



Senator Mark Daly's Monthly Newsletter

Brian Crowley tops the polls with 118,258 votes!!



Brian Crowley canvassing with Senator Mark Daly in Castleisland, County Kerry. Picture by Don MacMongale / macmongale.com

Brian Crowley topped the polls once again for the fourth election in a row, with 118,258 first preference votes. A massive 23.7% of the over all votes.

Brian Crowley was the first candidate elected in the South proving that although Fianna Fáil's popularity might be slipping, his certainly is not. Mr Crowley said he was disappointed that Fianna Fail didn't win more seats in the local elections; he attributed the poor result to the anger of the people against the government. He defended Brian Cowen, pointing out that Fianna Fail is not one person, but a collection of people. He reminded us that 'we've taken this county through dark times before and we can take this country through dark times again'. He also said he believes that Brian Cowen is 'the strongest man with the most capacity to deliver'.

Mr Crowley has been a MEP since 1994, in 1999 and 2004 he topped the poll and was elected on the first count. He had proven his ability numerous times by serving the people of Ireland. Rumours have been spreading that he will run for President, but he refuses to discuss this, saying that to even be considered would be a great honour. He remains dedicated to the job at present 'my only job and test now is to deliver on behalf of the people of Ireland south, the people of Munster, and the people of Ireland'.

An Taoiseach's Visit to Kerry



An Taoiseach, Brian Cowen T.D. visited Dingle, Killarney and Kenmare on the canvas trail this month, on Friday 29 May.

It was great to see so many people come out supporting the Taoiseach offering him a warm reception to Kerry.

After Continuous Pressure from Mark, Kenmare Heritage Bridge is to be Re-Opened

Last October seems like such a long time ago when our town was devastated by some of the worst flooding in living memory.

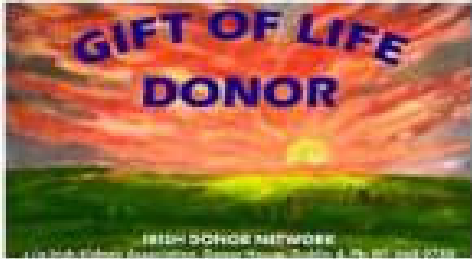


However the destroyed bridge on the Tubrid road serves to remind us of the freak floods that forced their way into our town and in some unfortunate cases our homes.

The Finnihy footbridge was nearly swept away because the water basically had nowhere to go.

Now eight months later and after numerous representations to the county council I am delighted to say that work has begun on repairing the wall and the Bridge will be reopened shortly.

Local Radio Campaign To Encourage People to Sign up to be Donors, Spearheaded by Mark.



**Organ donor card, carry a signed card in your wallet
to give the gift of life.
Available in chemists and doctors offices.**

Thanks to the generosity of the Irish people our rate of donation is quite high by international standards. However after meetings with the Irish Kidney Association, the Irish Cystic Fibrosis Association and the Irish Pharmaceutical Association I have found that there is still a considerable deadly shortfall in the number of organs available for transplantation.

I am currently heading a nationwide campaign to raise public awareness on the issue of organ donation through a series of radio advertisements. The message of the advertisement is to 'Tell your loved one that you want to be a donor'.

Sneem School Visit to Leinster House



Mark with the pupils of St Michael's Sneem outside Dáil Éireann.

On Tuesday 9 June, the pupils of St Michael's National School visited Leinster House, where they received the official tour of the Dáil. They learned about the history of the house and were able to watch real politics in action from the public galleries. They even spotted a few famous faces around the halls!

Media Coverage

Irish Times, Seanad Report
Wednesday 27 May

<http://www.irishtimes.com/newspaper/ireland/2009/0527/1224247502253.html>

Interview with George Hook on Newstalk 106FM, The Right Hook.
Monday 18 May

<http://newstalk.ie/newstalk/programmes/6/the-right-hook.html>

Seanad Debates

Overseas Development Aid: Private Members Motion
Tuesday 20 May

<http://debates.oireachtas.ie/DDebate.aspx?F=SEN20090520.xml&Node=H10#H10>

Report of the Commission to Inquire into Child Abuse
Wednesday 27 May

<http://debates.oireachtas.ie/DDebate.aspx?F=SEN20090527.xml&Node=H5&Page=9>

Debate on the Companies (Amendment Bill) 2009. Report and Final Stages
Tuesday 9 June

<http://debates.oireachtas.ie/DDebate.aspx?F=SEN20090609.xml&Node=H4#H4>

Statements on Recent Elections
Thursday 11 June

<http://debates.oireachtas.ie/DDebate.aspx?F=SEN20090611.xml&Node=H5#H5>