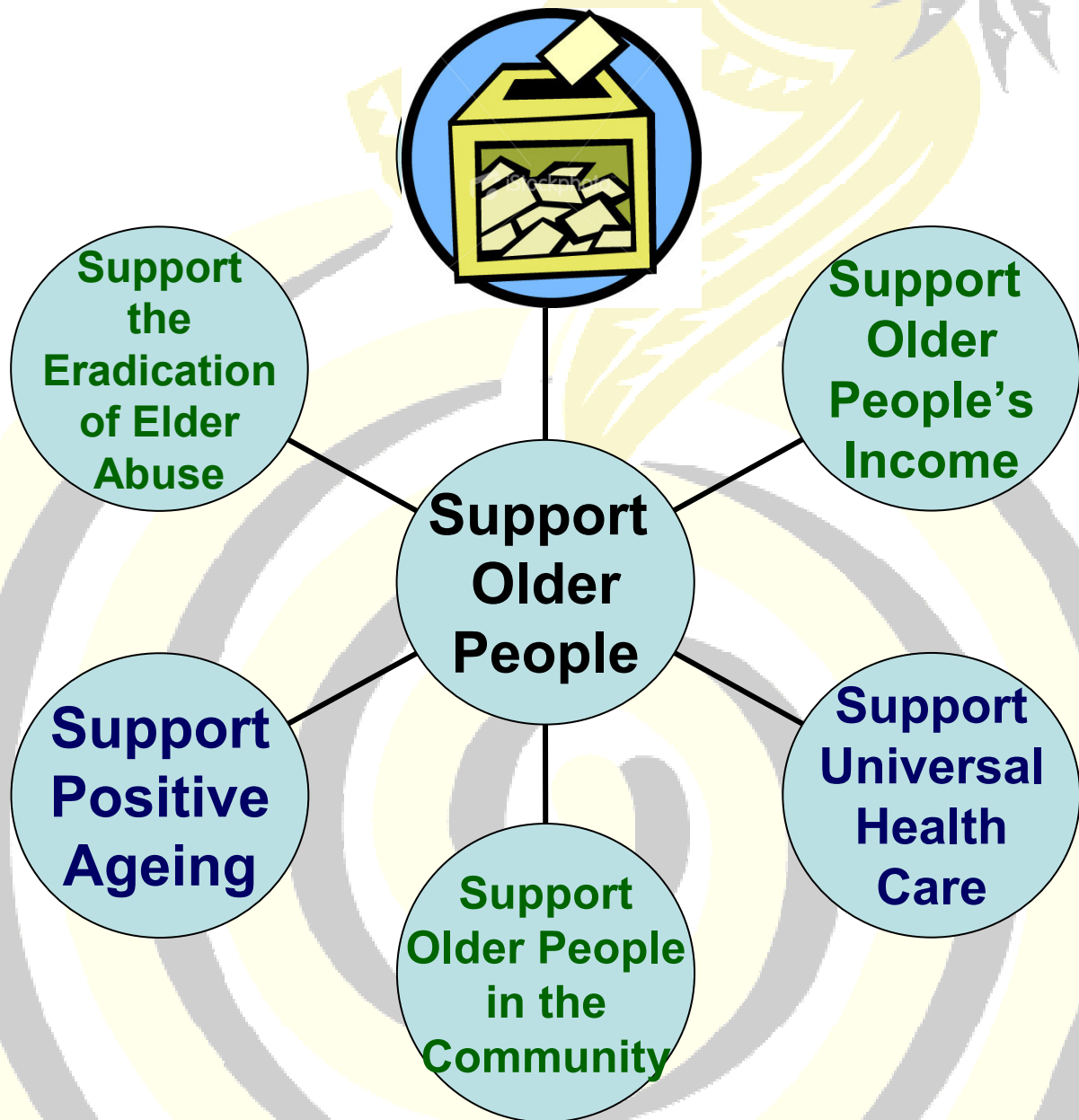


# General Election 2011

## Support Older People

### Irish Senior Citizens Parliament



**Ask your local Candidates & their Representatives if they will commit to supporting Older People.**

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- ✓ 10,000 older people in Ireland live in consistent poverty
- ✓ Almost 50% of Older People rely on the state pension as their main income
- ✓ Ireland has the 3<sup>rd</sup> worst old age poverty rate in the OECD – 4<sup>th</sup> worst in the EU27
- ✓ Older People paid high taxes throughout their lives

### Support Older People's Income

Older People have lost their Christmas Pension payment, income tax credits & exemptions & were hit especially hard by the USC. They now pay prescription charges, waste & water charges as well as carbon & property taxes.

It's a fact that 85% of Older People would live in poverty without social transfers.

**Do you support NO further attacks on Older People's income & the protection of the State Pension? Do you support a national waiver system & action to stamp out fuel poverty for pensioners?**

### Support Universal Health Care

The current two tiered health system is not working. Older People are lying on trolleys & on waiting lists. Those with insurance are facing massive premium hikes & uncertainty. We need a Health Service with universal access, free at the point of delivery, based on need. **Do you support a Universal Health Care System based on need as opposed to ability to pay, where ALL receive healthcare & are treated with dignity throughout their lives?**

### Support Older People in the Community

Older People need supports to enable them to remain living in their own homes & communities for as long as possible. These include home help, day care centres, the provision of meals & home care packages. They need access to transport, security & health services to enable active participation & social inclusion.

**Do you support the provision of these services to empower Older People?**

### Support the National Positive Ageing Strategy

The publication of the NPAS is long overdue. Extensive consultation is now complete. The strategy will play an important role in informing future policies and decision making & will move Ireland towards becoming the best place to grow old.

**Do you support the publication of the National Positive Ageing Strategy?**

### Support the Eradication of Elder Abuse

For too long Older People have been the victims of abuse in their own homes, in places of care and in the community. We must fight to eradicate Elder Abuse whether financial, physical or psychological or a combination of all three.

**Do you support the eradication of Elder Abuse & the introduction of regulations to protect vulnerable Older People?**

Its YOUR vote – use it on 25 February 2011