

ALLIANCE PARTY OF NORTHERN IRELAND CANDIDATES 1974-2024

(WESTMINSTER PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS ONLY)

ULSTER LIBERAL PARTY

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PREFACE

The Alliance Party of Northern Ireland was founded on April 21 1970 which eventually absorbed a number of former Ulster Liberal Party members. A formal relationship existed for over three decades between the Liberal, later Liberal Democratic Party, and the APNI when it was termed 'our sister Party.' This understanding subsequently lapsed for reasons that have never been fully explained. The first APNI MP elected to the House of Commons, Naomi Long, for Belfast East in 2010, did not take the Lib Dem whip and moreover sat on the opposition benches throughout the Coalition Government 2010-2015, expressing disagreement with key policies which appeared in the Liberal Democratic Party Manifesto at the 2010 General Election. However, Stephen Farry, the sole APNI MP in the 2019-24 Parliament did take the Liberal Democrat Whip.

APNI candidates are included in a separate section of the Index. Whether or not the Liberal Democrats and APNI decide to associate more closely, it is unlikely that they will ever oppose each other in future Westminster elections in the province. The APNI inherited a measure of electoral support from voters who had supported the Liberals and might have done so in elections after 1970, had the Party stood candidates.

The Liberal Party contested no elections for the Westminster Parliament in Northern Ireland in Westminster elections in the inter-war years 1918-35 nor over the period 1945-55. In 1956 the Ulster Liberal Association, later re-named the Ulster Liberal Party, was founded. A limited number of constituencies were contested for both the Westminster and the Stormont Parliaments from 1959. Of the nine candidates listed, three fought elections in constituencies in mainland Britain also, one of whom stood in two regions and another in three.

Lionel King, February 2024

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KEY TO ABBREVIATIONS

This key omits commonly used, standard abbreviations.

b h s	boys high school
coll	college
comp s	comprehensive school
elem s	elementary school
g s	grammar school
g h s	girls high school
g-t	grammar-tech
h s	high school
j s	junior school
lect	lecturer
s	school
s s	schools/state school
sec s	secondary school
sen s	senior school
u s	upper school
FE	Further Education
HE	Higher Education
ILEA	Inner London Education Authority
LSE	London School of Economics
TTC	Teacher Training College
U	University
UMIST	University of Manchester Institute of Technology
appt	appointment/appointed
assn	association
asst	assistant
bus	business
Ch Acc	Chartered Accountant
Ch Eng	Chartered Engineer
co	company
comp	computer
cons	consultant/consultancy
corr	correspondent
cttee/s	committee/s
dir	director
dpty	deputy
dvpmt	development
eng	engineer/engineering
exec	executive
incl	including

ind	industry
ins	insurance
inst	institute/institution
int	international
IT	Information Technology
mark	marketing
mbr	member
PR	public relations
prog	programme
rep	representative
reg	region/regional
ret	retired
sec	secretary
t'nology	technology
ald	alderman
cand	candidate
C	Council
CC	County Council
cllr	councillor
DC	District Council
GLA	Greater London Assembly
GLC	Greater London Council
grp	group
ldr	leader
LBC	London Borough Council
LCC	London County Council
MBC	Metropolitan/Municipal Borough Council
PC	Parish Council/Privy Counsellor
RDC	Rural District Council
TC	Town Council
UA	Unitary Authority
UDC	Urban District Council
CB	Member of the Order of the Bath
CH	Companion of Honour
CMG	Companion of the Most Distinguished Order of St Michael & St George
DFC	Distinguished Flying Cross
FRCP	Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians
FRSE	Fellowship of the Royal Society of Edinburgh
GCMG	Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of St Michael & St George
KCMG	Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of St Michael & St George
OM	Order of Merit

ALDE	Alliance of Liberals & Democrats for Europe
ALTU	Association of Liberal Trade Unionists
AM	Member of the Welsh Assembly (up to 2020)
AMMA	Assistant Masters' & Mistresses' Association (Now Assoc of Teachers & Lecturers)
APNI	Alliance Party of Northern Ireland
BALF	Birmingham Area Liberal Federation
BLO	Birmingham Liberal Organisation
CAB	Citizens' Advice Bureau
CPRE	Campaign for Rural England
EETPU	Electrical Electronic Telecommunications & Plumbing Union
ELD	European Liberal Democrats
LA	Liberal Association
LDA	Liberal Democrat Association
LDN	Liberal Democrat News
LDV	Lib Dem Voice
LGBTQ+	lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender queer and others
LIB INT	Liberal International
MLA	Member of the Northern Ireland Legislative Assembly
MPA	Member of the Northern Ireland Assembly (1982-86 – Member of the Parliamentary Assembly)
MS	Member of the Senedd Cymru – Welsh Parliament (from 2020)
MSP	Member of the Scottish Parliament
NALGO	National Association of Local Government Officers (now UNISON)
NAS	National Association of Schoolmasters
NASUWT	National Association of Schoolmasters/Union of Women Teachers (since 2015 The Teachers' Union)
NATFHE	National Association of Teachers in Further/Higher Education
NCB	National Coal Board
NFU	National Farmers Union
NIA	Northern Ireland Assembly
NIF	Northern Ireland Forum
NLC	National Liberal Club
NUJ	National Union of Journalists
NUT	National Union of Teachers
PCA	Parliamentary Candidates Association
PCC	Police & Crime Commissioner
PFCC	Police, Fire & Crime Commissioner
PPC	Prospective Parliamentary Candidate
RAMC	Royal Army Medical Corps
RASC	Royal Army Service Corps
RNVR	Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve
SDP	Social Democratic Party
S of S	Secretary of State
TA	Territorial Army
TGWU	Transport & General Workers Union

ULP	Ulster Liberal Party
ULS	Union of Liberal Students
US	Under Secretary
USDAW	Union of Shop, Distributive & Allied Workers
WHO	World Health Organisation
WLD	Women Lib Dems
WMLF	West Midland(s) Liberal Federation
WMRP	West Midland Regional Party
YLS/YLDs	Young Liberals/Liberal Democrats

Party refers to APNI unless otherwise stated.

