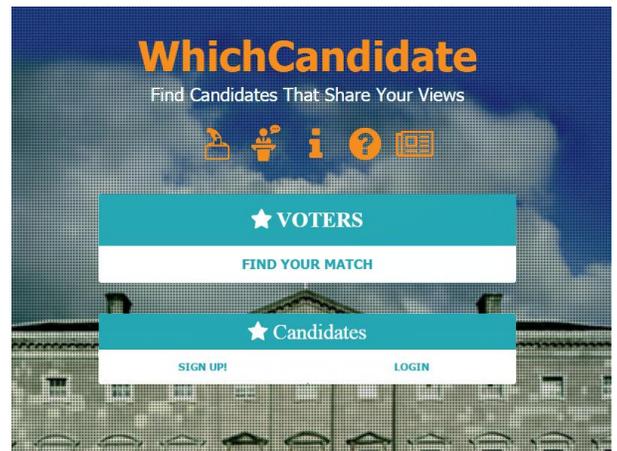
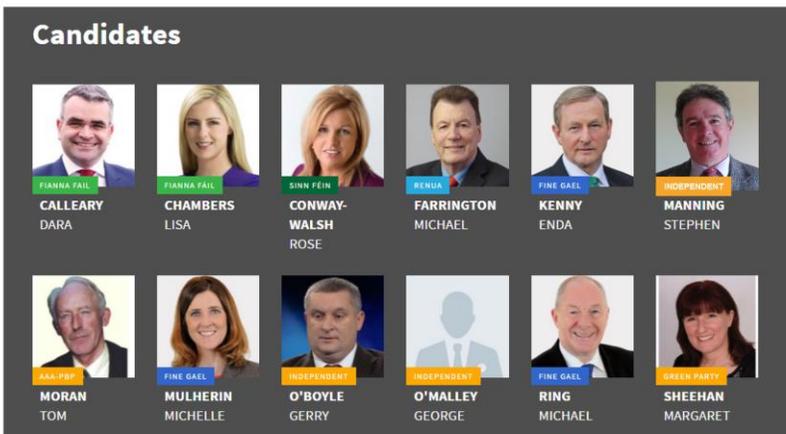
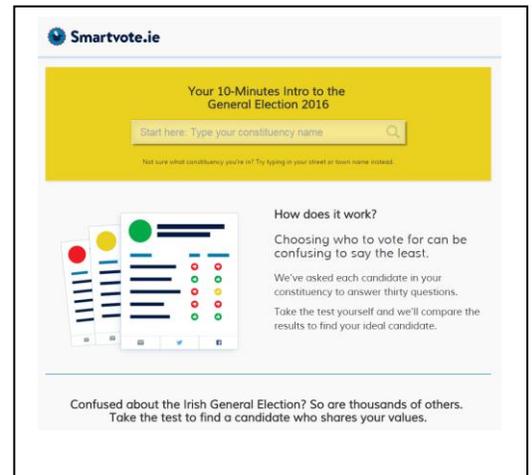
And finally, the main reason that Stephen is running as an independent candidate in Co. Mayo is to highlight the *Integrity Ireland* project and thereby draw attention not only to the shocking state of corruption in this State but also, indirectly, to each of our individual cases. The local elections officer Fintan Murphy (who is also the local County Registrar) has, for some as-yet unknown reason failed to notify the media that Stephen is running, and he has also refused to send a candidates' information pack to us. We have also been informed that certain media outlets including a local radio station and a national newspaper chain have been instructed NOT to cover I-I related issues, so we will be relying heavily on friends and followers of I-I to spread the word via social media so that we get maximum value from our deposit and get a fair amount of exposure in the mainstream media.



Naturally, any generous souls who have anything to offer in the way of time, help, support, advice or donations – especially if you are in the Connaught region – should please contact Stephen A.S.A.P, because..

“One by one – together – we CAN make a difference!”

Please feel free to spread the word and share the following election-related statements and links.



