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TOM SEANAD TCD PANEL 2016
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When I was in the army, the first thing we were taught was: leave no one behind. By standing together, we can build a Republic that values and cares for every citizen, young and old. With your help, we can bring the fight for equality to the Seanad. As your TCD Senator, I will be a passionate advocate for equality, autonomy and dignity for every citizen of Ireland.

EDUCATION

As a parent and a lecturer, I am passionate about education and its role in removing inequality and disadvantage. As the father of a child with disabilities, I know the problems in Ireland's creaking education system and the range of measures needed to address them. As your Senator, I will campaign for an education system that cherishes all the children of the nation equally.

HEALTH

As a carer, I see the huge difference basic therapies make in my son Eoghan's life. I also see the damaging effects of the erosion of those same services. As your Senator, I will campaign for the fair and transparent distribution of services throughout the State, starting with the full enactment of the Disability Act 2005 and the ratification of the UN Convention on Rights of People with Disabilities to enshrine these rights in law.

HOMELESSNESS & HOUSING

A simmering set of interlinked crises in housing – mortgage arrears, escalating private rents, a housing shortage and rising levels of homelessness – have reached boiling point in Ireland. As your senator, I will campaign for credible responses to the housing and homelessness crises, including the provision of suitable, stable housing for people with disabilities.

WOMEN'S RIGHTS

I am a committed feminist. As a whistleblower in the army, I helped bring an end to an unchallenged culture of bullying, harassment and sexual violence against women in the Irish Defence Forces. I am a member of the National Women's Council of Ireland and have signed up to the NWCi Breakthrough Manifesto for Women. I am committed to repealing the 8th Amendment.

EMPLOYMENT

Ireland has one of the highest rates for long-term unemployment in the EU. This is worrying, given the strong association between joblessness and social exclusion. As your Senator, I will campaign for workable solutions for a more inclusive labour market that benefits every citizen of Ireland.

RIGHTS OF OLDER PEOPLE

With an ageing population, Ireland's care needs are only going to increase. As your senator, I will fight for the rights of older people and work to identify policy and service issues that affect an ageing population, such as access to age-appropriate healthcare, access to independent living supports, protection from discrimination and elder abuse, and prevention of poverty among older people.

JUSTICE

As the son and grandson of members of An Garda Síochána, and as a retired army officer who worked alongside An Garda Síochána during the Troubles, I am dismayed at the manner in which policing in Ireland has been degraded and politicised. If elected to the Seanad, I will campaign for root-and-branch reform of our policing service, for its independence from politics and for its proper oversight. I will fight for proper funding, equipment and training for our gardaí.

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Find out more about my campaign at TomClonan.ie, sign up for my newsletter and follow me on Facebook and Twitter

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Tell Trinity graduates about my campaign and ask them to make their vote count for people who live with a disability

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Your vote can make a real difference to the fight for an equal Ireland – don't forget to post it in time for the April 26th deadline