

ELECTION '09 – Ethnic Candidates

**'List of immigrant candidates'**

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José Ospina (LAB) Cork South West

From Colombia, 61-year-old development consultant. In Ireland since 1996. Married with three children.

Idowu Olafimihan (FF) Fingal County Council

From Nigeria, 39-year-old running security business. In Ireland since 1999. Living with partner and children.

Stella Oladapo (FF) Leterkenny Town Council

From Nigeria, 37-year-old claims examiner for UnitedHealth Group. In Ireland since 2004. Married with four children.

Frances Soney-Ituen (IND) Athy Town Council

From Nigeria, 36-year-old corrosion engineer and founder of the Women's Integrated Network (WIN). In Ireland since 2003. Married with two children.

Paul Osikoya (GRN) Tuam Town Council

From Nigeria, 45-year-old economist researching PhD at NUI Galway. In Ireland since 2000. Married with five children.

Okey Williams Kalu (FG) Castlebar Town Council

From Nigeria, 36-year-old law student. In Ireland since 2005. Married with four children.

Shaheen Ahmed (FF) South Dublin Co Council, Lucan

From Pakistan, 54-year-old businessman. In Ireland since 1981. Married with four children.

Tomasz Askuntowicz (FG) Tullamore Town Council

From Poland, 39-year-old fitter/welder. In Ireland since 2003. Married with two children.

Anna Banko (FF) Limerick East

From Poland, 30-year-old beautician. In Ireland since 2004. Single, no children.

Agnieszka Faltyn (FG) Templemore Town Council

From Poland, 29-year-old restaurant supervisor. In Ireland since 2006. Married with two children.

Katarzyna Gaborec (FF) Mullingar Town Council

From Poland, 26-year-old administrator in a construction company. In Ireland since 2007. Single, no children.

Anna Kulikowska (LAB) Shannon Town Council  
From Poland, 35-year-old waiter. In Ireland since 2004. Single with one child.

Anna Michalska (FF) Kilkenny City Council  
From Poland, 26-year-old health and safety instructor. In Ireland since 2004. Living with partner.

Wojciech Wisniewski (FF) Shannon Town Council  
From Poland, 30-year-old assistant bar manager. In Ireland since 2004. Single, no children.

Alex Peter Ivanov (GRN) Bailieborough/Cootehill Town Council  
From Russia, 37-year-old student at the Cavan Institute. In Ireland since 2000. Married with three children.

Anna Rooney (FF) Clones Town Council  
From Russia, 35-year-old owner of Culture Link training agency. In Ireland since 2000. Married with two children.

Patrick Maphoso (IND) Dublin North Inner City  
From South Africa, 40-year-old security consultant. In Ireland since 2001. Married with four children.

John Hardt (GRN) Kildare County Council  
From the United States, 57-year-old homemaker. In Ireland since 1996. Married with three children.

Tendai Madondo (GRN) Tallaght South  
From Zimbabwe, 33-year-old aid worker for Christian Aid. In Ireland since 2002. Married with three children.

Bartłomiej Bruzewicz (FG) Dublin North Inner City  
From Poland, 30-year-old law graduate working for Group 4. In Ireland since 2006.

Eddie Kimpwene (IND) Castlebar Town Council  
From DR Congo, 39-year-old owner of Fast Eddie Recruitment. In Ireland since 2000. Married with five children.

Baby Pereppadan (IND) Tallaght South  
From India, 41-year-old area manager for Avon Cosmetics Ireland. In Ireland since 2000. Married with two children.

Ina Nemirskaitė (FF) Carrickmacross Town Council  
From Latvia, 35-year-old translator. In Ireland since 2002. Lives with partner and two children.

Kristina Jankaitiene (GRN) Carrickmacross Town Council  
From Lithuania, 24-year-old homemaker. In Ireland since 2002. Married with two children.

Vilma Moceviciene (FG) Balbriggan Town Council  
From Lithuania, 41-year-old receptionist at Citizen Information Service. In Ireland since 2002. Married with two children.

Ala Olsevaska (FF) Portlaoise Town Council  
From Lithuania, 39-year-old head chef at the Heritage Hotel, Killenard. In Ireland since 2000. Married with two children.

Elena Secas (LAB) Limerick East  
From Moldova, 35-year-old MA student at University of Limerick. In Ireland since 2001. Married with one child.

Jan Rotte (LAB) Lismore Town Council  
From the Netherlands, 59-year-old management consultant and Mayor of Lismore. In Ireland since 1997. Married with four children.

Michael Abiola-Phillips (FG) Letterkenny Town Council  
From Nigeria, 44-year-old qualified teacher. In Ireland since 2002. Married with four children.

Rotimi Adebari (IND) Portlaoise Town Council/Laois Co Council  
From Nigeria, 45-year-old intercultural consultant. In Ireland since 2000. Married with four children.

Festus Peters Asemota (IND) Cork County Council  
From Nigeria, 46-year-old international lawyer. In Ireland since 2000. Married with four children.

Benedicta Attoh (FG) Dundalk South  
From Nigeria, consultant on diversity management in her late 30s. In Ireland since 2000. Mother of six.

Yinka Dixon (GRN) Louth Co Council/Drogheda Borough Council  
From Nigeria, 48-year-old lecturer with Dublin VEC. In Ireland since 1999. Married with children.

George Enyoazu (GRN) Dundalk Town Council  
From Nigeria, 46-year-old self-employed salesman and MA student at DCU. In Ireland since 2001. Married with four children.

Dr Taiwo Matthew (IND) Ennis Town Council

From Nigeria, 47-year-old public health specialist. In Ireland since 1999. Married with three children.

Philips Femi Obimah (GRN) Mullingar Town Council

From Nigeria, 35-year-old company owner and student at Trinity College. In Ireland since 2001. Separated with one child.

Adeola Ogunsina (FG) Fingal County Council

From Nigeria, economist in his late 30s. In Ireland since 2000. Married with children.

Ignatius Okafor (IND) Fingal County Council

From Nigeria, 39-year-old IT engineer at Temple Street Children's Hospital. In Ireland since 2000. Married with two children.

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