

33rd Dáil Éireann

The New Cabinet: Who's Who

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TD FOR
**CORK SOUTH-
CENTRAL**



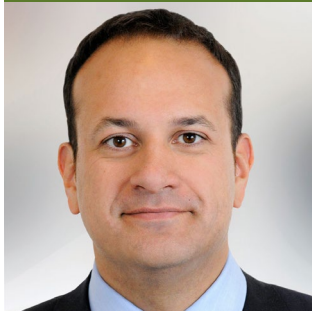
TAOISEACH **Micheál Martin**

Fianna Fáil



Micheál Martin was born in Turners Cross, Cork. First elected to Cork Corporation in 1985, Martin was Lord Mayor from 1992-93. Since entering national politics in 1989 the Cork South Central TD has served on the Fianna Fáil front bench and in four cabinet posts: Minister for Foreign Affairs (2008-2011), Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment (2004-2008), Minister for Health (2000-04) and Minister for Education (1997-2000).

In March 2009, Martin published a book from a thesis he wrote while studying at UCC, 'Freedom to Choose: Cork and Party Politics in Ireland 1918-1932' is published by Collins Press.



TD FOR
DUBLIN WEST



TÁNAISTE AND MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, TRADE AND EMPLOYMENT

Leo Varadkar

Fine Gael



Outgoing Taoiseach Leo Varadkar has been the youngest holder of that office and has served as the Leader of Fine Gael since 2017. He also previously served as the Minister for Social Protection and Minister for Health. He has also held the position of Minister for Transport, Tourism & Sport.

Varadkar was first elected to Dáil Éireann in 2007 and is a TD for Dublin West. He is a former member and Deputy Mayor of Fingal County Council, securing the largest individual vote in Ireland in the 2004 local elections. He chaired the EU Council of Transport Ministers during the Irish Presidency of the European Union in 2013.



TD FOR
**CORK SOUTH-
CENTRAL**



MINISTER FOR PUBLIC EXPENDITURE AND REFORM

Michael McGrath

Fianna Fáil



McGrath is currently a TD for Cork South Central and had been the Fianna Fáil Spokesperson on Finance.

Before entering national politics, he served as a member of Passage West Town Council and Cork County Council (Carrigaline electoral area). He was elected to Dáil Éireann at the first attempt in 2007 and has been re-elected in every election since.

McGrath is also a qualified Chartered Accountant. Before going into politics full time, he held senior positions in both the private and public sector. McGrath has served on a number of Oireachtas committees including the Finance Committee, the Oireachtas Banking Inquiry and the Public Accounts Committee.



TD FOR
**WICKLOW AND
EAST CARLOW**



MINISTER FOR HEALTH

Stephen Donnelly

Fianna Fáil



Stephen Donnelly is the Fianna Fáil TD for Wicklow and East Carlow. Donnelly is the outgoing party spokesperson on health and joined Fianna Fáil in February 2017 after quitting the Social Democrats which he co-founded.

He was first elected in 2011 and had a strong national profile as an economic commentator. Prior to being appointed as Spokesperson on Health he was Fianna Fáil's spokesperson on Brexit.

Prior to public life, he worked across many sectors, including private equity, retail, public infrastructure, healthcare, education, international development, the voluntary and social sectors. At the Harvard Kennedy School he studied international development, with a focus on rebuilding economies and protecting and strengthening vulnerable populations.



TD FOR
DUBLIN FINGAL



MINISTER FOR HOUSING
Darragh O'Brien

Fianna Fáil



O'Brien was born and reared in Malahide in the north of Dublin. He regained his Dáil seat in the election of 2016 and has been the Fianna Fáil's spokesperson on Housing, Planning and Local Government. He is a former Fianna Fáil leader in the Seanad.

O'Brien is also a former president of the Fingal Chamber of Commerce. He is a former Manager for Area North covering the North County Dublin area for Friends First, a life assurance company.



TD FOR
LAOIS-OFFALY



MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURE AND THE MARINE
Barry Cowen

Fianna Fáil



Cowen has been appointed to numerous positions throughout his Dáil career including as frontbench Spokesperson on Environment and Local Government and on Social Protection. He was a member of Offaly County Council between 1991 and 2011 and acted as Chairman of Offaly County Council from 2000 to 2001.

Barry Cowen was also Chairperson of Offaly VEC between 2002 and 2003. Other positions include being a former member of the Offaly Enterprise Board, a member of the Board of Management of Ard Scoil Chiráin, Clara along with being a member of the GAA. He is the outgoing party Spokesperson on Finance, Public Expenditure and Reform.



TD FOR
KERRY



MINISTER FOR EDUCATION

Norma Foley

Fianna Fáil



Foley is the sole Fianna Fáil TD for the 5 seat Kerry constituency. She was first elected as a TD in the 2020 general election, having been a member of Kerry Country Council from 1994 to 2020. Foley was only added to general election ticket for FF in December, less than two months before polling day, and is seen as one of only a few rising stars within the parliamentary party. Foley's father, Denis, was a TD in his time and so she has plenty of political pedigree.

She also served as a member of Tralee Urban District Council until its abolition in 2014. She was previously a primary school teacher in Tralee in Kerry.



TD FOR
**DUBLIN
CENTRAL**



MINISTER FOR FINANCE

Paschal Donohoe

Fine Gael



Donohoe was appointed Minister for Finance, Public Expenditure & Reform in June 2017 and with the Department now being split again, he retains the Finance brief in the new government. He previously served as Minister of Transport, Tourism and Sport from July 2014 to May 2016. He was the Minister of State for European Affairs at the Departments of the Taoiseach and Foreign Affairs and Trade from July 2013 to July 2014.

