

GAEL OF THE YEAR

John Perry TD

John Perry TD is married to Marie and is father of Jude. He was re-elected to the Dáil in May 2007.

In October 2007 John was appointed Chairperson of the Joint Oireacchtais Committee on EU Scrutiny.

He was Fine Gael Spokesperson on the Marine from 2004 to 2007. John served as Chairman of the Public Accounts Committee between September 2002 and October 2004 and was Vice-Chairman of the Oireachtas Joint Committee on Communications and Natural Resources.

He was first elected to the Dáil in 1997 for the constituency of Sligo Leitrim. He was [Fine Gael](#) spokesperson on Science, Technology, Small Business & Enterprise and the Border Counties from 1997-2000. In June 2000 John was appointed Assistant Director of Organization and Junior Spokesperson with special responsibility for Border Issues. He held this post until February 2001.

He is Chairman of Ballymote Community Enterprise, the first economic community enterprise established in Sligo aimed at creating long-term employment for the area. He is also Chairman of Ballymote Cattle & Horse Show and a member of various community and development committees and organizations.

John was the recipient of the Sligo Person of the Year Award in 1993 and the winner of the Irish Quality Business Award in 1991 and 1992.