Parliamentary elections fought by a candidate in the Index of any individual region appear in bold type thus: **Down North 1964**. Constituencies fought by a candidate in other regions of the United Kingdom appear in standard type.

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

The first Alliance Party MP at Westminster was William Stratton Mills, a solicitor, born in 1932 and educated at Campbell Coll, Belfast and Queen's University, who defected from the Ulster Unionists in 1973. He had first been elected for Belfast North in 1959 and re-elected at subsequent general elections. He did not seek re-election in February 1974.

Six Northern Ireland constituencies were contested at one or more General Elections by the Ulster Liberal Party from 1959 until 1970, after which it ceased activity. They were - **Antrim North, Antrim South, Belfast South, Down North, Down South and Fermanagh & South Tyrone**. The newly constituted Alliance Party of Northern Ireland chose to contest two of these constituencies, **Antrim South** and **Belfast South** when it stood candidates for the first time at the Westminster General Election of February 1974. A third candidate contested **Armagh** which had never been fought by the ULP. Only a minority of members of the minuscule ULP were to join the newly founded APNI. No research findings have been published so far which might throw light on how much of the support afforded to the ULP was 'inherited' by the APNI. It is a fair assumption that the second place return of 17.61% achieved by the APNI at **Antrim South**, included a measure of support from former ULP voters. Likewise the more modest return of 9.86% at **Belfast South** would have owed something to previous ULP campaigning.

At the General Election of October 1974, the APNI extended its campaign to include **Antrim North, Down North**, both of which had previously been contested by the ULP, plus **Belfast North**, which had been ignored by the ULP. The 'experiment' in **Armagh** of the previous February was not repeated. In both **Antrim North and Down North**, constituencies which had seen ULP activity in the past, the APNI challengers both polled respectably, finishing in second place. Reference is made in the Index in the very few instances where an APNI candidate was previously a member of the ULP.

BIOGRAPHICAL DIRECTORY OF CANDIDATES

SECTION ONE

ALLIANCE PARTY of NORTHERN IRELAND CANDIDATES in WESTMINSTER PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS 1970-2024

ACHESON, Peter N., High Sheriff of Co Tyrone 1982; lived Donagmore; the Party's first cand in the constituency; **Fermanagh & South Tyrone 1979**

ALDERDICE, David King OBE, MB, MA, b 1966, ed Queen's U, Belfast, Oxford U; cons dermatologist; North Down MBC, Belfast City C, Lord Mayor; 1998-99; cand N I Forum; (brother of the following); **Antrim North 1997, Belfast East 2001, Down North 2005**

ALDERDICE, John Thomas, Baron A. of Knock, b Donaghcloney, Co Down, 1955, ed Ballymena Acad, Queen's U, of Presbyterian background, father minister; medical practitioner, cons psychiatrist, psychotherapist, publishing articles on AIDS, child abuse, substance dependency; broadcaster/lecturer on mental health matters; lect Queen's U; long and meritorious involvement in NI public life; Exec APNI 1984-98, Party Leader 1987-98; Belfast City C 1989-97; he finished a distant second in both his contests, though polling creditably and laying the foundation for the Alliance Party's victory in the constituency in 2010; Euro cand 1989; Pres Lib Int, Chair, Lib Dem group, Speaker NI Assembly 1998-2004; Life Peer 1996, one of the very youngest to be appointed; in the House of Lords he sits with Lib-Dems; from 2010 Convenor of Lib Dem Group; strong internationalist; his goal has always been peace, stability and reconciliation in Northern Ireland; has received many honours, prizes, honorary degrees for his work in promotion of peace; (brother of the preceding); **Belfast East 1987, 1992**; see *Dictionary of Liberal Biography*

ARMSTRONG, Kellie, née McGrattan b Kirkcubbin, Co Down 1970, ed Queen's U; worked for Community Transport; dir of national charity; Ards & North Down MBC; Vice-Chair APNI; MLA Strangford 2016-; holds APNI group portfolio for Infrastructure, Chief Whip Party group; advocate of integrated education; lives Ards Peninsular Wildlife Reserve; she virtually doubled her share of the poll in 2019; **Strangford 2015, 2017, 2019**

BARR, Arthur; the only APNI cand to stand in the former Londonderry constituency where he polled a creditable 9.16% which has not been improved upon in the current Londonderry East constituency; **Londonderry 1979**

BEAUMONT, Matthew, Open U student; Vice-Chair, Fermanagh & Tyrone APNI Assn; cand NIA Election 2022; **Fermanagh & South Tyrone 2019**

BELL, Eileen, CBE, b Dromara 1943, ed Dominican Coll, Belfast, U of Ulster; former civil servant, welfare officer; later charity worker; MLA North Down 1998-2007, Dpty Ldr 2001-06, acted as 2nd Assembly Speaker, holding office for a single day in 2006; returned to work with Autism grps; **Newry & Armagh 1992**

BELL, Helen-Marie, (known as Eileen), CBE; **Foyle 1997**

BLAIR, John Kenneth, b 1966, cllr Antrim & Newtonabbey BC, alderman, dpty Mayor; MLA South Antrim 2018-, spokesperson for Agricultural, Environmental and Rural affairs; first openly gay mbr; there was an interval of 27 years between his first two contests; in the second, he raised the APNI percentage poll by 11.64%; **Antrim South 1992, 2019, 2024**

BOGAN, Patrick J., President of APNI; courageously denounced in media IRA atrocities in his home district; **Mid Ulster 1987**

BOGUES, Dr Bernard Ephrem, b 1957, ed Queen's U; medical practitioner; worked in Middle East, Australia; mbr N I Institute of Human relations; **Mid Ulster 1997**

BOWER, Michael John; North Down MBC; resumed fight for APNI in an unpromising constituency after 13-year lapse; his exiguous percentage of poll, 2.3%, is the nevertheless the highest recorded locally for the Party; **West Tyrone 2010**

BOYLE, Mel, ed Liverpool U; command centre analyst, former event manager; supporter of integrated education; organiser of many charity fun-runs; **Mid Ulster 2019**

