

PENSION PROMISE CAMPAIGN

The Government must keep its promise of a state pension rate of **34% of average earnings**

Retired and older people deserve a secure retirement. After a life of work, whether paid or unpaid, the right to live with dignity in older age is not too much to expect.

Currently, older people on fixed incomes worry about how they will afford to put food on the table and heat their homes. Some people are being forced to choose between eating and heating. Many older people are forced into isolation because they simply cannot afford to leave their homes to socialise and take part in society. This is not acceptable in a country as wealthy as Ireland and members of the **Pension Promise Campaign** will not put up with it.

Older people deserve secure, adequate incomes. It's no more than they have earned after a lifetime of working, paying taxes and contributing to their communities.

The *Roadmap for Pension Reform 2018-2023* contains a commitment to a state contributory pension payment of no less than 34% of average earnings. The Government has repeatedly indicated this benchmark as the minimum adequate payment for the state contributory pension.

The current weekly rate of the state pension is €265.30, just 28% of average earnings. This falls €53 per week short of the Government's commitment of 34% (€318 per week) and fails to deliver on its promise to provide a basic level of pension adequacy.

Retired and older people need that €53 per week in their pockets now so that they can stave off the devastating impact of inflation



and the rise in the cost of living and enjoy quality of life.

The **Pension Promise Campaign** demands that the Government honours its commitment to a state pension rate of 34% of average earnings. Just like the Stop67 Campaign, the Pension Promise Campaign is part of a wider demand for fair and flexible pensions for all.

The **Pensions Promise Campaign** is led by SIPTU, Age Action, the National

Women's Council, the Senior Citizen's Parliament and Active Retirement Ireland, and will work with other unions and with civil society allies to ensure that the Government's commitments to retired and older people are honoured.

Government, keep your promise...34% of average earnings...

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MEETING DATES

Monday, 19th June

11.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.

Liberty Hall Theatre, Dublin

Monday, 26th June

11.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.

The Imperial Hotel, Cork

Monday, 3rd July

11.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.

The Galmont Hotel, Galway

Friday, 7th July

11.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.

The Westenra Hotel, Monaghan

Monday, 10th July

11.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.

The Granville Hotel, Waterford

