

PIRATE PARTY ELECTION EVENTS – October 2016

ELECTION NIGHT PARTY

The Pirates' Election Night Party will be held on Saturday at Bryggjan, Grandagarði 8, 101 Reykjavík from 20:00 hrs onwards.

The party is open to the general public as well as the press. A designated media area will be available for cameras and sound where interviews with candidates can be conducted.

Parts of the election night party will be streamed live over our YouTube

Channel with pre-taped film clips from Pirate supporteress from around the world :

<https://www.youtube.com/user/PiratepartyIceland>

Facebook live <https://www.facebook.com/Piratar.Island/>

Please contact Jon Thorisson via email at jon.thorisson@icloud.com or on location to arrange interviews with party candidates.

POST-ELECTION PRESS CONFERENCE

On Sunday, the 30th of October, the Pirates will hold a press conference for the international press at Bryggjan, Grandagarði 8, 101 Reykjavík. The press conference starts at 15:00 hrs and will be live streamed through our YouTube Channel

<https://www.youtube.com/user/PiratepartyIceland>

RECENT ARTICLES ABOUT PIRATES

[**The Radical, Grassroots-led Pirate Party just might win Iceland's elections**](#) - The Nation

[**Iceland's Pirate Party prepares for power as polls suggest election triumph**](#) - The Independent

[Iceland's Pirate Party Seek Alliance for Systemic Change](#) - Bloomberg

[Iceland's Pirate Party Could Be on Course for an Electoral Victory](#) - TIME

[The Icelandic Pirate Party and the Search for a New Democracy](#) - Moyers & Company

[Preparing for power: Can Iceland's Pirate Party change system from the inside?](#) - OpenDemocracy

[Iceland's Pirate Party may form next government, according to polls](#) - The Independent

[Iceland election could propel radical Pirate Party into power](#) - The Guardian

BACKGROUND OF THE ELECTIONS

Elections in Iceland were brought forward in the aftermath of the Panama Papers' scandal, which led to the biggest protest in Icelandic history on April 4th 2016 where 22.000 from a nation of 330.000 took to the streets to protest a government whose ministers were involved in the Panama Papers. In that week 81% wanted the Prime Minister to resign and 69% wanted the Finance Minister to resign. Both ministers along with the Minister of the interior figured in the Panama Papers along with roughly 600 other Icelandic nationals.

Previously the conservative coalition government had bypassed parliamentary protocols to derail Iceland's EU bid, despite having promised, prior to the last parliamentary elections, to hold a referendum on whether accession talks should resume.

The conservative coalition government also discontinued special fisheries fees and cancelled the wealth tax.

The newly installed Minister of the Interior was also involved in offshore accounts exposed by the Panama Papers leak, with the previous Minister of the Interior having had to resign due to a scandal involving leaking of sensitive information on asylum seekers from Nigeria, while the Minister of Education and Culture was also accused of corruption in office.

Q&A from 7th of april. When the Panama Papers were current:

<http://blog.piratar.is/thingflokkur/2016/04/07/qa-updated-7-april-from-icelandic-pirate-party-mps/>

OTHER POLITICAL PARTIES IN ICELAND

The Independence Party

Sjálfstæðisflokkurinn (IS) is a centre-right political party. It was formed in 1929 through a merger of the Conservative Party and the Liberal Party. From 1929, the party won the largest share of the vote in every election until the 2009 election, when it fell behind the Social Democratic Alliance. Until Benediktsson took the leadership after the 2009 defeat, every Independence Party leader had also held the office of Prime Minister.

Read more here: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Independence_Party_\(Iceland\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Independence_Party_(Iceland))

The Progressive Party

Framsóknarflokkurinn (IS) is a centre-right political party. It was founded in 1916 to represent Iceland's farmer class. Its primary support still comes from the rural areas of Iceland and its policy roots still stem from its origin as an agrarian party, although it has since come to self-identify as a liberal party, though this is disputed outside of the party. It has been in government since 2013, having two Prime Ministers, as Sigmundur Davíð Gunnlaugsson, the ex leader of the party, had to step down as PM following the Panama Papers scandal. His successor was Sigurður Ingi Jóhannsson, current leader of the party.

Read more here: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Progressive_Party_\(Iceland\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Progressive_Party_(Iceland))

The Left - Green Movement

Vinstrihreyfing - grænt framboð (IS) is a left of center political party. It was founded in 1999 and focuses on democratic socialist values, feminism and environmentalism. The Left-Greens were in government in 2009-2013, following the economic collapse, forming a coalition government with the Social Democrat Alliance. It's leader is Katrín Jakobsdóttir.

Read more here: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Left-Green_Movement

Social Democrat Alliance

Samfylkingin (IS) is a left of center political party. It was founded in 2000 through a merger of the Social Democratic Party, the People's Alliance, the Women's List and National Awakening. The Social Democrat Alliance formed a government in 2007 with the Independence Party, and again in 2009 with the Left-Green Movement. It's leader is Oddný G. Harðardóttir.

Read more here: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Social_Democratic_Alliance

Bright Future

Björt Framtíð (IS) is a center party. It was founded in 2012, and gained 6 seats in the parliamentary elections in 2013. It is a member of Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe (ALDE) and supports Iceland joining the European Union and adopting the Euro currency. It's leader is Óttarr Proppé.

Read more here: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bright_Future_\(Iceland\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bright_Future_(Iceland))

Other Parties

Viðreisn

Alþýðufylkingin

Flokkur fólksins

Viðreisn

Dögun

Alþýðufylkingin

Íslenska Þjóðfylkingin

Flokkur Fólksins

Húmanistaflokkurinn