BOYLE, Yvonne, ed Cambridge U, U of Ulster; 30-year career as mental health service worker; Coleraine MBC; interests incl economic regeneration, green issues, development of tourism; mbr Northeast Peace Partnership; writes poetry; persistent campaigner in difficult terrain for Party, achieving highest APNI percentage 7.6% in her most recent contest; cand NIA; **Londonderry East 1997, 2001, 2005, 2015**

BRADSHAW, Paula Jane b 1972, ed Belfast h s, U of Belfast, Queen's U; Belfast City C; MLA South Belfast 2016-, spokesperson for Health; former community worker; regular contributor to media on variety of issues; m Ian Parsley, cand Euro elections 2009, Dpty Mayor, North Down; **Belfast South 2015, 2017, 2019**

BROWN, Patrick, ed Sheffield U; runs own small company; lives Downpatrick; Newry Mourne & Down DC 2014-22, MLA South Down 2022-24; reading for PhD, Queen's U; he raised the Party vote on hitherto very unpromising territory by 10.34% to 13.90%; **Down South 2019**

BULLICK, Eric, b Co Tyrone, ed Lancaster U, U of Ulster; head teacher; joined APNI 1975; campaigner for integrated education; **Fermanagh & South Tyrone 1992, Mid Ulster 2013 by-e, 2015**

BUTLER, Ian; former long serving social care worker, London, Leicester, Birmingham; writer, later bookseller; contributor to Lib Dem Voice; courageous campaigner; widely travelled, Europe, the Americas; lives Fermanagh, latterly debilitated by a stroke; writer of screenplays, first novel *Burger Bar Dan* (2012); **Mid Ulster 2010**

CAMPBELL, Betty, Lisburn MBC, Mayor; involved in squabbles c2005 concerning Civil Partnerships qqv Trevor Lunn, Seamus Close; **Down South 2001**

CAMPBELL, Noreen, teacher, principal of integrated s; holds radical views on reform of local education; officer of Northern Ireland Council for Integrated Education; **Fermanagh & South Tyrone 2017**

CAMPBELL, Tom; ed Queen's U; partner in legal firm; Belfast City C, later Newtonabbey MBC; High Sheriff 2000-01; **Belfast North 1987, 1992, 1997**

CASTLE, Alan Martyn; NIA cand 2003; businessman; **Upper Bann 2005**

CATNEY, Gerard Alphonsus, grad Mech Eng, Ch Acc, property developer/banker; describes himself as 'international liberal, socialist, globalist'; after election became involved in acrimonious exchanges with Naomi Long qv over respective methods and objectives of ISIL and IRA; **Belfast West 2015**

CAVANAGH, Colm; ed University Coll, Dublin; Chair Foyle APNI Assn; Chair, APNI 181-82; Pres NI Council Integrated Education; concerned at impact of Brexit on Eire/N I border issues; **Foyle 2001**

CLOSE, Séamus Anthony, OBE, b 1947; MPA South Antrim 1982-86; mbr N I Forum 1996-98; Dpty Ldr APNI 1991-2001, MLA Lagan Valley 1998-2007; disagreed with Sean Neeson qv over Civil Partnership issue; Lisburn City C, Mayor; retired from political activity 2007; indefatigable campaigner in seven elections, achieving his best result in 17.2% in 1997 and finishing runner-up on four occasions; d 2019; **Fermanagh & South Tyrone by-e 1981, Lagan Valley 1983, 1987, 1992, 1997, 2001, 2005**

COADE, Jackie, ed St Mary's University Coll, Belfast; campaigns for improved rail services; social worker, primary s teacher with 20 years' service; interests incl special education, Early Years provision; advocates use of Orkambi drug for cystic fibrosis patients; cand NIA 2022; she raised her share of the vote from 2.3% to 8.7% in the most unpromising territory for the party; **Newry & Armagh 2017, 2019**

COOK, David Somerville, b 1944 solicitor, senior partner in legal firm; fdr mbr APNI, dpty ldr 1980-84; Belfast City C 1973-95, Mayor 1978, Chair, Police Authority of N I 1994-96; Euro cand 1984; involved in libel case settled out of court; after polling 9.86% in his first contest, he raised his percentage to over 21% in his three subsequent attempts, finishing runner-up throughout, though far behind the victor; d 2020; **Belfast South 1974 Feb, 1983, 1986 by-e, 1987**

COOK, Fionnuala, OBE b 1946 ed U Coll, Dublin; varied career incl media, teaching, researcher for Lord Longford; many public posts; Vice Lord Lieut County Down; Red Cross Trustee; many interests incl housing, consumer affairs, health; Mayoress of Belfast 1978-79; first APNI cand in difficult territory; polled 5.9%; **Upper Bann 1987**

COUSINS, John, b 1948 of Roman Catholic background; ed Queen's U prominent in students union activities; later University lecturer; Lisburn City C; involved in human rights causes; the Party's first-ever contender in the Belfast West constituency, (a Republican stronghold, centre of much violence and destruction throughout the decades of the Northern Ireland Emergency), the single occasion on which it was fought over 1974-2005; his 6.08% of poll remains the highest achieved here; d on holiday, Badajoz, Spain 2015; **Belfast West 1979**

CROZIER, Julian Smyth, b 1935, former senior civil servant; served as district officer, Zambia in 1960s, later with Dept of Economic Dvlpmnt; interested in education, training; lived Rathfriland; joined APNI 1995, working for conciliation in NI, active with South Down local association; d 2006; m Dr Maurna C. (1942-2015), social anthropologist, and an important figure in reconciliation between the two communities in NI; **Down South 1997, 2005**

CUSHNAHAN, John Walls, b 1948 ed St Mary's Christian Brothers g s, Queen's U; teacher, later Gen Sec to APNI 1974-82; cllr Belfast City C 1977-85; APNI Party Ldr 1984-87; MPA North Down 1982-86; sought closer ties with Lib Dems; subsequently moved to Eire where he re-entered politics soon joining Fine Gael; MEP 1989-2004; earlier in his career, in his first two contests in Down North, he achieved a respectable second place; mbr board of Co-operation Ireland; **Belfast North 1979, Down North 1983, by-e 1986, 1987**

