# RIGHT2 WATER 21.03.15

NATIONAL DEMONSTRATION SATURDAY 1PM

DUBLIN

## **ASSEMBLY POINTS:**

- 1. CONNOLLY STATION
- 2. MERRION SQUARE
- 3. HEUSTON STATION

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# WATER IS STILL A HUMAN RIGHT

Politicians and the media are telling us the water charges protests have gone away. They say everybody's happy with the concessions.

#### ON THE 21ST MARCH WE'LL PROVE THEM ALL WRONG!

## LESSONS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

- In every country where water charges have been implemented, the costs have only gone one way – upwards!
- The price of water in five US cities Austin, Charlotte, Chicago, San Francisco and Tucson ballooned by more than 50% over the last five years.
- In 2013 in Britain, private water companies made profits of €2.81bn and paid €2.55bn to shareholders while paying only €101m in taxes. Seven water companies paid no corporation tax at all and a report has shown that the industry is failing to help customers with "sky-high bills".
- In the city of Detroit in the United States, along with Rome, parts of France and Eastern Europe, tens of thousands of families are having their water shut off for being unable to pay their water bills.
- In all countries where water is in the hands of private corporations, the first step to selling off the public water system was the implementation of water charges.

### THIS IS NOT THE FUTURE WE WANT FOR IRELAND

The best way to protect our human right to water and to ensure our water services are never privatised is to demand that water is paid for through a progressive, general taxation model and to enshrine public ownership in our constitution. This way, access to water is not dependent on your ability to pay.

The Right2Water campaign will be hosting our first National Demonstration of 2015 in Dublin where we will once again reaffirm our human Right2Water. We are on the cusp of beating these unfair water charges. If we don't want a future where water costs spiral out of control and our public water system is sold off to the highest bidder, we must take action now!

JOIN THE RIGHT2WATER NATIONAL DEMONSTRATION AT 1PM ON SATURDAY, 21ST MARCH IN DUBLIN CITY CENTRE

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