

## Register to Vote

### New to the Area? New to Ireland? Just turned 18?

- >> Anyone over 18 and resident in Ireland can vote in the Local Elections.
- >> Irish Citizens and British Citizens living in Ireland can vote in General Elections.
- >> Irish Citizens and Citizens of the EU who live in Ireland can vote in European Elections

If you are over 18 + years of age and a resident in Ireland, you can vote in the Local elections and have a say in your local area. Local elections decide which individuals represent your area in the local council. The council makes decisions on public services and facilities in your area. Make sure to have your say. If you wish to vote or update your name/address/nationality you can download the form or register online. To access this, go to the website below and click on [www.checktheregister.ie](http://www.checktheregister.ie) You do not need to be an Irish citizen to vote in the local elections.

## Play Your Part

### We need you to vote, to ensure your community is represented.

We want you to get on board with us and help us create an Irish society that is equal, diverse and rich in opportunity for all citizens. We need your help. By exercising your right to vote in the next Local Elections you will be playing your part in shaping our future.

- Vote because you want a say in the facilities provided in your community.
- Vote because you want to make sure the voices of your community are represented.
- Vote to influence business supports for your community.

### REGISTER TO VOTE ONLINE

*It's never been  
easier!*



SCAN ME

So, please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any issues, concerns, and ideas as how we can work together to improve our local area. I look forward to meeting you over the coming months and to discussing the issues that matter to you.

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# Cllr. Punam Rane



## Dear Resident,

I am delighted to be your new Fine Gael candidate for the 2024 Local Elections representing the **Kimmage – Rathmines Local Electoral Area** (LEA). I am honoured to succeed Cllr. Anne Feeney, who has worked hard to serve your needs in Dublin City Council.

## ABOUT ME

I live in Rathgar with my husband and daughter. My daughter Sasha studies at a local secondary school in Milltown, and my husband, Ashwin works locally in technology. Originally from Mumbai in India, I came to Ireland in the late '90s to join an Irish technology company as an IT consultant.

During my professional career, I have worked in leadership roles for many multinational tech firms. In 2018, I co-founded an IT services company with clients across the globe. I lead the UK & Ireland operations.

In 2019 I stood for council elections and was elected as a Councillor in Dublin West representing a very large geographic area with a diverse mix of people.

As a parent, I know how important it is for children and young adults to take part in activities involving physical fitness to help channel their energies in the right direction. I have been involved in local running and basketball clubs, encouraging adults and children to participate. As someone who has lived in this area for many years, I fully understand the local issues, concerns, and needs.

I will make these issues a priority in my work with Dublin City Council.

I promise to represent you and to lead with honesty, keeping you informed about issues that affect you and our local community.



My three **priority** areas are:

### TRANSPORT

- **BUS CONNECTS** I know that we all have multiple concerns about the current plan. I will put together a strong representation to Bus Connects to ensure that these are addressed.
- **WALKING/CYCLING** Maintenance of and improvement to cycle paths, and safe crossings near schools are vital. I also want to ensure good lighting for those walking home from schools, work, and at bus stops.

### SCHOOLS AND STUDENTS

- **INVESTMENT** We need more school places, both primary & secondary. I will be seeking funding for the improvement of infrastructure to ensure more places in our schools, which is a big concern to parents in the area.
- **STEM** This is a key passion of mine. We need stronger links with schools to increase the awareness and importance of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths). I have experience of doing this by linking schools to universities. This has huge benefit for our students in the long term.
- **PARKS** Our children need improvements to playgrounds, parks, sports facilities and to designated community centres.

### LOCAL NEEDS

- **LOCAL BUSINESS** I will work to promote and support SMEs (Small and medium-sized enterprises) with Local Enterprise Offices (LEOs) – through mentorship and support services.
- **ACCESS** I will work to ensure that disability enhancements are made in every area. I am a strong believer that such actions are required for societies' commitment to inclusivity and to create equal opportunities for all.
- **YOUR RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION** I will work with all residents' associations to address your concerns regarding our communities and ideas for improvement.

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