DICKSON, Stewart, b Carrickfergus 1950; Presbyterian affiliation; cllr Carrickfergus BC, later Mayor 1992-93; MLA East Antrim 2011-, Chief Whip; holding portfolio for Northern Ireland Executive Office; later Justice; former official NIPSA Union, arbitration secretary, NI Labour Relations Agency; interests incl education, training; **Antrim East 2015, 2017**

DOHERTY, John, ed St Columb Coll, Magee law graduate; manager at Eurovoxchanger Currency, editor *Clear Cut News & Affairs*; describes himself as 'social liberal'; **Foyle 2017**

DONNELLY, Danny, staff nurse in NHS hospital; cllr Mid & East Antrim DC; he raised the Party share of poll by 11.68%; NIA 2022-; **East Antrim 2019, 2024**

DONNELLY, Stephen William, b 1994 ed Drumragh Integrated s; APNI Youth Media officer; cllr Mid-East Antrim; campaigns for integrated education, transparency in politics; supports drive for renewable energy; energetic cand; he raised the Party percentage poll by 6.43%; **West Tyrone 2015, 2017, by-e 2018, 2019, 2024**

DOYLE, Tara, b 1993, ed Portadown p s, Portadown Coll, Queen's U; retail employee; concerned with declining local employment opportunities, disability issues; **Upper Bann 2017**

DUNLOP, Jayne Alexandra, ed Ballymena Acad, Us of Ulster, Aberystwyth, Reading; librarian, former careers information officer; Chair, APNI; Ballymena BC; persistent campaigner on difficult terrain; courageously attacked sectarianism, paramilitaries, drug trafficking; **Antrim North 2001, 2005, 2010, 2015, 2017**

EASTWOOD, Sorcha-Lucy; later SHIRLOW; ed St Hoseph's p s, St Dominic's g s for Girls, Belfast, U of Ulster; life-long resident of Lagan Valley; Brexit adviser to APNI; cllr Lisburn & Castlereagh City C; MLA Lagan Valley 2022-24; interests incl mental health, climate change; concerned over implications of Brexit for the Eire-Northern Ireland border; attracted press attention when her previously arranged wedding at Lisburn coincided with polling day; she and her husband, Dale Shirlow, were married at St Patrick's, then voted at a nearby polling station; at Lagan Valley she finished runner-up

in 2019, having raised the Party percentage poll by 17.70% and by a further 10.8% in 2024 to defeat her DUP opponent; **Belfast West 2017, Lagan Valley 2019, 2024; MP 2024-**

FARRELL, Padraig, b c 1998 campaigns from wheelchair; interests incl extending facilities for disabled; local election cand in Mid Ulster; **Mid Ulster 2024**

FARRY, Stephen Anthony, b Newtonards 1971, ed Queen's Coll; gen sec APNI, Dpty Ldr 2016-24; MLA North Down 2007-19, holding portfolio for Economy & Finance; former Minister for Employment & Learning; cllr North Down BC, later Mayor; Peace Scholar, US Inst of Peace; in 2019 he increased the Alliance vote by 35.88%, climbing from 3rd place to achieve victory by 2,968 votes as APNI's sole representative at Westminster; contributor to *Liberator*; **Down North 2010, 2019, 2024; MP 2019-2024**

FERGUSON, John, JP, b 1911 Belfast ed Moravian s; fruit merchant, volunteer social worker; formerly UUP cand in Stormont elections; later fdr mbr Alliance Party; Belfast City C; briefly mbr Northern Ireland Ass from 1973; the Party's first ever cand in the constituency in difficult times; date of death not known; **Belfast North 1974 Oct**

FERGUSON, Rachel, active with young mothers' groups; interests incl community services, economic dvlpmnt; Derry & Strabane MBC; cand NIA 2022; her 3.3% share of the poll in 2024 overtook the previous best result in Foyle which had stood since 1992; **Foyle 2019, 2024**

FITZPATRICK, Barney, b West Belfast, ed U of Ulster; ret police chief superintendent, Queen's Police Medal for Bravery; severely wounded in gun attack 1971; MA in Legal Admin studies; Causeway, Coast & Glens DC; harbour commissioner; initiated several cross-community initiatives; d 2018; **Londonderry East 2010**

FORD, David, b 1951, grew up in Orpington, Kent, ed local primary s, Dulwich Coll, Queen's U; mbr Presbyterian Church; former social worker, returned to Northern Ireland 1969; holds dual membership APNI/Lib Dems; from 1989 full time Gen Sec of Party; MLA South Antrim 1998-2017, ldr APNI 2001-16, Minister of Justice 2010-16, mbr Cttee for Agriculture, Environment & Rural Affairs 2016-17; respected for major role in restoring stability to Party and making it a force in NI affairs; **Antrim South 1997, 2001, 2005**

FORDE, Patrick M. D., the Party's first cand locally; the APNI did not improve upon his vote share of 6.84% until 2019; **Down South 1979, 1983**

GIRVAN, Deborah, née Coulter, b Couber; PE teacher, later marketing officer Belfast Inst of FE; joined Party 2005; Ald North Down & Ards DC; advocate of integrated schools; **Strangford 2010**

GLASS, J. Basil C., b Leitrim, Eire 1926, ed Queen's U; solicitor, later eminent barrister; joined New Ulster Movement; colleague of Oliver Napier qv; mbr N I Assembly for South Belfast 1973-74; mbr N I Constitutional Convention 1975-76; Pres APNI, Dpty Ldr 1976-80, Chief Whip; Belfast City C; appointed to High Court Bench 1982; in his second fight he hoisted APNI into second place with 25.10%, the highest percentage the Party has ever achieved locally; described as 'gentleman and scholar'; d 2005; **Belfast South 1974 Oct, 1979**

GLENDINNING, Robert James (Robin), b Belfast 1938; grew up in Armagh, ed Rockport s, Campbell Coll, Trinity Coll, Dublin; lect in history; fdr mbr APNI; political organiser from 1973; award winning writer of TV/radio plays; first Party cand in constituency; he polled 8.07 %; NIA cand 1973; **Armagh 1974 Feb**

GORMLEY, Ann, ed Mt Lourdes g s; dental therapist; Omagh D C, later Chair; first Party standard bearer in difficult territory in her 2nd contest; **Mid Ulster 1992, West Tyrone 1997**

GRIFFIN, David, b Tipperary ed Trinity Coll, Dublin; teacher later Vice-Principal; involved in sports admin, tennis, squash, hurling; **Down South 2010**.

