

Social Democrats

Senior Political Director



The Social Democrats are ambitious for Ireland's future. We want Ireland to be a republic in which every person has opportunity and dignity. We are a new party, unhindered by the past and the old style of politics. The most prosperous, inclusive and progressive countries on earth are social democracies.

We believe Ireland can join this group, and that a great many Irish people want us to. We know that a strong, creative, prosperous, fair, equal and democratic country – in which all children have the opportunity to achieve their potential – is not just an aspiration. It can, and should be, Ireland's reality.

We have had considerable success in the last number of years building a new party that puts social democracy to the forefront of Irish politics. We tripled our TDs in the General Election in February, following on from our very significant successes in the Local Elections last year. We are now seeking to build on that success to expand the reach of the party and the appetite for social democracy in Ireland.

We are building a new team to support the work of our expanded Parliamentary Party. We are seeking a Senior Political Director to lead that team, who will work with the Party Leaders and TDs to drive our agenda for change principally through the work of the Party Leaders and Parliamentary Party.

THE ROLE

The Senior Political Director is responsible for working with the Party Leaders and Parliamentary Party to drive the Party's agenda for change primarily through the Party's legislative and parliamentary agenda. Through the use of communications, research, and campaigning, the Senior Political Director will lead and manage the Parliamentary Party support team, including the Press Director and the Policy Director, to drive the agenda for change based on our vision for social democracy and for a different political culture and future for Ireland.

THE PERSON

- This role presents an excellent opportunity for an experienced leader with a demonstrable record of achievement in a political, advocacy, public engagement, communications, or research role focusing on social/economic justice issues, human rights, worker's rights, or environmental rights areas.
- The role requires a highly credible candidate with a deep conviction for a politics and a society of fairness, equality and sustainability.
- Excellent stakeholder management and communications skills dealing with individuals and groups at all levels, both internally and externally are essential.
- Impeccable writing skills with a strong capacity to tailor the tone, content, and form of written output in line with the intended audience are a prerequisite.
- A demonstrable ability to produce high-quality output – briefings, press statements, opinion pieces - within a fast-paced and rapidly evolving environment is also a necessity.
- A third-level qualification to post-graduate degree level in a relevant discipline, or a combination of experience and learning that demonstrates expertise in the area is also required.

Further details on this significant opportunity, including remuneration, duties and responsibilities are available upon request.

Lansdowne Executive Search has been retained by the Social Democrats to manage this recruitment process.

To pursue your interest, please email a comprehensive CV and supporting letter to:

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For a confidential discussion, please contact Sean at +353 (0)87 796 1062.

Closing date for applications is Friday, 17th July 2020



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