

7th Annual NERI Labour Market Conference

Wednesday 1st May, 2019 Magee Campus, Ulster University

Programme

09.00 - 9.45	REGISTRATION. SCONES & TEA/COFFEE WILL BE AVAILABLE	MU Building Foyer
9.45 - 10.00	CONFERENCE OPENING.	MU Building, Room MU125
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcome: Dr Malachy O'Neill, Provost at Magee Welcome: Dr Tom Healy, Director of NERI 		
10.05 - 11.35	SESSION ONE	
The Future of Work: automation technology impacts		MU Building, Room MU125
Session 1A, Chair: Dr Tom McDonnell, NERI <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lena Jacobs, Department of the Taoiseach <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Automation and Occupations: A Comparative Analysis of the Impact of Automation on Occupations in Ireland</i> Dr Lisa Wilson, NERI <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>The Future of Work: the impact of automation technologies for employment in Northern Ireland</i> Paul Mac Flynn, NERI <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>The Future of Work: the impact of automation technologies for job quality in Northern Ireland</i> 		
Labour Market Activation, Welfare Conditionality, Legislation and Policy		MU Building, Room MU201
Session 1B, Chair: Gail Irvine, Carnegie Trust <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jonathan Arlow, Dublin City University <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>A JobBridge to Nowhere? The National Internship Scheme as Fast Policy Leading to Bad Policy.</i> Dr Keith Puttick, Staffordshire University <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>The Welfare State, Wages, and Work - Disintegration or Renewal?</i> Orlaith Mannion, Department of Employment Affairs & Social Protection <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Employment (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2018 - from policy proposal to legislation</i> 		

Worker Participation and Employee Well-being		MU Building, Room MU202
<p>Session 1C, Chair: Kevin Callinan, Fórsa Trade Union</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kevin O’Kelly, European Trade Union Institute <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>EU Study of Direct Employee Participation.</i> • Michael Taft, SIPTU <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Economic democracy and the productivity challenge.</i> • John Moriarty, Queens University Belfast <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Once more to the well? Planning for retirement and associated transitions.</i> 		
11.35 - 11.50	TEA & COFFEE & TRAYBAKES	MU Building Foyer
11.50 - 12.50	SESSION TWO	
Regional Development, Cross Border Regions and Local Labour Markets		MU Building, Room MU125
<p>Session 2A, Chair: Paul Gosling, Freelance business Journalist</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pauline White, Western Development Commission <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Sectoral Employment Profile of the Western Region of Ireland: Policy Implications.</i> • Deirdre Frost, Western Development Commission <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Travel to work areas and labour catchments - rural and border areas.</i> 		
‘Just Transitions’, employment effects and inclusive growth		MU Building, Room MU201
<p>Session 2B, Chair: Ciaran Nugent, NERI</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bela Galgoczi, ETUI <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Phasing out coal in energy generation - employment effects, transitions and policies.</i> • Paul Goldrick-Kelly, NERI <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>A Just Transition in Ireland? The case of Bord na Móna and the Midlands.</i> 		
Employment, Economic Inactivity and Disabled people		MU Building, Room MU202
<p>Session 2C, Chair: Goretta Horgan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anne Devlin, Queen’s University Belfast <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Understanding work disability in Northern Ireland • Jason Olsen, Ulster University <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The segregation of disabled people from Northern Ireland’s labour market 		

12.50 - 1.45	NETWORKING LUNCH	The Great Hall, MD Building
1.45 - 2.55	SESSION THREE - 'LABOUR MARKET STATISTICS ON THE ISLAND OF IRELAND	MU Building, Room MU125
<p>Session Chair: Dr Tom Healy, NERI</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cathryn Blair, NISRA • Edel Flannery, CSO <p>This session will include a keynote presentation from both Cathryn Blair, NISRA and Edel Flannery, CSO.</p> <p>Following this the chair will facilitate discussion around 3 main themes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Capacity/Feasibility for all-island labour market statistics in the future. - Use of labour market statistics in the media - the good, the bad, the ugly. - Do labour market statistics/assessments of the labour market focus too much on quantity and not enough on quality? <p>There will also be opportunity for Q&A from delegates.</p>		
2.55 - 4.25	SESSION FOUR	
Job Quality, Measurement and Policy		MU Building, Room MU125
<p>Session 4A, Chair: Professor Ann-Marie Gray, Ulster University</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gail Irvine, Carnegie Trust <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Measuring Good Work.</i> • Daniel O'Callaghan and Fiona Kane, Department of Public Expenditure and Reform <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Quality of Employment: Indicators and Trends.</i> • Ciaran Nugent, NERI <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Precarious work in Ireland.</i> 		
Innovation, Competitiveness and Skills: Implications for the labour market		MU Building, Room MU201
<p>Session 4B, Chair: Paul Mac Flynn, NERI</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Tom McDonnell, NERI <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Innovation and Growth: Concepts and Policy implications.</i> • Dr Esmond Birnie, Ulster University <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Competitiveness measures: Labour force implications.</i> 		

Labour Market Participation & Discouraged Workers		MU Building, Room MU202
<p>Session 4C, Chair: Paul Goldrick-Kelly, NERI</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Corina Miller, Queen’s University Belfast <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>The impact of co-resident grandparent’s informal childcare on mother’s labour force participation.</i> • Dr Ewa Galecka-Burdziak, Warsaw School of Economics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Asymmetry and non-linearity in the discouraged and added worker effects.</i> 		
4.30 - 6.30	<p>Close of Conference. Informal wine & hot finger food reception</p> <p>Launch of Dr Tom Healy, Director of NERI recently published book titled: <i>‘An Ireland worth working for - Towards a New Democratic Programme’</i></p>	Council Room, MD Building