GUY, Michelle, Castlereagh MBC; has law degree civil servant later working in marketing and communications; interests incl child care; **Strangford 2024**

HASLETT, John, local election cand; **Fermanagh & South Tyrone 1987**

HAWKINS, Marjorie (Margaret) Julia Hawkins, former dir Northern Ireland Rape Crisis Association; **Belfast North 2005**

HAWTHORNE, David, b 1961? joined Party 2013; environmental officer, cons organic farmer; interest incl unemployment, health, FE, infrastructure, rural dvlpmnt; **Foyle 2015**

HEADING, Brendan, b 1979 ed St Therese de Lisieux p s, St Malachy's Coll, Queen's U; software eng; career in IT has led to travel throughout Europe, USA; last minute nomination, arranged by APNI HQ without knowledge of the LDA, to take advantage of TV broadcast invitation; styles himself 'pragmatic social democrat'; interests incl economics, social/political reform, transport; recent contributor to *Slugger O'Toole* website; **Upper Bann 2010**

HEALEY, Dr Michael, activist/mbr executive Down local APNI association; **Down South 1992**

HENDRON, Jim, b 1931; lawyer; joined APNI 1970, later successively Chair/President; served on NI Constitution Convention; (husband of the following); **Belfast East 1997**

HENDRON, Máire, b Cloughmills, Co Antrim; home economics teacher; Belfast City C 2005-14, Dpty Mayor 2014; only the second APNI cand to stand in the constituency after an interval of 31 years; interests incl charities, education, youth provision, promotion of tourism; replaced Naomi Long qv as MLA for East Belfast, June 2019 on her election to Euro Parliament; (wife of the preceding); **Belfast West 2010**;

HIGGINS, Donnamarie, ed St Louise's c s; LGBTQ+ campaigner, interests incl welfare issues, community services; cand NIA 2022; **Belfast West 2019**

JEFFREY, William Henry, courageously took on for the first time, probably the least promising of all Northern Ireland constituencies for the Party; **Newry & Armagh 1987**

JONES, Keith, pioneering cand who took second place, though well behind the victor, in both his contests, recording 21.53% in 1979; **Down North Oct 1974, 1979**

KAMBLE, Vasundhra, b Mumbai; teacher; lived Northern Ireland since 1995; Lisburn & Castlereagh DC; defected to DUP 2020 claiming the APNI was 'snobby' and 'elitist'; **Fermanagh & South Tyrone 2010.**

KELLY, Neil, b Antrim Town 1964 ed St Comgall's p s, St Louis g s, Ballymena; long career in health/social care, later operations manager for Community Learning Disability Service; Antrim & Newtonabbey DC; **South Antrim 2015, 2017**

KINAHAN, Charles Henry Grierson, b Belfast 1915 ed Stowe; mbr Church of Ireland; service WWII, p.o.w. of the Japanese after fall of Singapore; pursued post-war career in Far East; joined Party 1973; pioneer cand in the constituency, regularly finishing runner-up, though usually over 50% of the poll behind; JP; mbr NI Constitutional Convention, mbr Senate Queen's U, Belfast, High Sheriff, Co Antrim; Dpty Lieut County Antrim; d 1995; **Antrim South 1974 Feb, October, 1979** (see *Dictionary of Ulster Biography*)

LAGAN, Dr J. Aidan, first Party cand in barren territory; he polled 5.32%, the highest the APNI has achieved locally to date; **Mid Ulster 1979, 1983**

LAIRD, Dr Siobhan, ed Queen's U; welfare rights adviser, later counsellor; academic/lect Us of Sheffield, Nottingham; PhD School of Oriental and African Studies, London U 2000; lect U of Ghana; leading figure in study of child protection, numerous interests incl cultural diversity, welfare politics; author of several studies on her subjects; **Down South 1987**

LAVERY, Peter; b 1992? hails from Aghagallon, ed Queen's U; local government cand at Lurgan; left positive impression with local Party; **Upper Bann 2015**

LAWTHER, Alan; clrr Antrim DC, Dpty Mayor; interests incl planning; favours rail link from airport to Belfast; **Antrim South 2010**

LO, Anna (Man-Wah), MBE, b Hong Kong 1950 of Canton-Chinese ancestry; ed Shau Kei Wan Tech s, U of Ulster; Taoist by birth, later, atheist; worked as interpreter for BBC, RUC; lived Northern Ireland since 1974; social worker Chinese Welfare Assn; MLA South Belfast 2007-16, first East Asian ever elected to any UK legislature; Chair, Environmental Comm; subject to intense hostility and threats of physical violence largely for her pro-United Ireland stance, leading to public disagreement with Geraldine Rice qv; did not defend her seat 2016, admitting that she felt intimidated by continuing Loyalist racist abuse; deeply disillusioned, she intimated intention to leave Northern Ireland; interests incl diversity, press freedom; her stand on transparency in public business strongly influenced the subsequent Local Government Bill; courageous campaigner; Euro cand 2014 not eliminated until 7th count; d 2024; **Belfast South 2010**

