



## TEN RECOMMENDATIONS FOR A HEALTHIER, MORE SUSTAINABLE IRELAND

### Cleaner air to save lives

- 1 Commit and accelerate the development of the Clean Air Act as per the Clean Air Strategy.
- 2 Support those in energy poverty and accelerate the National Retrofitting Scheme, providing extra funding for the local authority retrofitting scheme with a view to ensuring all social housing reaches a minimum B2 BER by 2030.

### Prioritise active and public transport

- 3 At least 20% of the annual capital budget allocated to transport projects is spent on walking and cycling, with the remaining 80% split 2:1 in favour of public transport to road maintenance.
- 4 Finalise the Bus Connects Programme, continue the expansion of regional bus and train links Connecting Ireland, and expedite the Dublin metro.
- 5 Re-imagine our urban spaces by prioritising accessible walking, wheeling, cycling, and public transport over private car use, promoting the 15-minute city model, and introduce regular car-free days for city centres.



### Reversing the biodiversity crisis

- 6 Hold a referendum to enshrine biodiversity protection into the constitution, as recommended by the Citizens Assembly on Biodiversity loss, and introduce the remaining recommendations of the Citizens Assembly's final report.

### Sustainable diets and agriculture practices

- 7 Establish an Organic Farming fund, that would incentivise, fund, and support farmers to increase the proportion of land to be farmed organically and diversify into horticulture, nature restoration, and other regenerative farming practices, while providing public spaces for community food growing.
- 8 Support the transition to healthier sustainable diets by expanding the sugar-sweetened drinks tax to apply to food and drink that is high in fat, salt, or sugar (HFSS), enacting mandatory reformulation. Use the proceeds to subsidise healthier, sustainable foods, particularly among those from disadvantaged communities.

### Support a sustainable and climate resilient HSE:

- 9 Provide additional significant funding to the HSE's Climate Action Division to facilitate the implementation of the HSE's 2030 - 2050 Climate Action Strategy.
- 10 Allocate adequate funding to implement the Healthy Ireland and Sláintecare commitments to prevent and promote health and wellbeing to reduce health sector carbon emissions and to realise the climate and health co-benefits arising from healthy sustainable diets and active travel.

# Who we are

The Climate and Health Alliance is an all-island coalition of public health organisations and community groups that campaigns for policies that will benefit public health, biodiversity, and our environment.

The members of the Climate and Health Alliance are calling on TDs from all parties and none, involved in negotiations to form a government, to commit to climate action to secure the health of everyone in Ireland.

## Members of the Climate and Health Alliance



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