

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

<b>Worker Participation and Employee Well-being</b>		<b>MU Building, Room MU202</b>
<p><b>Session 1C</b>, Chair: Kevin Callinan, Fórsa Trade Union</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kevin O’Kelly, European Trade Union Institute <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>EU Study of Direct Employee Participation.</i></li> </ul> </li> <li>• Michael Taft, SIPTU <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>Economic democracy and the productivity challenge.</i></li> </ul> </li> <li>• John Moriarty, Queens University Belfast <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>Once more to the well? Planning for retirement and associated transitions.</i></li> </ul> </li> </ul>		
<b>11.35 - 11.50</b>	<b>TEA &amp; COFFEE &amp; TRAYBAKES</b>	<b>MU Building Foyer</b>
<b>11.50 - 12.50</b>	<b>SESSION TWO</b>	
<b>Regional Development, Cross Border Regions and Local Labour Markets</b>		<b>MU Building, Room MU125</b>
<p><b>Session 2A</b>, Chair: Paul Gosling, Freelance business Journalist</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pauline White, Western Development Commission <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>Sectoral Employment Profile of the Western Region of Ireland: Policy Implications.</i></li> </ul> </li> <li>• Deirdre Frost, Western Development Commission <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>Travel to work areas and labour catchments - rural and border areas.</i></li> </ul> </li> </ul>		
<b>‘Just Transitions’, employment effects and inclusive growth</b>		<b>MU Building, Room MU201</b>
<p><b>Session 2B</b>, Chair: Ciaran Nugent, NERI</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bela Galgoczi, ETUI <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>Phasing out coal in energy generation - employment effects, transitions and policies.</i></li> </ul> </li> <li>• Paul Goldrick-Kelly, NERI <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>A Just Transition in Ireland? The case of Bord na Móna and the Midlands.</i></li> </ul> </li> </ul>		
<b>12.50 - 1.45</b>	<b>NETWORKING LUNCH</b>	<b>The Great Hall, MD Building</b>
<b>1.45 - 2.55</b>	<b>SESSION THREE - ‘LABOUR MARKET STATISTICS ON THE ISLAND OF IRELAND</b>	<b>MU Building, Room MU125</b>
<p>Session Chair: Dr Tom Healy, NERI</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cathryn Blair, NISRA</li> <li>• Edel Flannery, CSO</li> </ul>		

This session will include a keynote presentation from both Cathryn Blair, NISRA and Edel Flannery, CSO.

Following this the chair will facilitate discussion around 3 main themes.

- 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?

There will also be opportunity for Q&A from delegates.

<b>2.55 - 4.25</b>	<b>SESSION FOUR</b>	
<b>Job Quality, Measurement and Policy</b>		<b>MU Building, Room MU125</b>
<p><b>Session 4A</b>, Chair: Professor Ann-Marie Gray, Ulster University</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gail Irvine, Carnegie Trust <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>Measuring Good Work.</i></li> </ul> </li> <li>• Daniel O’Callaghan and Fiona Kane, Department of Public Expenditure and Reform <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>Quality of Employment: Indicators and Trends.</i></li> </ul> </li> <li>• Ciaran Nugent, NERI <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>Precarious work in Ireland.</i></li> <li>○</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		
<b>Innovation, Competitiveness and Skills: Implications for the labour market</b>		<b>MU Building, Room MU201</b>
<p><b>Session 4B</b>, Chair: Paul Mac Flynn, NERI</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr Tom McDonnell, NERI <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>Innovation and Growth: Concepts and Policy implications.</i></li> </ul> </li> <li>• Dr Esmond Birnie, Ulster University <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>Competitiveness measures: Labour force implications.</i></li> </ul> </li> </ul>		
<b>Labour Market Participation &amp; Discouraged Workers</b>		<b>MU Building, Room MU202</b>
<p><b>Session 4C</b>, Chair: Paul Goldrick-Kelly, NERI</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr Corina Miller, Queen’s University Belfast <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>The impact of co-resident grandparent’s informal childcare on mother’s labour force participation.</i></li> </ul> </li> <li>• Dr Ewa Galecka-Burdziak, Warsaw School of Economics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>Asymmetry and non-linearity in the discouraged and added worker effects.</i></li> </ul> </li> </ul>		

- Jason Olsen, Ulster University
  - The segregation of disabled people from Northern Ireland's labour market

<b>4.30 - 6.30</b>	<p>Close of Conference. Informal wine &amp; 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>	<b>Minor Hall, MD Building</b>
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