LONG, Naomi Rachel née Johnston, b East Belfast 1971, ed Mersey Street p s, Bloomfield Collegiate s, Queen's U; Presbyterian background; cons structural eng; clrr Belfast City C; MLA East Belfast 2003-10, 2016-19, 2022- , spokesperson for Northern Ireland Executive Office holds NI Exec portfolio

for Justice; her victory, the first ever in a Westminster election for the APNI, was the major upset of the 2010 General Election; despite the connection between the APNI and the Lib Dems over many years, she did not take the Lib Dem Whip, sitting in opposition to the Coalition Government 2010-15; received death threats over an APNI decision to support the curtailment of flying the union flag over Belfast City Hall; increased her vote by 5.6% in 2015 but was narrowly defeated by her DUP opponent in whose favour other Unionist factions had withdrawn their candidates; Party Dpty Ldr APNI 2006-16, Ldr 2016-; served as first APNI MEP 2019-20; in 2019 she raised her percentage of poll by 8.62%, failing to regain her Westminster seat by only 1,819 votes; **Belfast East 2005, 2010, 2015, 2017, 2019, 2024; MP 2010-2015**

LUNN, Trevor b 1946; clrr Lisburn City C, Mayor 2006-07, MLA Lagan Valley 2007-22, holding group portfolio for Justice; member of numerous committees; figured in media in squabbles over Civil Partnerships also involving Seamus Close, Cllr Betty Campbell qqv c 2005; concerned over Sinn Fein infiltration of primary school boards; mbr Northern Ireland Police Board; resigned from APNI in March 2020 citing 'internal difficulties'; **Lagan Valley, 2010, 2015**

LYNCH, Gerry, b 1977 ed St Malachy's Coll, Queen's U; Whitehall civil servant; joined Party aged 16; Exec Dir APNI 2007-10; interests incl health matters, tackling crime, economic devplmnt; resigned unexpectedly in 2010 complaining he was 'burnt out'; political commentator/writer; reported to be training to be C of E priest 2016; **Antrim East 2010**

McCALLISTER, Nuala, of Catholic background, ed Dominican Co, Ulster U; on APNI HQ staff; Belfast City C, Lord Mayor, 'first-ever young mum' to be appointed to the post; her interests incl ethnic minorities, transport, LGBTQ+ issues; seeks greater transparency in public life; MLA North Belfast 2022-; **Belfast North 2019, 2024**

McBRIDE, Steve, barrister; Chair, APNI in 1990s; mbr N I Forum 1996; narrowly missed winning seat in NIA 1996; High Sheriff, Belfast 1996-97; **Belfast South 1997**

McCARTHY, Kieran, b Newtonards 1942; draper; Newtonards MBC, JP; mbr Peace Forum; MLA Strangford 1998-2016; Chief Whip 2003-07; opposed to style of Direct Rule as exercised by Sec of State for Northern Ireland of the period, Peter Hain; **Strangford 1992, 1997, 2001, 2005**

McCAW, Chris, local clrr; community activist interests incl age matters, greater transparency in public affairs; he raised his percentage poll by 8.88%; NIA cand 2022; **Londonderry East 2017, 2019**

McGOWAN, Patrick; lives Portstewart; **Londonderry East 1987**

McGRATH, Martha, **Londonderry East 1983**

McGRELLIS, Keith, b 1976 Derry ed Queen's U; lived Belfast from 1995; works in IT/computers; polled 0.6% in the most difficult terrain for the APNI in the province; **Foyle 2010**

McILROY, Lara Alexandra b 1967; solicitor in Coleraine? APNI standard bearer in most unpromising territory; her 2.7% share of the poll remained the highest achieved by the APNI in Foyle until 2024; **Foyle 1992**

McINTYRE, Aaron D., b 1990? ed Queen's U, MA Museum Studies; joined Party 2010, Vice-Pres 2017; interests incl young people's issues, environment; Lisburn & Castlereagh DC; serves on boards of Lagan Navigation Trust, N I Museums Council; **Belfast West by-e 2011, Lagan Valley 2017**

McMURRAY, Andrew, lives Castlewellan; cllr Newry, Mourne & Down DC 2016-24, MLA South Down 2024-; keen to foster outdoor pursuits, tourism; **Down South 2017, 2024**

MAGUIRE, Sir Richard Paul, b 1952; barrister 1978, QC 2006, High Court Judge 2012; Kt 2013; lect Queen's U; N I Assembly; he achieved 2nd place in the by-election, the Party's best result here to date; from the mid-1980s concentrated on his legal career; **Belfast North 1983, by-e 1986**

MATHEWS, John, b 1946? activist/cllr in Larne, lay-magistrate; craftsman well-known as master cabinet maker with a speciality in marquetry; **Antrim East 2001**

MAWHINNEY, Gordon, b 1943; former police officer; cllr Newtonabbey BC 1989-97, MPA South Antrim 1982-86; Dpty Ldr APNI 1987-91; he was runner-up in his second contest though 53.8% behind his opponent; **Antrim South 1983, 1987**

MILLAR, Eoin, ed St Mary's c b g s, law student, Ulster U **Belfast West 2024**

MONTGOMERY, John, cllr Belfast City C 1985-89; cand in Belfast City council elections; **Belfast South 1992**

MORROW, Addie James, b Co Down 1928; farmer; Pres APNI, Dpty Ldr 1984-87; Castlereagh BC 1973-89; MPA East Belfast 1982-86; polled 15.8% as first APNI cand in constituency, raising this to 20.3% four years later to achieve 2nd place; d 2012; **Strangford 1983, 1987, Down North 1992**

MUIR, Andrew, ed Ulster U; Pres APNI; Mayor, Ards and North Down DC; MLA North Down 2019-, formerly spokesperson for Education; holds NI Exec portfolio for Agriculture, Environment & Rural affairs; makes regular good use of *Alliance for Everyone* blog; delivers courageous public statements about the influence of paramilitary groups; interests incl restoration, education, transport problems; associate of Stephen Farry; **Newry & Armagh 2010, Down North 2015, 2017**

MULHOLLAND, Sian née O'NEIL b c 1990; served as co-opted member for Belfast City Council 2015; MLA North Antrim 2023; **Antrim North 2024**

