

Pro-choice group risking jail with 'abortion pill bus'



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Ruth Coppinger

Pro-choice activists who are defying the law by driving a bus across Ireland today to offer abortion pills to women risk a 14-year prison sentence.

The so-called 'abortion pill bus' will give information to women about how to procure the pills, which are currently illegal in Ireland.

It will leave Dublin today and travel to Galway, Limerick and Cork.

It will provide women with a private consultation room to speak with a WomenOnWeb doctor.

WomenOnWeb is a Dutch non-profit organisation that distributes pills in countries where abortion is illegal.

Organisers say women who need access to the pills will be accommodated after undergoing an online consultation.

The nationwide pro-choice campaign is being organised by Rosa, a reproductive rights group, and Socialist party TD Ruth Coppinger, among others.

The bus will give information to women about how to procure abortion pills should they need them.

Pro-choice activist and one of the organisers of the Limerick rally, Aprille Scully, said the event was organised "to highlight the need for a repeal of the 8th Amendment and to publicise the pills as a safe, cheap and non-surgical abortion being denied to women".

However Dr Ruth Cullen, of the pro-life campaign, called the event "the latest publicity stunt" from Deputy Coppinger.

"It is an incredibly dangerous and irresponsible one that puts the lives of women at serious risk. Those lending their support to the abortion pill bus have no credibility talking about women's health," she said.

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Ah, Ruthie and her merry band of attention seekers. Throw the book at them.

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Excellent-time for the debate to be brought to a head in this country. The 8th has been a disaster. It needs to go and instead of the supreme court ruling on a case by case basis what is a medical issue, we need legislation

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Barn_Swallow

24 minutes ago

@franp "Excellent-time for the debate to be brought to a head in this country" I would recommend that before entering into debate on this issue that contributors read "Abortion Statistics, England and Wales: 2013"

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18 minutes ago

@Barn_Swallow Irrelevant, different jurisdiction

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@franp @Barn_Swallow Wow! That says alot for your intelligence.

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13 minutes ago

@franp Having done this contributors would be in a better position to judge whether the 8th has been a disaster at all.

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@Barn_Swallow The 8th, as interpreted by the supreme court, allows for abortion in certain circumstances, you need to familiarise yourself with X

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Beermonster

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Let them off. Ruth Coppinger and her merry band only bring ridicule upon themselves. Most rational minded people will see this stunt exactly for what it is.

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How stupid can you get? Handing out pills without any knowledge of a woman's medical history, without any follow up care? Hey, but sure as long as you get your little publicity stunt who cares right?

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The death bus

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Dr.Bob

3 hours ago

Yet another cheap stunt by the Looney left which shows beyond any doubt that they have no interest at all in women's health, only the destruction of innocent human life. What type of sad lowlifes would promote such barbaric violence against defenseless innocent human life?

In Holland it is permissible to kill a child up to the age of 12 under certain circumstances under the Groningen protocol. It was introduced as an extension to abortion. After all there is no difference between a foetus one

hour before birth and a neonate one hour after birth. If doctors missed a deformity in a child in the womb they could legally "rectify" their mistake afterwards through infanticide. Would Coppinger and her rent a mob support this barbaric form of child abuse as well?

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FintanOfLaois

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@Dr.Bob Do tell us what this could possibly have to do with repealing an Irish law that means a 13-year-old pregnant rape or incest victim could not have an abortion if she did not wish to carry the rapist's offspring to term? Or that a woman carrying a foetus that early scans reveal will be incapable of living for more than seconds or minutes after birth will be forced to carry it for many more months rather than having a termination and being able to try again to conceive a healthy child?

It's so easy for you, Doctor Bob, to talk, because you will never be pregnant. So quit the scaremongering and out-of-context examples and try to deal with the reality that thousands of Irish women each year go abroad for abortions and they will continue to do so. So why not allow them to have them in Ireland, surrounded by supportive family and friends, after they have made the difficult choice to do so.

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@FintanOfLaois @Dr.Bob Ah the non-resident know it all is back. You'll never be pregnant yourself Fintan so spare us the tedium of the usual "its a womens issue" rubbish. Male children are killed and vacumed form the womb just as often as female children. Abortion is not the answer.

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So would you like to see that same 13 year old rape victim being handed a pill, no questions asked? No follow up questions asking how she got pregnant? No counselling offered? No attempt to identify her abuser? Do you realise that abortions can have an impact on future fertility for some people and do carry risks to the woman. They are not the miracle panacea of every unwanted pregnancy and its associated problems.

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**Silas_Baggins**

1 hour ago

@FintanOfLaois @Dr.Bob well if it isn't our resident Mr. Very Angry back for his daily rant. You have it bad so I'm getting another mass said for you, and all the other nutters you hang out with. LOL

At your age what have women's reproductive systems got to do with you. You should be saying your prayers.

How are the holidays going. Although you won't see much from inside the broom cubbard. Did you send 'her indoors' out to do a bit of shopping so you could have a clear run at it?

