



# WORKERS PARTY

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- The failure to agree a new Executive is disgraceful and unacceptable

**It is now blatantly obvious that neither the DUP or Sinn Fein are capable of restoring a devolved government'.**

For more than a year they have choreographed a sham fight over vanity projects and red lines in a total and contemptuous disregard for health, well being, education, women's rights, the economy and for the quality of life of ordinary working people.

Our public services are being run down, teachers, health care staff and employees in both the public and private sectors have borne the brunt of wage freezes and austerity measures.

The health service is in crisis, schools have no budgets, the economy is at a standstill, jobs are being lost and all while these two parties deliver excuses but no solutions.

**The Workers Party has always been to the forefront in supporting the democratic demand for devolved government in Northern Ireland . Now that competing nationalisms have demonstrated that they are unwilling, or incapable, of forming a functioning Executive, we must revise the existing arrangements:**

- mandatory coalition is dysfunctional
- we should revert to a voluntary coalition or weighted majority rule
- a Bill of Rights would guarantee protection against abuses
- there must be an end to Nationalist / Unionist / Other designations
- the petition of concern must be reformed to prevent its abuse
- all unimplemented measures agreed in the Good Friday Agreement and subsequent agreements should be adopted, including provision for Integrated Education, an Anti-Poverty Strategy, a viable economic plan and job creation strategy and any agreed outstanding cultural issues.

All other issues and legislation can be addressed in a reformed Assembly.

These two parties and the narrow nationalism they represent can no longer be allowed to hold people and progress to ransom as they attempt to cling to power,

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