NAPIER, Sir Oliver b 1935 of Catholic background, ed St Malachy's Coll, Queen's U, Belfast; solicitor; joined Ulster Liberal Party 1969; after 1970 General Election associated with New Ulster Movement; subsequently expelled from Liberals; fdr mbr; APNI; ldr from 1973, stepping down 1984; Belfast City C; Euro cand 1979; N I Peace Forum from 1996; Kt 1988; the Party's first ever cand in Belfast East where he polled 15,066 votes, 29.55%, to secure third place but only 1.82% short of victory; in both his contests in Down North he secured second place; survived attacks upon his home, threats against his family; escaped several assassination attempts; implacable enemy of sectarianism; strong influence upon Prime Minister Tony Blair in Good Friday Agreement; as one of the outstanding figures in Ulster politics, revered for his courage and integrity on all sides, during Ulster's decades of strife; d 2011; he was the subject of lengthy obituaries in the national press; **Belfast East 1979, 1983, by-e 1986, Down North by-e 1995, 1997**

NEESON, Seán, b 1946 of Roman Catholic background, ed St Malachy's Coll, Queen's U; teacher; joined APNI 1970, Ldr 1998-2001, when he resigned, citing disagreement over direction of leadership with Seamus Close qv; cllr Carrickfergus MBC, later Mayor, mbr N I Forum 1996-98, MLA East Antrim 1998-2011; persistent campaigner contesting Antrim East on six occasions in 22 years, finishing as runner up three times recording 25.6% on his 3rd attempt; Euro cand 1999; d 13/6/2025; **Antrim East 1983, 1986 by-e, 1987, 1992, 1997, 2005**

NELSON, Sam, b North Belfast; Belfast City C 2019-; advocate of shared and integrated society, transparency in government; **Belfast North 2017**

NICHOLL, Kate, born Zimbabwe, ed London U; claims Afro-Irish ancestry, through South African mother, Northern Ireland father; now lives Hollywood, Co Down; primary s governor, Belfast City C; former researcher with Anna Lo qv; forward looking views on racism, abortion law, provision for youth, care of the environment, same sex marriages, transparency in politics; active cricketer; MLA South Belfast 2022-; **Newry & Armagh 2015, Belfast South 2024**

O'GRADY, Gerard, **Foyle 1983**

O'LYNN, Dr Patricia, PhD student, interested in alternative education, crime/criminal justice; concerned at educational inequality in North Antrim; she raised her percentage of poll by 8.52%; MLA North Antrim 2022-23; **North Antrim 2017, 2019**

O'NEILL, Jason, raised in North Belfast, ed Queen's U, Pres Union; deplores 'tribal politics,' 'political deadlock'; **Belfast North 2015**

RAMSAY, Dr William Wallace, a GP at Craigavon; **Armagh 1979, Upper Bann 1992 by-e, 1992, 1997**

RICE, Geraldine MBE, b South Belfast; Alderman Lisburn & Castlereagh DC; energetic, formidable local campaigner over 25 years; interests incl planning, sustainable environment, combatting domestic violence; took issue with Anna Lo qv over the latter's pro-United Ireland stand in Euro Election 2014; subsequently resigned from Party 2017, complaining about colleagues' ageism attitudes; **Belfast South 2001, 2005**

ROOFE, Eddie, born, raised in Enniskillen; cllr in Enniskillen; interests incl local transport, NHS; **Fermanagh & South Tyrone 2024**

STEWART, Dr Richard, ed Bangor U, Ulster U; optical physicist, co dir; Alderman Causeway Coast & Glens BC; **Londonderry East 2024**

SU, Hannah, b Northern Ireland, of Vietnamese origin; ed U of West of England, where she read Law; lived mostly in Dungannon where her family ran a Chinese restaurant; local community activist; teacher South West Coll, Dungannon; works for Southern Trust on community projects; **Fermanagh & South Tyrone 2015**

TENNYSON, Eóin, b 1998? ed Queen's U; active with students union; acc; Armagh BC, MLA Upper Bann 2022-; Dpty Ldr APNI 2024-; strong views on environmental matters, climate emergency, transport; seeks an integrated society and shared future in Ulster; later came out as gay; he raised the Party percentage poll by 8.33%; **Upper Bann 2019, 2024**

TODD, Martyn, MBE, ed Cambridge U; eng with Rolls Royce, General Motors; activist in Lagan Valley; interests incl community relations/services, tourism, environment; mbr N I Tourist Board; organised The Strangford Stone project; left Party to stand in local elections as an independent cand; **Down South 2015**

WATSON, Fay, grew up Cookstown, ed Us of Lancaster, Manchester; career in healthcare; worked in Belgium as dir of charity; has served in admin of several hospital depts; cand NIA 2017; as a breast-feeding mother, was subjected to disgraceful indignities at election count; **Mid Ulster 2017**

WEBB, Billy, born/raised West Belfast; of Catholic background; ret civil servant; Alderman, Antrim & Newtonabbey DC 1997-; APNI Pres; voluntary worker for CAB; many interests; committed to 'shared future' community policies; **Belfast North 2010**

WHITCROFT, Peter W. R.; his share of the poll, 1.9%, remained for some years the highest recorded by APNI in probably the most unpromising constituency for the party in the province; **Newry & Armagh 1997**

WILLIAMS, John Gareth, **Antrim North 1987, 1992**

WILSON, Hugh, b Ballyclare 1905; surgeon; Larne BC; fought N I General Election 1969 as Ind Unionist; later joined APNI later serving as Pres; N I A cand 1973; elected to NICC; first Party cand in the constituency, finishing in second place with 15.11%, though 56.53% behind his opponent; d 1998; **Antrim North 1974 Oct, 1979**

YOUNG, Helena, Chair, Alliance Party N I 2020- ; cllr Newry Mourne & Down DC 2024-; **Newry & Armagh 2024**

ZAMMITT, Elizabeth b 1958; community activist; Dir of Human Rights Consortium; campaigns from motorised wheelchair; polled 2.3%; **Foyle 1987**

SECTION TWO

ULSTER LIBERAL PARTY CANDIDATES in WESTMINSTER PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS 1959-1970

FITZHERBERT, Giles Eden, b Dublin 1935, of Catholic background, ed Ampleforth Coll, Oxford U; began career in stockbroking office; served in Irish Guards; awarded CMG; successively British Ambassador to Venezuela, Dominican Republic 1980s to 90s; lived Wexford, Eire; son-in-law of novelist Evelyn Waugh; d 2023; **Fermanagh & South Tyrone 1964**