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**Judith38**

1 hour ago

@Silas_Baggins @FintanOfLaois @Dr.Bob

If you want to know how a young rape victim feels, read up on the Miss C case. She was taken to England for an abortion and has suffered the consequences ever since.

Her case was used by the Pro Choice side until the young lady spoke up and said that she wished her child could have lived.

Where was her choice - in anything?

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**Judith38**

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@FintanOfLaois

Read up on Andrea Bocelli whose mother was told that her child would be born with a disability but thankfully for those of us who love music, she did not listen when the suggestion of an abortion was raised.

Read up on Jack Nicholson, born to a single mother - and he is staunchly pro life because of his mother's bravery in face of other views.

We know about these men because they were given their 'right to life'. How many little ones have that right denied so of course, they have no voice.

It is easy for you Fintan to talk because you were allowed to be born and to develop your speech. Why deny that to other little babies, before they are born?

And I am a Mum so I am very clear that my baby was NOT a part of my body, before birth - otherwise birth would mean

an amputation.

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franp

1 hour ago

@Judith38 I, meanwhile have had conversation with women who have had no regrets at all, we can all cite examples from either side ad nauseam

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SadButTrue

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I hope the Gardai arrest them. what they are doing is illegal even though some thing it's the right thing to do. If the Gardai fail to stop them then the should be charges in failing in their Duty.

Working outside the law is not the answer and is unacceptable. And I'm pro choice that women should be the only ones who have the right to do what they want to do to their own bodies.

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FintanOfLaois

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@SadButTrue People who demand respect for human rights that are denied them have sometimes had no real option but to violate unjust laws. Gandhiji, Martin Luther King and Nelson Mandela are outstanding examples, and I suppose you could add Lech Walensa to that honourable company. And, you ought to note, their causes eventually triumphed over those who used the law to try and prevent it.

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@FintanOfLaois @SadButTrue Ask Lech Walesa what he thinks of abortion. Please don;t try to equate killing unborn children to bringing about the fall of communism, Indian nationalism or the rights of black people.

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David1970

43 minutes ago

@okay @FintanOfLaois @SadButTrue ah sure thats what he always does - didnt he say gay marriage was the same

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10fingers

28 minutes ago

@FintanOfLaois @SadButTrue

" It seems to me as clear as daylight that abortion would be a crime" Gandhiji.

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yosoycarlos

4 hours ago

The usual irresponsible behaviour from Coppinger and her half baked theories that have failed wherever they have been put in place

Rights Rights Rights but no responsibility. We have condoms we have the pill we have IUDs all there to protect the woman from unwanted pregnancy but no we need to murder our own when people can't be bothered to do what is responsible

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FintanOfLaois

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Very courageous, and I wish them the best of success. Dr Ruth Cullen of the so-called pro-life campaign really takes the biscuit for hypocrisy when she says: "*It is an incredibly dangerous and irresponsible one that puts the lives of women at serious risk.*" Actually, it is the likes of her who continue to support the misbegotten Eighth Amendment and deny Irish women the same access to important medical services that their sisters elsewhere enjoy who is putting the lives and health of many Irish women at risk. not to mention demonising them and causing them unnecessary mental stress when they have to make what must be a difficult decision for any women. But Dr. Cullen needs to recognise that it is the woman's choice and hers alone. No one will force any woman to have an abortion if that is not what she finds to be the preferential option for her.

This one will be a hot potato for the authorities, as any move against those brave women will rebound badly on conservative and do-little politicians at home and bring an enormous amount of negative publicity in terms of Ireland's international image. Hopefully actions of this kind will continue and escalate during the peak tourist season. Ireland's treatment of women is shameful and that shame must be thrust in the face of the world.

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Floating_voter

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@FintanOfLaois

There will be as much chance of arrests in this situation as there are when overweight Republicans 'mask up' and parade around Dublin in military surplus kit for the funerals of dead terrorists.

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2234546.

7 hours ago

the pro life activists must all be in bed not a care in the world unlike the women of the country who are facing pregnancy and having to make decisions on there own

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@2234546. Don't worry, the anti-choice zealots will be along soon enough, under multiple handles, to spout the same old, same old nonsense that only their brand of religious fundamentalists and ideological zealots can produce.

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ctbadger666

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41 minutes it took, they're getting sloppy ;)

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dapappy

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Thank almighty god fir judgement day when murdering babies will cease to be anymore

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FintanOfLaois

2 hours ago

@dapappy LOL

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1 hour ago

@FintanOfLaois @2234546. Yes here I am. I'm against the

killing of unborn human beings. I went to mass in 2001 (well it was for a family first communion, forgive me). I am your typical religious, ideological zealot. Of course there would be nothing ideological or zealous about your pursuit of the right to kill another human being for your own convenience?

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Nah, some of us have children to look after. You know, feed them, bathe them, dress them, facing up to our responsibilities... that kind of thing.

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