Mayo constituency candidates as declared on January 28th 2016 - RTE News

A Two-Minute Political Statement by Stephen T Manning Independent Candidate for the Mayo Constituency

Our TD's are amongst the highest paid politicians in the world – and WE, the public, are footing the bill. The very least we deserve is **SOME** measure of openness, transparency and accountability, and **SOME** respect for the will of the people.



The major political parties have had 100 years to get it right, but all we get is broken promises, cronyism, corruption and criminal cover-ups, and costly investigations and so-called 'tribunals of inquiry' that all-but guarantee impunity for the wrongdoers.

Certainly, the genuine interests of the country are way down the list of priorities for those in exalted positions of power and authority, where incompetence, arrogance and waste is endemic. If these people can't even solve the hospital trolley crisis or the Irish Water debacle, then what on earth are we doing asking them to run the country?

100 years after the Easter Rising and we are right back where we started – with a cabal of vested interests and unscrupulous authority figures plundering the country for their own benefit. The only difference between then and now is that THEN we *knew* who the enemy was. Then, there were NO venal conspirators masquerading as 'elected representatives'; there were NO false pledges and political promises being broken; and NO pretence that 'they' *weren't* there to systematically oppress and exploit us.

Ireland's most accomplished thieves now lie to us with Irish accents, and do so with unabashed contempt, backed by complicit State Agencies and a politically-appointed judiciary. Confronted by their own brazen duplicity, their trickery and their deceptions, there is no shame, no contrition, and no genuine remorse for this appalling betrayal of their mandates to serve the people, and of the privileged positions they hold.

It's time for a radical change in Irish politics, and time to deliver genuine democracy to the people. Clearly, we cannot depend on 'them' (the major political parties and their cronies) to do the delivering. So please, vote wisely this year. Vote for people of conscience and integrity who WILL put the people, the Country and their own consciences first.



Surely Ireland - enough is enough!?

Check out *Integrity Ireland* and the innovative *One Year Initiative* and let's make 2016 a year that we can ALL be *truly* proud of!



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A Simple Political Premise..

Elect Honest Candidates!

Instead of swallowing the same old lies and media spin of the major parties every 5 years - only to watch them callously break every single pledge or promise as soon as they get into power.. why not consider electing **ONLY** honest individuals who will put the interests of the country and of the Irish people first? We already have a fully-developed (arguably overblown) civil service complete with layer after layer of experienced managers and bureaucrats just waiting for 'instructions' from the new Minister.. so why don't we elect people who will issue the proper type of instructions – for a change?



Stephen T Manning
Co. Mayo, Independent

Instead of the public service being engaged (as they are now) in protecting the interests of a shadowy elite who are in effect plundering the country for their own illegitimate ends - why not ensure from now on that we only elect honest, sincere and *genuinely* patriotic Ministers who will direct the various civil service departments to cut waste, improve efficiency, and work **ONLY** in the public good?

All the expertise and resources are already in place. All that's missing is the political will to direct the Irish civil and public service arms (who are being paid directly from the public purse) to simply do their jobs right; that is, to operate from the viewpoint of saving the taxpayer unnecessary costs and expense, and of delivering good value to the people. This means good value to **ALL** of the people, and **NOT** just those from the Minister's own constituency or from their inner circle of private and business contacts.

The major parties have demonstrated time after time that they simply cannot be trusted in this regard - not as long as their leaders are the puppets of outside interests and their members are subject to the party whip.

Perhaps it's time to give a coalition of independents the opportunity to try something different? The worn-out argument that independents could **NOT** form a functioning government is rendered absurd when we reflect on the recent performances of the major parties. It is rendered doubly absurd with the arrival of the '**1YI**' and '**Reinstate Article 48**' political initiatives which provide a basis for unity for any and all sincere and honest TD's who genuinely understand that their mandate is to serve the Irish people in a true and functioning democracy. So please, vote wisely this time! Vote for justice, transparency and integrity, and for elected representatives who will do the right thing!



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Media contacts with questions about the election or I-I may reach Stephen on 086 218 9229
For all other I-I related enquiries, please revert to your local I-I group, thank you.