HAMILTON, John Albert, b 1931 ins broker; cand for Stormont, Mid Armagh 1965; **Belfast South by-e 1963**, Rossendale 1974 Feb, Oct (Northwest Region)

McELROY, Rev Albert Horatio b Glasgow 1915, ed Trinity Coll, Dublin, Harris-Manchester Coll, Oxford; lecturer at Belfast U; a minister of the Non-Subscribing Presbyterian Church; associated with Harry Midgley in the Commonwealth Labour Party in early 1940s, joined the Northern Ireland Labour Party; fought Down North 1950, 1951; a founder member of the ULP in 1956; contested first election for Liberal Party for Northern Ireland Parliament at by-e at Queen's U, 1958; a vehement opponent of sectarianism and the Unionist government, he was active in the civil rights movement in 1960s, although he did not take part in the civil rights protests of that decade, feeling that bringing crowds onto the streets could result in a return to the violence of the 1920s; spoke passionately at Party Assemblies on the need for conciliation in Northern Ireland; as violence erupted in Ulster in early 1970s, described the polarisation of society as 'a state of mind, bordering on psychosis.' Believing his views too radical, declined to join the Alliance Party on its formation; his health was sadly undermined and his death hastened by his grief at the deteriorating situation in Northern Ireland; d 1975; **Down North 1964**

MOORE, Richard Gillachrist, b 1931 ed privately, Highfields, Liphook, Cambridge U, joined party 1951; Pres U, Pres Liberal Club 1953; journalist with *News Chronicle* to 1960; Sec Gen Liberal International 1961-64, later political sec to Party Leader at Westminster; adviser to Party in Euro Parliament 1979-96; Euro cand 1984; gifted with a distinctive, powerful voice, heard to great advantage at numerous Party Assemblies, Rallies etc; master of the epigram and choice of epithet, he advocated 'a politician should proceed with high tact and low cunning;' twice bravely confronted the dreaded Rev Ian Paisley on his home territory; remained an authoritative speaker and writer on Europe, foreign affairs, voting reform etc; author of definitive article on STV in *The Independent*, Nov 2013; still attending important Party events until 2017; an unflagging, zealous campaigner fighting eight elections over two decades; at Norfolk North in 1974 he was the first Party challenger in 24 years, polling 23.8%; he received long press obituaries on his death in 2019; (his son Charles, b 1956, now Baron M. of Etchingham, though originally a Liberal, became an eminent right-wing journalist, successively Editor of *The Daily Telegraph*, *The Spectator* and *The Sunday Telegraph*; a virulent critic of the BBC; Tavistock 1955, 1959 (Devon & Cornwall Region), Cambridgeshire by-e 1963, 1964 (East of England Region), **Antrim North 1966, 1970**, North Norfolk 1974 Feb, Oct (East of England Region)

MURNAGHAN, Sheelagh Mary, OBE, b Dublin 1924, of Catholic background, grand-daughter of Nationalist MP; grew up at Omagh, Co Tyrone ed Loreto Convent, Omagh, Loreto Abbey, Dublin U, Queen's U; played hockey for Ulster and Ireland; called to Bar 1948 as first woman barrister in the province; elected to the Northern Ireland Parliament for Belfast University serving as MP at Stormont MP 1961-1969; first Liberal Party cand in Northern Ireland Westminster election for several decades; welcomed growth of Northern Ireland Civil Rights Association as compatible with broader aims of Ulster Liberal Party; after numerous death threats from both sides of the Ulster divide, her home was the target of a terrorist bomb, Feb 1970, as a new phase of violence erupted against a background of polarisation of opinion; member of newly established Community Relations Commission; against bitter opposition she introduced several Human Rights Bills relating to employment, housing and public facilities; advocated equal pay; earthy sense of humour, came to be respected even by bitterly sectarian Ulster Unionists; associated with Rev Albert McElroy; courageous campaigner; believing her ideas to be too radical, declined to join the Alliance Party on its formation; resumed her career as barrister; adjudicated on first case of sexual harassment heard by courts in Britain; partial to an occasional cigar; d Belfast 1993; she features in *Mothers of Liberty* (Lib Dem History Group 2012); a biography *Sheelagh Murnaghan: Stormont's Only Liberal MP* by Ruth Illingworth appeared in 2019; **Belfast South 1959, Down North 1966**

QUINN, John Gerard, b 1937 ed St Patrick's g s, Downpatrick, de la Salle Coll, Manchester; originally teacher; sec of N. I. Assn of Schoolmasters; Chairman ULP in late 1960s; in his first contest he polled a creditable 18.7% finishing in second place behind the Ulster Unionists; **Down South 1966, 1970**

ROSENFIELD, Judith Beatrice, b Belfast 1903, of Jewish background, ed Princess Gardens, Belfast, Queen's U, Belfast; journalist; cand for Northern Ireland Parliament 1962; d before 1993; **Belfast South 1964**

SIMONDS-GOODING, (Major) Hamilton, b 1912, of Catholic background ed Epsom Coll; military service Indian army; freelance journalist; Vice-Pres Ulster Liberal Party; Freeman of Merchant Taylors' Co; Knight of Malta; of distinguished appearance; deceased; **Down South 1964**, South Bedfordshire 1966 (East of England Region), **Down North 1970**

SMITH, Rodney, b 1945, of Jewish background, ed Campbell Coll, Queen's U, Belfast, Cambridge U; sales rep, later FE lect; Ulster Liberal Exec; once described by an inept BBC Midlands TV host as being 'to the left of Andrew Faulds' (his Labour opponent in Warley East), a position in no way to be construed as being on the extreme of the political spectrum; emerged briefly from decades in total obscurity in May 2010 to voice opposition to the Lib-Dems joining the Coalition Government; **Antrim South 1970**, Warley East 1974 Oct (West Midland Region), Newton 1979, Oldham West 1983 (both Northwest Region)