He was elected to the Dáil in February 2011 and was previously a member of Seanad Éireann in 2007, where he was the Fine Gael Seanad Spokesperson on Transport.



TD FOR
**CORK SOUTH-
CENTRAL**



MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND DEFENCE

Simon Coveney

Fine Gael



Simon Coveney TD was appointed Tánaiste in November 2017 and Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade with responsibility for Brexit in June 2017. He is also the Deputy Leader of Fine Gael. He previously served as Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government as well as Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine under the leadership of Enda Kenny. His ministerial experience also includes holding responsibility for the Department of Defence.

Coveney is also a former MEP for Ireland South (2004-2007). He first entered the Dáil in 1998 as a result of a by-election arising from the death of his father.



MINISTER FOR HIGHER EDUCATION, INNOVATION AND RESEARCH

Simon Harris

Fine Gael



TD FOR
WICKLOW



Simon Harris TD was the Minister for Health in the previous government, holding that position since May 2016. He previously served as Minister of State at the Departments of Finance and Taoiseach with Special Responsibility for the OPW, Public Procurement, and International Banking.

In the Dáil, Harris has served as Member of the Oireachtas Public Accounts Committee, Member of the Oireachtas Committee on Finance, Public Expenditure and Reform as well as Convenor of the Cross-Party Group on Mental Health. He is a former Co-Chair of the Fine Gael Working Group on Autism and Secretary of the Fine Gael Parliamentary Party.



TD FOR
**CAVAN-
MONAGHAN**



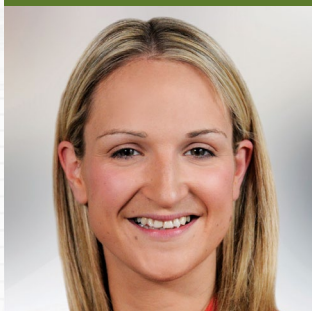
**MINISTER FOR SOCIAL PROTECTION,
COMMUNITY AND RURAL AFFAIRS AND
THE ISLANDS**

Heather Humphreys

Fine Gael



Heather Humphreys TD served as Minister for Business, Enterprise, and Innovation from November 2017 until June 2020. She previously served as Minister for Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs. She was elected to the Dáil in February 2011 for the constituency of Cavan Monaghan. While a member of Monaghan County council, she was Chair of the Council’s Strategic Policy Committee on Planning and Economic Development. She was also the chairperson of Monaghan County Council from 2009-2010.



TD FOR
MEATH EAST



MINISTER FOR JUSTICE

Helen McEntee

Fine Gael



Helen McEntee TD is the outgoing Minister for European Affairs where she was closely involved in Brexit negotiations. She was previously appointed Minister of State for Mental Health and Older People in May 2016. She was elected to Dáil Éireann in a by-election in March 2013 after the sudden death of her father. Her promotion to cabinet ensures the McEntee family continue to hold the Fine Gael reign over Meath East. McEntee is a previous member of the Oireachtas Committee on Transport and Communications. She is also a former member of the Oireachtas Committee on Environment, Culture and the Gaeltacht.



**MINISTER FOR CLIMATE ACTION,
COMMUNICATIONS, NETWORKS AND
TRANSPORT**

Eamon Ryan

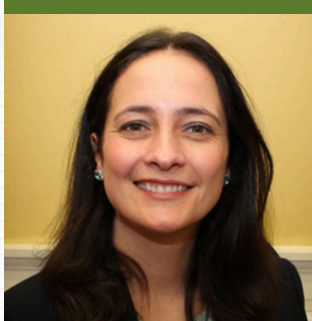
Green Party



TD FOR
**DUBLIN BAY
SOUTH**



Eamon Ryan TD has served as Leader of the Green Party since May 2011. He has been a TD for the Dublin Bay South constituency since 2016, and previously from 2002 to 2011 for the Dublin South constituency. He served as Minister for Communications, Energy and Natural Resources from 2007 to 2011. He first became involved in politics in 1998, when he was co-opted to Dublin City Council, taking up the seat previously held by John Gormley. He topped the poll at the 1999 local elections in the Rathmines local electoral area. From 1995 to 2002, he served on the advisory committee of the Dublin Transport Office.



**MINISTER FOR ARTS, CULTURE, MEDIA,
TOURISM SPORT AND THE GAELTACHT**

Catherine Martin

Green Party



TD FOR
**DUBLIN
RATHDOWN**



Catherine Martin is a Green Party TD who has served as Deputy Leader of the Green Party since June 2011. She has been a TD for the Dublin Rathdown constituency since 2016. She joined the Green Party in 2007 and in 2014, she was elected to Dún Laoghaire–Rathdown County Council. She was the Green Party's Education Spokesperson. Martin was elected the first chair of The Irish Women's Parliamentary Caucus in November 2017.



TD FOR
DUBLIN WEST



**MINISTER FOR CHILDREN, EQUALITY,
DISABILITY AND INTEGRATION**

Roderic O'Gorman

Green Party



Roderic O'Gorman is a Green Party politician who has been a Teachta Dála for the Dublin West constituency since the 2020 general election. He served as Chairman of the Green Party from 2011 to 2019. O'Gorman was elected as a Fingal County Councillor for the Castleknock local electoral area, following the 2014 local elections. He failed to get elected as a TD at the 2007, 2011 and 2016 general elections.